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Water Conflict Prevention

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Given the critical nature of water across a myriad of uses, users, and a broad range of stakeholders, disputes over water are commonplace among individual consumers, competing sectors, and even riparian countries. Unclear or contested property rights to a valuable common pool resource often add to the potential for such disputes. Efforts to avoid, mitigate, or resolve conflicts over water cover a wide range of legal, institutional, technological, and diplomatic approaches.

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