Commitments to the Water Action Agenda by the Central Asia countries and regional organisations

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100% of the area of transboundary river and lake basins in Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, 66% in Turkmenistan and 30% in Kyrgyzstan are covered by operational arrangements.

### 6.5.2 Proportion of transboundary basin area with an operational arrangements (%)

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**SDG 6.5.1. IWRM at transboundary level, 2020**

- Most countries assess the current state of transboundary cooperation arrangements and institutions generally as **high**
- Transboundary data exchange **satisfies** Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan and considered to be **medium low** for other countries
- Financing transboundary cooperation remains **challenging** for most countries

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Very low (0), Low (20), Medium-low (40), Medium-high (60), High (80), Very high (100)

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Joint Statement of the Central Asian States at the UN 2023 Water Conference

CA countries commit at regional level:
• further strengthen regional cooperation to achieve sustainable development.
• accelerate the improvement of the organizational structure and legal framework of IFAS
• develop and implement joint projects and programs, attract foreign investment
• joint activities on climate agenda
• jointly mitigate and its consequences of the Aral Sea crisis

at national level:
• continue joint actions on the integrated management and rational use of water resources and environmental protection in the Aral Sea basin
• intensify work on the introduction of water-resource-saving and innovative technologies
• continue activities for the afforestation of territories, including in the Aral Sea zone
• consider water diplomacy as a political and diplomatic form of multilateral cooperation
SIC ICWC commits to work closely with the Central Asian countries and other partners to advance evidence-based transboundary water cooperation through:

**DATA AND KNOWLEDGE**: Establishing robust evidence and knowledge base on transboundary waters in CA

**CAPACITY**: Strengthening capacities of relevant actors in evidence-based water related decision-making and monitoring

**INFLUENCE & AWARENESS**: Increasing research-policy interface in water related fields
Key messages

- SDG 6.5 reporting illustrates positive dynamics on transboundary water cooperation in Central Asia. Still, more efforts are needed to strengthen transboundary data and information exchange, fill data gaps on transboundary aquifers, and secure financing for water.

- Recognizing the achievements of 30-year cooperation under the umbrella of International Fund for saving the Aral Sea, Central Asian countries made a joint statement in the UN 2023 Water Conference committing to the water cooperation and climate agenda, that emphasizes a cross-cutting nature of water, basin-wide collaborative approach, IWRM, water savings, innovations, joint programs, and institutions.

- SIC ICWC as a regional organization committed to work closely with the countries and other partners to advance evidence-based transboundary water cooperation through enhancing data and knowledge, strengthening capacities, and increasing research-policy interface.