

THE UN WATERCOURSES CONVENTION: REGIONAL AND BASIN PERSPECTIVES

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ABSTRACT

The presentation will examine the relevance of the UN Watercourses Convention from a number of regional perspectives. The research outputs from a range of extensive regional studies will be presented, including Aral Sea, Congo, East Africa, Europe, Greater Mekong sub-region, South America, Southern Africa and West Africa. These studies examine (i) key challenges to transboundary watercourse management; (ii) the evolution and normative content of existing international law relating to transboundary watercourses; and (iii) the similarities and differences between existing treaty law within the regions and the provisions of the UN Watercourses Convention. As a whole, the studies provide an important resource for assessing the value added of the UN Watercourses Convention from a regional and basin perspective.

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