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UN-WATER SUMMIT ON GROUNDWATER 2022

7-8 December 2022

UNESCO HQ, Paris, France

PRE-SUMMIT SIDE EVENTS ON 6 DECEMBER 2022



**GROUNDWATER
SUMMIT 2022**

UN-Water Summit on Groundwater



BACKGROUND

The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater will be the culminating event of the 2022 campaign “Groundwater: making the invisible visible”, implemented by the dedicated UN-Water Task Force, co-coordinated by UNESCO and the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), on behalf of UN-Water. The main messages from the Summit will be conveyed to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.

PURPOSE

The Summit will draw attention to the topic of groundwater at the highest international level, while also serving as a culminating event for the ‘Groundwater: Making invisible visible’ campaign that has run throughout 2022.

The Summit will use as baseline the World Water Development Report 2022 (WWDR 2022) focused on Groundwater, and the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework as a guideline to define actions towards more responsible and sustainable use and protection of this vital natural resource.

HYBRID EVENT

The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater will take place on 7-8 December 2022 at UNESCO HQ, Paris. Participation is foreseen in hybrid mode, both in presence and remotely. A Pre-Summit Day, devoted to side events, will take place on 6 December 2022.

English/French/Spanish interpretation is foreseen.

Registration is free of charge.

MORE INFORMATION

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VENUE

UNESCO HQ
7, Pl. de Fontenoy, 75007
Paris, France

SIDE EVENTS PROGRAMME

6 December 2022

When	Room XI	Room VI	Room VIII
Morning	<p>Role of GW in addressing the challenges of SDGs (IAH French Chapter) [09:30 - 10:30]</p>	<p>Big Earth Data in Support of Groundwater Sustainable Management (China) [09:30 - 10:30]</p>	<p>Engaging and Connecting Youth (GWYN/AUTH-CIMWRM) [09:30 - 10:30]</p>
	<p>Enhancing the contribution of groundwater for water security (GEF) [10:45 - 11:45]</p>	<p>Innovation contribution to solve groundwater challenges and accelerate transitions (BRGM & ICATALIST) [10:45 - 11:45]</p>	<p>Sustainable & climate-resilient groundwater management in Asia and the Pacific (Japan Water Forum) [10:45 - 11:45]</p>
	<p>Rethinking Sustainable Groundwater Management. Ancestral Knowledge and Techniques (WAMU-NET) [12:00 - 13:00]</p>	<p>Groundwater for Rural Water Supply (RWSN) [12:00 - 13:00]</p>	<p>Karst Aquifers: the most prolific, vulnerable, and misunderstood (Ministry of Environment, Slovenia & UIS) [12:00 - 13:00]</p>
Break (13:00-14:00)			
Afternoon	<p>Future of GW Monitoring & foresight concepts in support of SDG 6 (Republic of Austria) [14:00 - 15:00]</p>	<p>Adaptation and flexibility in the context of GW governance and the SDGs - the case of food security (IWRA, UNDP/UNDP-SIWI, IW:LEARN & MoFA, Slovenia) [14:00 - 15:00]</p>	<p>Groundwater management and sustainable solutions for food and nature (The Netherlands) [14:00 - 15:00]</p>
	<p>AMCOW Strategic Groundwater Programme for Water Security & Resilience in Africa (AMCOW/BGR) [15:15 - 16:15]</p>	<p>Groundwater and the right to a healthy environment (Humanright2water, Deltares, Action contre la faim) [15:15 - 16:15]</p>	<p>Acceleration of Capacity Development Actions in the Water Resources Sector (IAEA) [15:15 - 16:15]</p>
	<p>GW & Gender (WWAP, AMCOW, UNU-FLORES & i-WSSM) [16:30 - 18:30]</p>	<p>Transboundary Aquifers in the world (CeReGAS, PGI, UNU, CAF & UNESCO) [16:30 - 17:30]</p> <p>Achieving SDG6 by making invisible visible (Danish Water Forum) [17:45 - 18:30]</p>	<p>How groundwater changes lives (IAH) [16:30 - 18:00]</p>

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Tuesday
6 December

Pre-Summit

Side Events

Wednesday
7 December
Room I

High-level Plenary Sessions

Registration and
Welcome coffee

Opening Ceremony

Groundwater and Acceleration
Instruments for SDG6
Data and Information

Lunch
By K-Water

Groundwater and Acceleration
Instruments for SDG6
Capacity development

Groundwater and Acceleration
Instruments for SDG6
Innovation

Tea Break
by Water Museums Global Network

Groundwater and Acceleration
Instruments for SDG6
Finance

Groundwater and Acceleration
Instruments for SDG6
Governance

Special Event
World Water Forum 2024

Cocktail by the Indonesian
Delegation to UNESCO

Thursday
8 December
Room I

High-level Plenary Sessions

Regional Dialogues

Transboundary Aquifers

Coffee Break

Groundwater:
Focus on Africa

Lunch

LAC Representatives
(closed meeting)

Strengthening Interface
Science-policy Practice

Groundwater
Youth Forum

Tea Break
by Indonesian Delegation to UNESCO

Closing Ceremony

09:00-09:30

09:30-10:00

10:00-10:30

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

Opening Session

Opening addresses

- UNESCO Director-General
- Under-Secretary-General UN DESA
- UN-Water Chair
- President of the UN 77th General Assembly
- President of the Republic of Slovenia
- Prime Minister of Iceland
- Netherlands and Tajikistan special Envoys for UN 2023 Water Conference

SDG6 Accelerators Sessions

In 5 consecutive sessions, attention will be given to the links between groundwater and each accelerator of the SDG 5 Global Acceleration Framework:

- **Data and Information** (Coordinator: WMO)
- **Capacity Development** (Coordinators: UNESCO - UNDESA)
- **Innovation** (Coordinator: IAH)
- **Governance** (Coordinators: UNDP - SIWI - IWRA)
- **Finance** (Coordinator: FAO)

Thematic Groundwater Sessions

- **Regional Dialogues** (Coordinator: UN ESCWA)
This session will present the results of the regional dialogues conducted in 2022 as part of the Regional Preparatory Meetings of the UN 2023 Water Conference. Regional perspectives on the state of groundwater resources, challenges and actions required will be addressed in this session.
- **Transboundary Aquifers** (Coordinators: UNESCO-IHP, UNECE, IGRAC)
The session will present the challenges and opportunities of TBA cooperation using examples from various parts of the world. The session will conclude with the launch of a transboundary water cooperation coalition.

- **Groundwater: Focus on Africa** (Coordinator: AMCOW)
Exploring and sustainability exploiting groundwater in Africa will be addressed in this session to ensure water security for future generations
- **Strengthening Interface Science-policy Practice** (Coordinators UNESCO-IHP + IGRAC)
this session will be dedicated to enhancing the interface of science-policy-practice by showcasing the perspectives, innovations and ideas of scientists, policymakers, and practitioners to deal with this complex challenge
- **Groundwater Youth Forum**
Representatives of different youth organizations, in collaboration with the Groundwater Youth Network, will discuss youth engagement in groundwater governance as essential for achieving water security and the achievement of SDG 6.

Closing Session

- Main findings of the Summit sessions
- UN-Water joint message
- Ministerial Segment
- Chairperson UNESCO Executive Board
- Celebration Cooperation Stampriet Aquifer
- From Dakar to Bali
- Looking forward to the UN 2023 Water Conference

Side Events

Side events of 60-90 minutes will be held on 6 December.

Vernissages

> K-WATER EVENT

- 7 December
- 13:00
- Conference Hall

> WATER MUSEUMS NETWORK

- 7 December
- 16:00
- Conference Hall

> GLACIERS, THE GAZE OF WATER

Exhibition organized by the Permanent Delegation of Chile

- 8 December
- 11:00
- Conference Hall

Film Projection

- 8 December
- 12:30
- Cinema Room

Exhibitions

> AQUA MATER

*Sebastiao Salgado's
photo exhibition*

> Exhibition of photographs from The Groundwater Photo Book

Organized by UNESCO WWAP

Networking Activities



WALL OF WISHES

with messages from participants



YOUTH HUB

a networking space for young professionals



MEDIA CORNER

space dedicated to journalists



SPACES

Networking spaces throughout the UNESCO HQ