



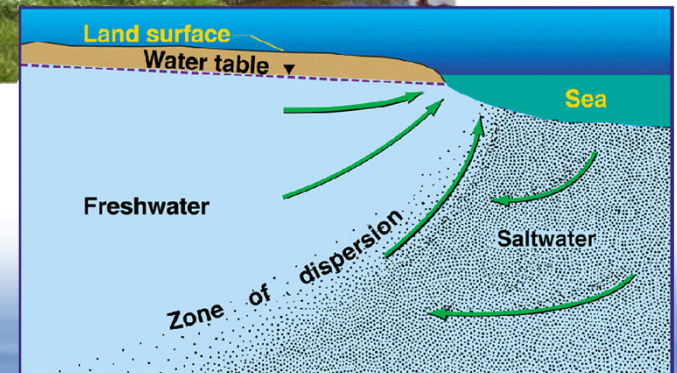
# Making Invisible Visible: Groundwater Summit 2022

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# Groundwater from Global Perspective

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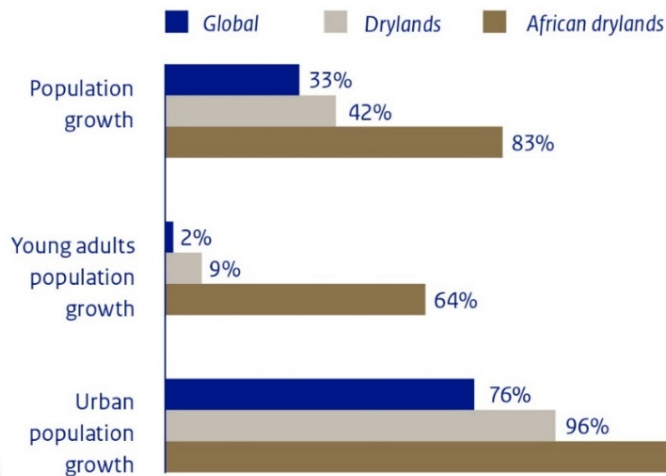
- almost 50% of all **drinking water** worldwide,
- about 40% of water for **irrigated agriculture** and
- about 30% of water required for **industry**.
- It sustains **ecosystems**, maintains the **baseflow** of rivers and **prevents land subsidence** and **seawater intrusion**.
- Groundwater is an important part of **climate change adaptation** process and is often a solution for people without **access to safe water**.
- Despite these impressive facts and figures, **invisible groundwater** is out of sight and out of mind for most people.





# Groundwater from Global Perspective

- **Water scarcity** already affects about **2.7 billion people** around the world for at least one month per year.
- As surface water availability decreases (due to human activities and climate change), **reliance-** and **pressure on groundwater** is growing.
- We still do not know sufficient about the state of groundwater resources globally and **we do not manage aquifers well enough.**

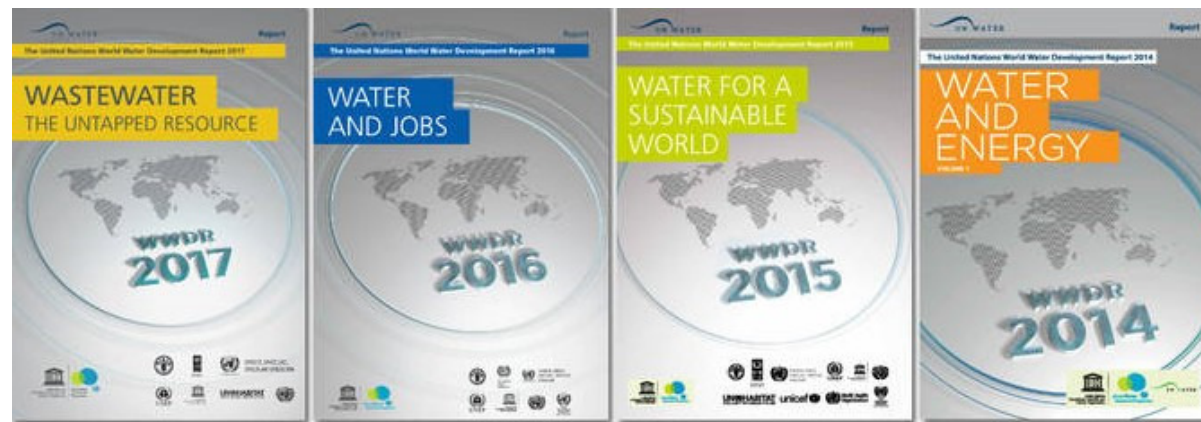


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**2022: A YEAR OF GROUNDWATER**

## UN World Water Development Reports



**2020: Groundwater - Making the Invisible Visible**

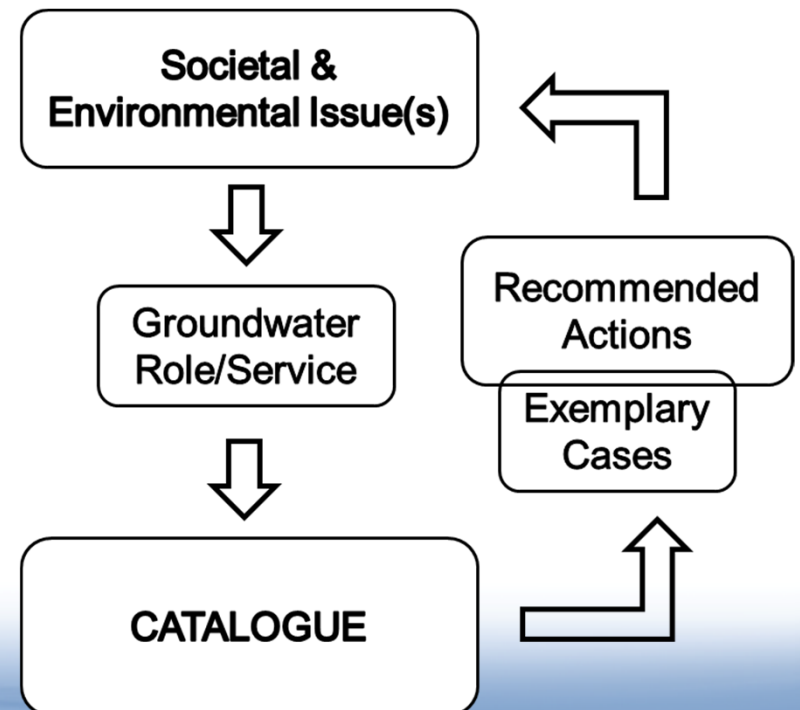
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Central celebration of the World Water Day, and the venue for launching the World Water Development Report

Focus on improving a science-policy-practice interface

- **Catalogue of Groundwater Management and Governance Tools, Measures and Instruments**
- for better provision of information on groundwater management and governance.





# Making Invisible Visible!

