

Summit co-coordinated by:



UN-WATER SUMMIT ON GROUNDWATER 2022

PRE-SUMMIT SIDE EVENTS

Call for expressions of interest

6 December 2022

UNESCO HQ

Paris, France

<https://bit.ly/3vICeDm>



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 and 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 to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 22-24 March 2023.

Within the framework of the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater 7-8 December 2022, a call for expressions of interest to hold Pre-Summit side events is now open.

Pre-Summit side events will take place on **6 December 2022** at UNESCO HQ in Paris, France, the day before the Summit begins.

All accepted side events will be held on the same premises and advertised on the Summit portal as part of the programme.

These side events are an opportunity to make groundwater visible and contribute to shaping the messages that will be conveyed to the UN 2023 Water Conference in March 2023.

Deadline for submission of proposals: 15 June 2022

No registration fees are required to organize a side event

CALL FOR SIDE EVENTS

JOIN THE PRE-SUMMIT

- UN-Water Members and Partners, NGOs, financing institutions, private sector and other organizations are invited to express their interest in holding a side event.
- Side events are an opportunity to share experiences, success stories and lessons learned.
- Side events should be closely related to the themes and sub-themes of the Summit programme (www.groundwater-summit.org), addressing groundwater-related challenges and solutions in relation to resilience and sustainability.
- The Summit Secretariat will review all submissions and select 12 side events to take forward.
- The selection will take into consideration innovation, diverse experience, geographic and gender balance of speakers.
- All side events should have the potential to generate meaningful messages on groundwater to convey to the UN 2023 Water Conference.

SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

- There are 12 slots available. Each slot is 90 minutes.
- Submit your side event proposal in English here: <https://bit.ly/3vICeDm>
- Submissions must be completed by 31 May 2022 at 23h59 (CEST).
- Convenors of the selected side events will be notified on 1 July 2022.

FORMAT AND REQUIREMENTS

- Side events will be held in English. If interpretation is desired for another language, the cost will be borne by the side event organizer.
- Side events will have a maximum duration of 90 minutes.
- Side event format can be proposed by the organizer. Innovative formats are welcome.
- Side events can be organized in a hybrid format, however, online speakers should not exceed 25% of the total number of speakers.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- UNESCO hosts the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater 2022 and will provide the room and technical support for free.
- UN-Water and Summit host agency UNESCO will not cover the travel or accommodation, expenses of participants, facilitators and/or organizers.
- Selected organizers will be notified by the Summit Secretariat on the acceptance of their proposal. In case of acceptance, it will be the responsibility of the organizers to contact, invite, and secure participation of the panelists/speakers/participants in their side event.
- The side event organizers will provide a summary report with the lessons learned and photos of each side event, no later than five weeks after the end of the Summit.
- The selected side event organizers and partners will hold the copyright to the photos and documents submitted, but UN-Water in its function as Summit organizer retain the unlimited right to use the submitted photos and documents for public information purposes in UN-Water's fields of competence. UN-Water will only use photos and documents for non-commercial purposes, which include education and advocacy materials, website, social media, brochures, reports and flyers. The organizers will be credited in all cases.

More information:

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Venue

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