



Introduction

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INTEGRATION OF GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT into Transboundary Basin Organizations in Africa



TRAINING MANUAL

INTEGRATION DE LA GESTION DES EAUX SOUTERRAINES dans les Organismes de Bassin Transfrontalier en Afrique



MANUEL DE FORMATION

Transboundary water management is of great importance to Africa as has been emphasized in the African Water Vision 2025; almost all Sub-Saharan African countries share at least one international river basin. In Africa there are about eighty transboundary lake and river basins and at least forty transboundary aquifer basins. The African Water Vision 2025 stresses that groundwater is the major, and often only, source of drinking water for more than 75 % of the African population. Groundwater constitutes over 95% of the fresh water resources in Africa, and pollution and salinization of this resource is often irreversible on human timescale. As a result, a broad consensus has developed in AMCOW and in ANBO/INBO, (African (International) Network of Basin Organizations), that groundwater must be included in integrated river basin management.

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Day 1: 29th June 2021 Relevance of groundwater for Lake and River Basin Organizations (L/RBOs)	Day 2: 30th June 2021 Creating the conditions for groundwater assessments at L/RBOs.	Day 3: 1st July 2021 Towards groundwater management, inspiring examples and discussion.
<p>This session will demonstrate why groundwater resources management and assessments need to be integrated in L/RBOs, and the environmental and societal challenges to which groundwater contributes.</p>	<p>In practice, carrying out groundwater assessment in L/RBOs requires two things: expertise in hydrogeology and groundwater data. This session will explain how these conditions can be implemented.</p>	<p>This last session will address the recommended steps towards groundwater management and assessments in L/RBOs, presenting examples. Time will be secured for discussion and answering questions.</p>
<p><u>Agenda (CEST UTC + 02:00)</u></p> <p>9.00 – 9.20: Opening speeches (UNESCO & IGRAC)</p> <p>9.20 – 9.30: Introduction to the course (Arnaud Sterckx - IGRAC)</p> <p>9.30 – 10.00: Groundwater activities at AMCOW (Moshood Tijani - AMCOW)</p> <p>10.00 – 10.30: The need for groundwater management in L/RBOs (Callist Tindimugaya - Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda)</p> <p>10.30 – 11.00: Groundwater challenges: food security, climate change, environments (Moustapha Diene - Cheikh Anta Diop University)</p> <p>11.00 – 11.30: Break</p> <p>11.30 – 12.00: Groundwater quality (Seifu Kebede Gurmessa- University of KwaZulu-Natal)</p> <p>12.00 – 12.30: Transboundary aquifers (Christina Fraser - IGRAC)</p> <p>12.30 – 13.00: Q&A (Moderation by IGRAC)</p>	<p><u>Agenda (CEST UTC + 02:00)</u></p> <p>9.00 – 9.15: Groundwater assessment (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>9.15 – 9.45: Groundwater monitoring (Claudia Ruz Vargas – IGRAC)</p> <p>9.45 – 10.00: Borehole data collection (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>10.00 – 10.30: Groundwater data management (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00: Fostering data sharing (part 1) (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>11.00 – 11.30 : Break</p> <p>11.30 – 11.45: Fostering data sharing (part 2) (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>11.45 – 12.00: Human capacity and expertise in hydrogeology (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>12.00 – 12.30: Case-studies (1) (Moderation by IGRAC)</p> <p>12.30 – 13.00: Q & A (Moderation by IGRAC)</p>	<p><u>Agenda (CEST UTC + 02:00)</u></p> <p>9.00 – 10.00: Presentation of two case studies (IGRAC)</p> <p>10.00 – 11.00: Discussion (Moderation by IGRAC)</p> <p>11.00 – 11.30: Break</p> <p>11.30 – 12.00: Regulations (Callist Tindimugaya - Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda)</p> <p>12.00 – 12.15: Stakeholder engagement (Arnaud Sterckx – IGRAC)</p> <p>12.15 – 12.30: Q & A (Moderation by IGRAC)</p> <p>12.30 – 13.00: Closing speeches (IGRAC & UNESCO)</p>

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