



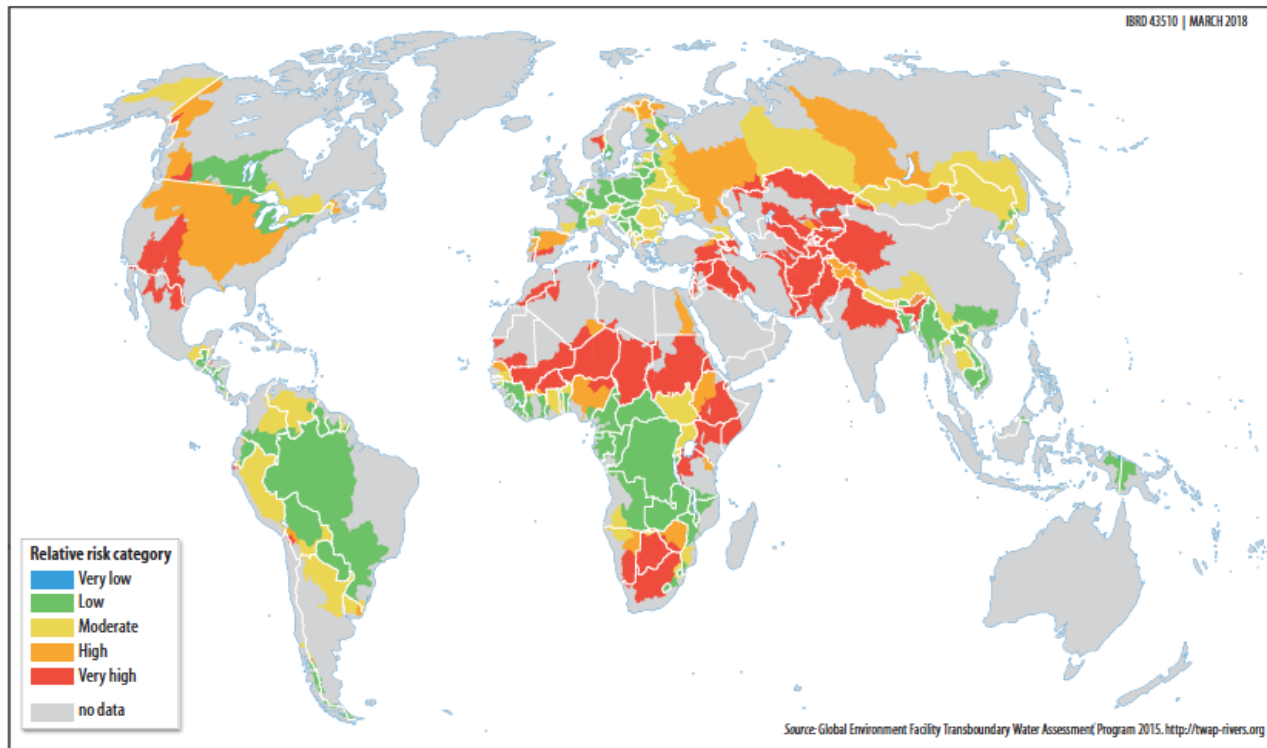
GWSP

GLOBAL WATER
SECURITY & SANITATION
PARTNERSHIP

World Bank approaches to transboundary water management

Anders Jagerskog, Program Manager, CIWA
Geneva, 9 May, 2023

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

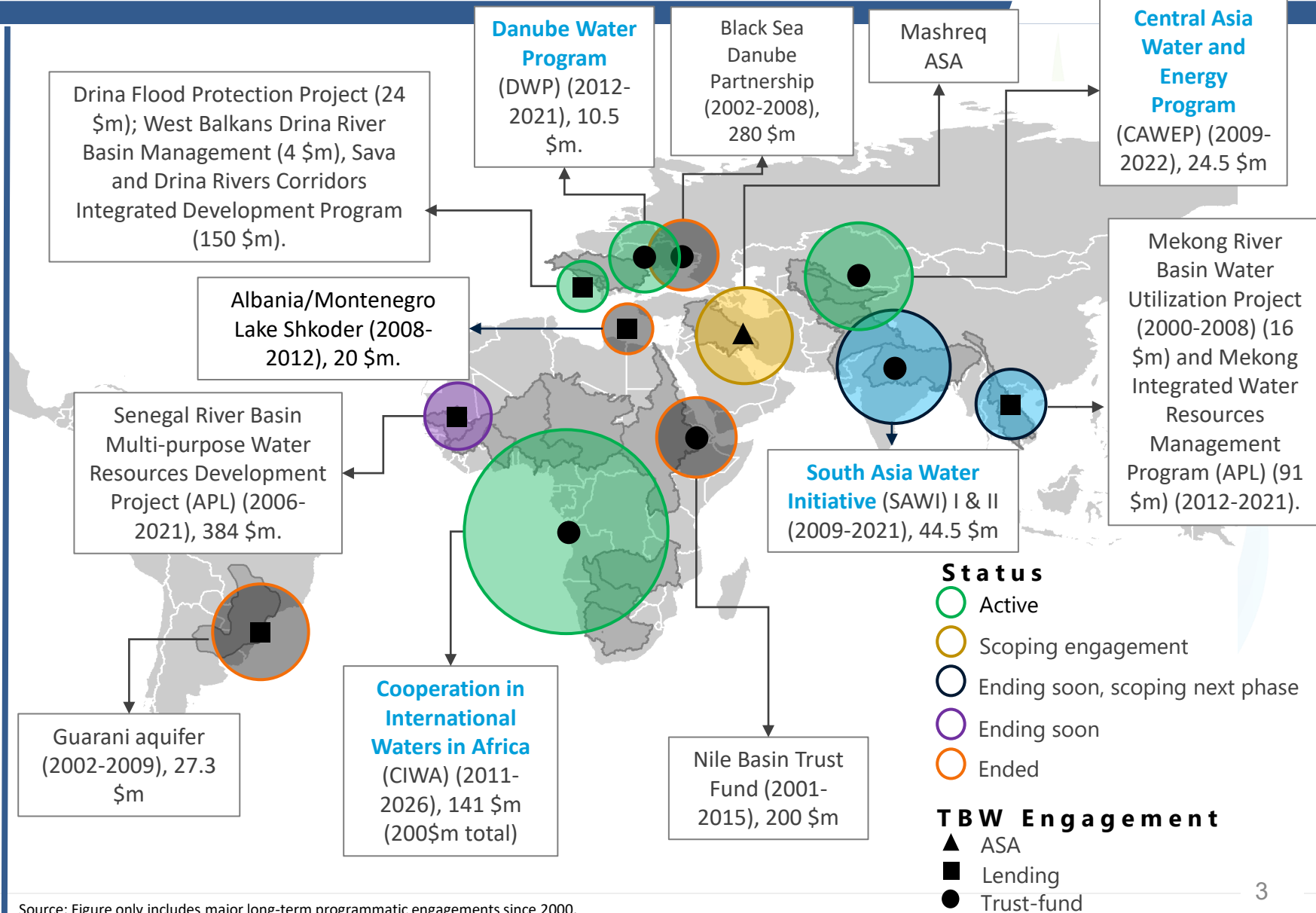


- **310 transboundary river basins** and more than 500 transboundary **aquifers**
- TB river basins cover 47.1% of the land surface and host **about half of the world's population**
- Development, population and climate mean increasing reliance on transboundary waters
- By 2050, **50 to 100% more people** 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

Overview of key WB engagements over past 20 years

- **Regional transboundary programs:**
 - Since 2000, \$1.1B programs financed through TFs
 - 10+ donors involved
- **Other support:**
 - Commissioned by CMU plus ongoing lending
 - Dozen projects in **federal rivers**
- **Technical Support** to OP 7.50 and Compliance with Dam Safety ESF
- **High level engagement** to support initiatives led by senior-most Bank management



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

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



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



GWSP

GLOBAL WATER
SECURITY & SANITATION
PARTNERSHIP

Thank you