



# UNITED NATIONS FRESHWATER AGREEMENTS INITIATIVE

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## The UN Watercourses Convention at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Istanbul, 16-22 March 2009)

### **SESSION 1.1.3 “LOCAL ACTIONS: THINKING BEYOND THE WATER BOX: WHAT ADAPTATION TO GLOBAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE?” – ROUNDTABLE 7: TRANSBOUNDARY ISSUES**

*When & where:* **Tuesday, 17 March 2009, 14:30-19:00**, Feshane hall 2 (Roundtable 7 takes place during “Sharing,” Part 2 of the session, **from 15.30 to 18.00**)

*Our involvement:* “Climate Change and Transboundary River Basins: What Role for the UN Watercourses Convention”

### **IUCN SIDE EVENT “SHARE: MANAGING WATER ACROSS BOUNDARIES”**

*When and where:* **Tuesday, Mar.17, 19:30-20:30**, VIP Bloc/HASKÖY

*Our involvement:* “Global Freshwater Governance and the UN Watercourses Convention”

### **SESSION 3.1.3 “HOW CAN COOPERATION OVER TRANSBOUNDARY SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER RESOURCES BE ACHIEVED IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER?”**

*When and where:* **Friday, Mar.20, 14:30-19:00**, SUTLUCE, Amphitheater 3:

*Our involvement:* Joint WWF/IHP-HELP Centre for Water Law, Policy and Science, under the auspices of UNESCO (Centre for Water Law, Policy & Science) keynote presentation

### **WWF High-Level Event “Sign Up: SHARING WATER for people and the planet”**

*When and where:* **Saturday, 21 March 2009 19:00-21:00**, Feshane/Lale Hall (F5)

*Co-conveners:* European Water Partnership, the Global Nature Fund and Living Lakes Partners, Green Cross International, the UN Secretary General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation

*Description:* A ceremonious reception to celebrate the accomplishments of the world’s leading countries in international water policy as they contribute towards advancing the process for entry into force of the UN Watercourses Convention (see *briefing paper/invitation attached*)