



Groundwater Governance

A Global Framework for Country Action

Why the project?

The project addresses concerns over the depletion and degradation of groundwater in the Earth's crust. These impacts are attributed to a general failure to use groundwater responsibly. The project aims to reverse these trends.



Project focus



The primary focus of the project is the set of human behaviours that determine groundwater use and abuse. The objective is to accelerate the adoption of improved groundwater resource governance from resource management institutions to millions of individual users.



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you are responsible to make it last



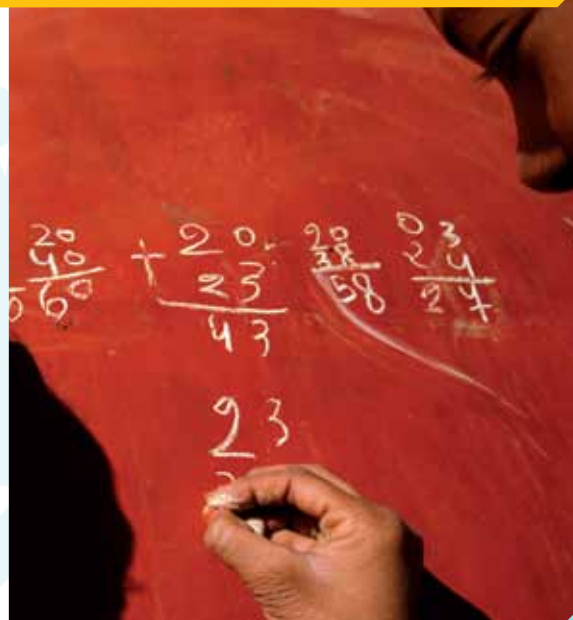
Expected outputs

The project is expected to define a Shared Vision and Global Framework for Action on Groundwater Governance.

These will be derived from:

- An agreement on the scientific and economic issues related to groundwater management in a Synthesis Report.
- A Global Groundwater Diagnostic developed from regional consultations integrating local and national experiences together with perspectives for management at local, national and transboundary levels.

A series of communication tools will be developed to promote the adoption of the Global Framework for Action.



The regional consultations:

In 2012 the project will hold a series of regional consultations to solicit regional perspectives on the practical application of groundwater governance. The consultations have been organized through the UNESCO-IHP networks and are designed to bring together a set of groundwater management practitioners and policy makers. They will be encouraged to identify key governance constraints to the scaling and uptake of groundwater management and articulate elements of a regional perspective to frame effective groundwater governance in the future.

This schedule of consultations will then be used to develop a global diagnostic of groundwater governance today and the elements of a shared vision for groundwater governance to be taken in the project's overall goal - A Global Framework for Action on Groundwater Governance.

Region	Hosting Country	UNESCO-IHP – Regional Focal Point	Principal Regional Partner	Date
Latin America and the Caribbean	Montevideo - Uruguay	IHP LAC - Montevideo Office	Organization of American States (OAS)	18 - 20 April 2012
Africa	Nairobi - Kenya	IHP Africa - Nairobi Office	African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)	29 - 31 May 2012
Arab Countries	Amman - Jordan	IHP Arab Countries - Amman Office	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)	8 - 10 October 2012
Asia (East/South East)	Beijing - China	IHP Asia - Beijing Office	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	December 2012
Europe (including SEE Central Asia) + Private Sector	Amsterdam - Netherlands	IHP Europe - Venice Office + the Netherlands National Committee	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)	1st quarter 2013