Preface

As the global population grows and climate change alters the water cycle, pressures on transboundary water systems increase and are accompanied by an increasing occurrence and severity of extreme water events. In adapting to these new realities, international water law provides guidance on how countries and other stakeholders can peacefully and sustainably manage our planet's vital and shared freshwater resources.

With this in mind, we have come together to compile this research handbook on international water law. It presents essays from recognized experts in the field on various aspects of international water law. The intent of this collection is to provide a practical resource and useful reference for governments, practitioners, students and academics in the field of international water resources and law.

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