

Side event – 197th UNESCO Executive Board

GROUNDWATER: OUR HIDDEN TREASURE

UNESCO International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)

13 October 2015 14:00 - 14:45

UNESCO HQ, Paris, France

Fontenoy Building, Room IX

PROGRAMME

14:00 – 14:03	Video projection <i>Groundwater, the Hidden Resource</i>
14:03 – 14:08	Welcome address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr Lionel Strenghart Veer <i>Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to UNESCO</i> Ms Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros <i>Secretary of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP), Director of the UNESCO Division of Water Sciences</i>
14:08 – 14:18	The planet's groundwater resources: status, trends and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Marc Leblanc <i>University of Avignon, France</i>
14:18 – 14:25	What can UNESCO do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Neno Kukuric <i>Director of IGRAC</i>
14:25 – 14:30	What can Member States do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Mr Lionel Strenghart Veer
14:30 – 14:45	Q&A



International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre



IGRAC - The UNESCO Global Groundwater Centre

IGRAC (International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre) is the UNESCO Global Groundwater Centre, it also works under auspices of the World Meteorological Organisation and is financially supported by the Government of the Netherlands.

IGRAC facilitates and promotes international sharing of information and knowledge required for sustainable groundwater resources development and management worldwide. IGRAC develops groundwater-related products and provides services, primarily for countries and intergovernmental organisations and in close cooperation with the UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP).

FOCAL AREAS

Since 2003, IGRAC has been providing independent content and process support, focusing particularly on information and

knowledge management, trans-boundary aquifer assessment and groundwater monitoring. Through its activities, IGRAC continues expanding its interest to other groundwater-related topics, such as groundwater governance, climate change adaptation and capacity building.

WORLD-WIDE ASSISTANCE

The Global Groundwater Information System (GGIS) is an interactive, web-based portal to groundwater-related information and knowledge. The main purpose of the system is to assist in collection and analysis of information on groundwater resources and its sharing among water experts, decision makers and general public.

The GGIS provides groundwater information per country and per transboundary aquifer and leads the user from global overview of aggregated information towards information briefs, in-depth aquifer assessments and related

additional information sources. The GGIS is also a portal for the Global Groundwater Monitoring Network (GGMN) community; GGMN is a participative network of experts, set up to improve quality and accessibility of groundwater monitoring information worldwide. The GGIS is accessible via <https://ggis.un-igrac.org>.

CONTACT

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