Benefits from improved water management in river basins

**Economic Benefits**
- Increased value of property
- Increased activity, productivity, long-term sustainability in economic sectors
- Enhanced livelihoods and increased household incomes
- Reduced cost of carrying out productive activities
- Reduced economic impacts of water-related hazards (floods, droughts)

**Social Benefits**
- Improved satisfaction due to preservation of cultural resources or access to recreational opportunities
- Social welfare from increased employment and reduced poverty
- Improved health impacts from better water quality and reduced risk of water related disasters

**Ecosystem Benefits**
- Preservation of aquatic and terrestrial habitats and biodiversity
- Sustainable development
- Better carbon management
- Preservation of key biophysical processes, e.g., E-Flows & protection of river services

**Regional & Economic Benefits**
- Development of regional markets for goods, services and labour
- Increased cross-border investment
- More diversified economies
- Development of transnational infrastructure networks

**Peace & Security Benefits**
- Reduced risk and avoided cost of conflicts between water users and countries
- Strengthening of international law
- Increased geopolitical stability and strengthened diplomatic relations

**Benefits from enhanced trust in and beyond river basins**