



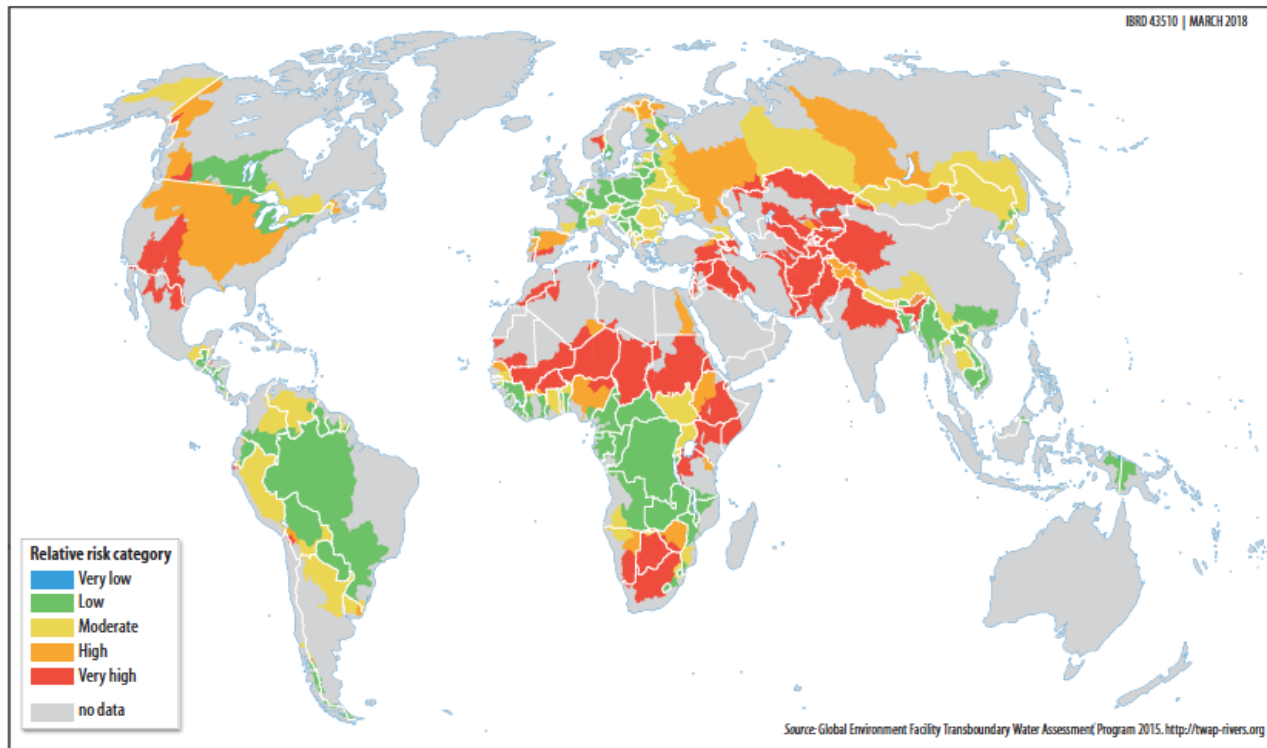
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# Consultation on Design of Global Facility for Transboundary Waters Cooperation

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# GROWING PRESSURE ON TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS – YET FEW FRAMEWORKS FOR COOPERATION ARE IN PLACE



- **310 transboundary river basins** and more than 500 transboundary **aquifers**
- TB river basins cover 47.1% of the land surface and host **about half of the world's population**
- Development, population and climate mean increasing reliance on transboundary waters
- By 2050, **50 to 100% more people** could live in water-stressed transboundary basins compared to today
- Shared waters can elicit **conflict or cooperation**
- Transboundary cooperation key for provision of **Global Public Goods** like climate resilience, conflict prevention, biodiversity preservation

Around **two-thirds** of the world's transboundary rivers – and many more aquifers - do not have a cooperative management framework

# CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES REQUIRE BOLD, COORDINATED ACTION



## A GLOBAL FACILITY FOR TRANSBOUNDARY WATER COOPERATION

### A resource for countries needing assistance around transboundary dialogue and engagement

- Advances development and **climate change mitigation and adaptation** for low and middle-income countries through transboundary water management and cooperation
- Develops targeted knowledge, tools and operational modalities, including **financing for riparian dialogue and action**
- Complements and **amplifies existing regional programs** from the World Bank and partners in this space, strengthened by **global experience sharing and mobilization**

Facility could include a **global delivery platform** too ensure coordination, learning and complementary work in shaping the global agenda among new and existing partners



## GLOBAL CONVENING

- Advisory committee for transboundary waters
- Global expert panel
- Support of action and networks promoting gender and social inclusion in water diplomacy
- Partnership cultivation and coordination

## ANALYTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

- Upstream and scoping analytics
- Reviews of water-conflict prediction tools
- Reviews on challenges and opportunities for financing and engagement \
- Learning and capacity building, including knowledge exchange



A **High-Level Advisory Committee** could come together to review global transboundary water risks and opportunities, and to explore opportunities for all partners to better support to transboundary water cooperation. The key functions of the Advisory Committee for Transboundary Waters will be:

- Promote the advancement of transboundary water management and cooperation.
- Highlight effective and/or innovative efforts in support of transboundary cooperation.
- Enhance collaboration and mobilize partners.

A **Global Expert Panel** could comprise of globally renowned transboundary waters experts with due consideration to diversity and regional representation in this panel, as well as gender balance.

A **Transboundary Waters Forum** for all partners, to explore transboundary risks and opportunities, methodologies and approaches for advancing cooperation. Held every 2-3 years.

# SUPPORT ANALYTICS AND ACTION AT REGIONAL, BASIN AND COUNTRY-LEVEL

## Understand the Issue



by creating a shared understanding of the biophysical resource, challenges, and benefits and a better understanding of the political economy, including perceived risks

## Explore Options and Identify Solutions



by complementing diplomatic and policy engagement and highlighting the economic benefits of cooperation and costs of non-cooperation

## Promote Agreements



by minimizing risks and maximizing benefits of transboundary cooperation, to enable riparians to reach cooperative agreements

## Catalyze investments



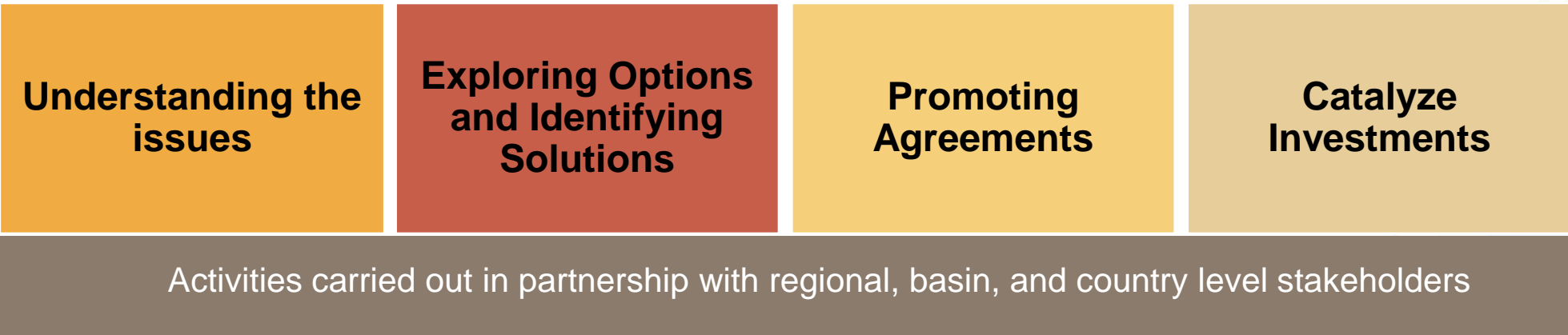
by financing the preparation of transboundary waters investments and potentially offering products to minimize risk to investments or other agreements

# REGIONAL AND GLOBAL COMPLEMENTARITY



Client countries, regions, basin authorities, etc.

Regional delivery Platforms



Activities supported by GWSP, DWP, CIWA, CAWEP, and partners

Global delivery Platform



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# SUMMARY: WHY WE NEED TO SCALE-UP COORDINATED ACTION

**Facility provides structured mechanism to facilitate transboundary dialogue to address emerging risks and opportunities**

Promote global public goods

Deliver climate action, advance peace and stability

Leverage considerable international experience for the benefit of riparian countries

Realize development impact well beyond water





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**Thank you**