



# The 2022 International Conference: Groundwater, key to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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## First Introductory Webinar of the Conference May 27, 2021 – 14:30-17:00 (GMT+2)

The "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), Intergovernmental and multilateral roadmaps, constitute a great message of hope for the future of human societies and terrestrial ecosystems, currently facing the impacts of global change. Water is part of this 2030 Agenda especially through SDG 6.

Within this framework, groundwater resources (GWR) have a key role to play, directly in terms of hygiene and health, food production (irrigation), protection and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity and, then, contribute to reduce poverty and inequalities, to education and gender equality, peace, etc...

This Paris conference will constitute a meeting point to favor exchanges between the different national and international stakeholders in the fields of water and sustainable development.

### Topics of the Conference:

- Role and assets of GWR in sustainable development trajectories
- Quantity and quality of GWR today and in the future for the achievement of the SDGs
- Specificities of governance and good management practices for GWR, "Water Stewardship".
- Strategies, available means, innovative financing tools for the good governance, development and protection of GWR.
- Links between SDGs and the European Water Framework Directive with an emphasis on services rendered and benefits (social, financial, ecosystemic...) of the good status of GWR and their appropriate governance.
- New financing opportunities to reach SDGs targets such as green grant, French Oudin law...



**The May 27, 2021 webinar will be the first webinar of a series aiming at introducing the 2022 Conference.**

## WEBINAR PROGRAM



### Introduction :

- **Abou AMANI**, UNESCO, Director, Division of Water Sciences.
- **Frederico PROPERZI**, UN WATER MANAGEMENT TEAM, Chief Technical Adviser.
- **Dave KREAMER**, International Association of Hydrogeologists, President

### Invited Speakers :

**Agathe EUZEN**, CNRS, Ecology and Environment Institute, France, Sustainability Science Scientific Deputy-Director.

Introduction to SDGs, and to the role of groundwater

**Stéphane GILLIS**, Managing Director, Departmental Syndicate of Water of Dawn (SDDEA), France.

How a local government integrates water-related SDGs within its local policy: SDDEA 2100 strategy for integrated and sustainable water management.

**Christian SZACOWNY**, Multi Actors Regional Network Great-East, France.

The use of groundwater by NGOs. Links with SDGs. Hopes and knowledge. Experience feedback in Africa and South-East Asia

**Nathalie DÖRFLIGER, Jehanne FABRE**, Danone Corporate, International Waters Business Unit and Water Cycle.

International Corporate Groundwater management responsibility to achieve SDGs – Sciences-based challenges to fully accomplish a Water Stewardship. Examples of water and dairy plants watersheds in Indonesia and South-Africa

**Debate between speakers and web-participants** : Questions/reactions about the speeches.

**Proposals to feed the 2022 Conference (content, form)**

**Synthesis – Concluding remarks :**

- **Gérard PAYEN**, French Water Partnership vice-president, former UN Secretary General's Water Advisor (UNSGAB).
- **Patrick LACHASSAGNE**, Hydrogeologist, IAH French Chapter President.



**The webinar will be simultaneously interpreted (English/French)**