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### Webinar Brief

**A discussion exploring the benefits and limitations of institutional mechanisms operating in transboundary waters. Specific attention is placed on what institutional factors have enabled resilient inter-state cooperation. Case studies discussed include:**

- The Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) as a River Basin Organization (RBO) which facilitates cooperation despite water problems;
- The Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Transaqua Project;
- The Brahmaputra River Basin and the Euphrates, Tigris River Basin;
- Transboundary waters between Jordan, Palestine and Israel.

### Highlights and Key Takeaways

- Through advancing transboundary water cooperation, conflict prevention, wider regional integration, and peace and sustainable development also become supported.
- Trade-offs that accompany water infrastructures, particularly in transboundary settings, need to be assessed cautiously and include dimensions beyond economic criteria.
- Cooperation over transboundary waters can contribute to various forms of peace.
- Pre-existing processes of reconciliation in certain contexts become catalysed through transboundary water cooperation.
- Although transboundary water cooperation has shown visible impacts on national decision-making, it has demonstrated limited impacts on peace at the macro-level.
- Transformation and change to water resources need to be complemented with institutional capacities to positively advance inter-state cooperation on transboundary waters.
- To advance 'hydro diplomacy-potential' requires "a continued exploration of the emergent water-peace-political stability nexus and how the various forms of cooperation and conflict interact with this nexus."

### Sources for Further Insights

- Watch the recording [here](#).\*
- For more information on instruments and innovations in water policy aimed at conflict prevention over water resources, refer to [Special Issue - Water Conflict Prevention](#).
- For more information on the regional politics and the Transaqua project, refer to [here](#).
- For more information on the ORASECOM case study, refer to [here](#).
- For more information on how RBOs can and do engage in dispute resolution, refer to [here](#).
- For more information on cooperative environmental agreements and environmental peacemaking, refer to [here](#).

\* Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the first section of the webinar was not recorded. The presentation slides have been added to the webinar recording.