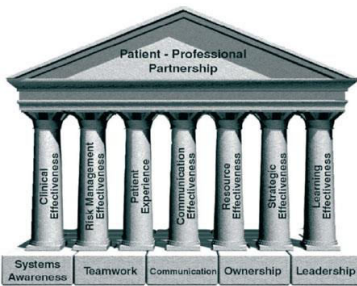




# Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Good Transboundary Water Governance

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## Climate and Sustainability Project

- Student-led project tracking the relationship between the climate change regime and the SDGs
- Discussing the mutual supportiveness of SD and climate change in the context of the historical negotiations taking place throughout 2015
- Culminating in a Workshop June 2015



# Research Question

Will the Sustainable Development Goals (and the climate change negotiations) be able to deliver an outcome capable of promoting key substantive and procedural criteria contained in good transboundary water governance?





# Good Transboundary Water Governance

The water crisis of the 21st century is in many ways a **crisis of governance**



- **Law** has a transformational role to play in the context of global water governance

# Good Transboundary Water Governance



## Substantive Criteria:

- Cooperation
- Sustainability

## Procedural Criteria:

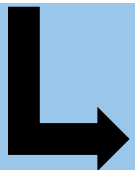
- Transparency
- Predictability
- Accountability

## Achieved through the following obligations:

- Equitable and reasonable utilisation
- Not to cause significant harm
- Protect and conserve water-related ecosystems
- Notification and information exchange
- Public participation
- Environmental impact assessment
- Access to justice

# GTWGW - SDGs

- First time water has been cited as an independent global priority
- Provides a framework for inter-state management and commitment towards tackling the global water crisis
- Water is key for all three dimensions of SD: Economic, Social and Environmental
- 8 overly-ambitious, unrelated targets
- Lack of recognition of regional priorities and differences



Shift focus towards keeping water a priority within the SDGs, while establishing a more **consolidated, integrated and achievable** goal



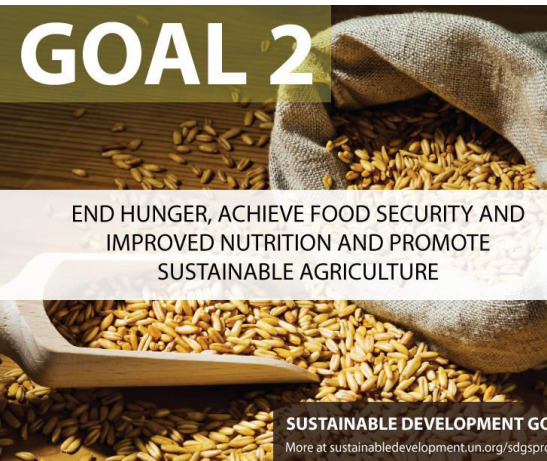
# GTWG – Linkages with other SDGs



- Superficial analysis of the SDGs would show that transboundary water governance is not covered

**Cross-cutting issues** that can be derived from these 3 goals:

Target 2.4: Strengthen capacity for **adaptation to climate change**, extreme weather, drought, flooding



Target 14.2: **Sustainably manage** and protect marine and coastal ecosystems



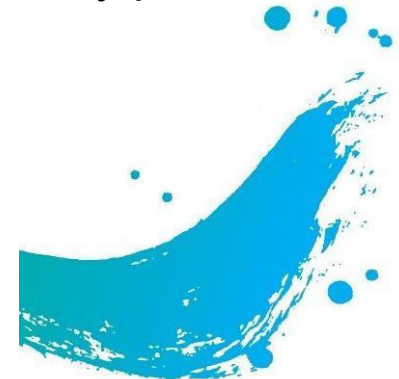
Target 16.a: **Strengthen international cooperation**



# Conclusion



- Good Transboundary Water Governance achieved through both substantive and procedural criteria which facilitate cooperation, sustainability, and transparency
- Goal 6 of SDGs: opportunity to promote water as a central priority in the advancement of sustainable development
- In partnership with other SDGs (2, 14, 16) to improve transboundary water governance at a global level
- Cross-sectoral platform towards better management and sustainability practices





# Thank you for Listening!

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