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Strengthening of regional cooperation in Central Asia in environmental governance and climate change. UNECE role

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Dialogues

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- UNECE “Environment for Europe” ministerial process with agreements and initiatives relevant for Central Asia (last meeting in Batumi, June 2016)
- UNECE 5 Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), all having Parties in CA:

UNECE conventions:	KG	KZ	TJ	TM	UZ
1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution		+			
1991 Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)	+	+			
1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention)		+		+	+
1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents		+			
1998 Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention)	+	+	+	+	

- Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs) as comprehensive policy analysis:
 - 2017 completed for Tajikistan
 - 2018 starting for Kazakhstan
- Climate change:
 - work on financing of climate projects in transboundary basins (presented yesterday)
 - cooperation with UNDP on adaptation project in Chu-Talas river basin
- UNECE work on water cooperation in Central Asia:
 - institutional support to regional cooperation: IFAS, ICSD, ...
 - dam safety
 - water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus (Syr Darya basin pilot assessment)
 - National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) as national-level policy platforms
 - two important developments vis-à-vis Central Asia under Water Convention:
 - next Meeting of Parties in Astana/Kazakhstan (October 2018)
 - International Water Assessment Centre (IWAC) to be opened in Astana soon