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**Transboundary Inland Waters
Biodiversity: How to secure their
protection and sustainable use?**

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Problems in the International Legal Governance of Transboundary Waters

- 60% of transboundary basins **without agreements**
- 80% of existing agreements **involve only two basin states**, even though there may be more riparians
- Many agreements *don't*
 - ❖ Provide for **regular data-sharing/**
 - ❖ Establish **water allocation criteria/process**
 - ❖ Contain **dispute prevention/settlement rules**
 - ❖ Apply to the **entire river system, etc.**

The Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)

- Background
- What the CBD accomplishes
- What the CBD lacks



The UN Watercourses Convention

- Background
- Functions
- Shortcomings



The UN Watercourses Convention at a glance (cont.)

- Principle of reasonable and equitable use and participation
- No-harm rule
- Environmental provisions
- Procedural requirements

The UNECE Water Convention



- **Background/scope**
- **Implementation tools**
- **Recommendations**
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Bridging Gaps, Exploring Synergies





Thank you!

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