

Special Session

Groundwater Catalogue for informed policy development and management interventions

Organized by: UN-Water Task Force on World Water Day 2022

Time: Tuesday 22 March 2022 | 10.45 - 12.15

Room: 13 EXPO

PROGRAMME

Moderator: **Ms Christina Fraser**, Researcher, International Groundwater Assessment Centre (IGRAC)

Opening remarks:

- **Ms Alice Aureli**, Chief of Section, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (IHP) UNESCO, Division of Water Sciences (SC/HYD)
- **Ms Maria Angelica Sotomayor**, Practice Manager, Eastern and Southern Africa, Water Global Practice, World Bank

Introduction to a Groundwater Catalogue:

- **Mr Neno Kukuric**, Co-coordinator UN-Water Task Force, IGRAC

Coastal aquifers example:

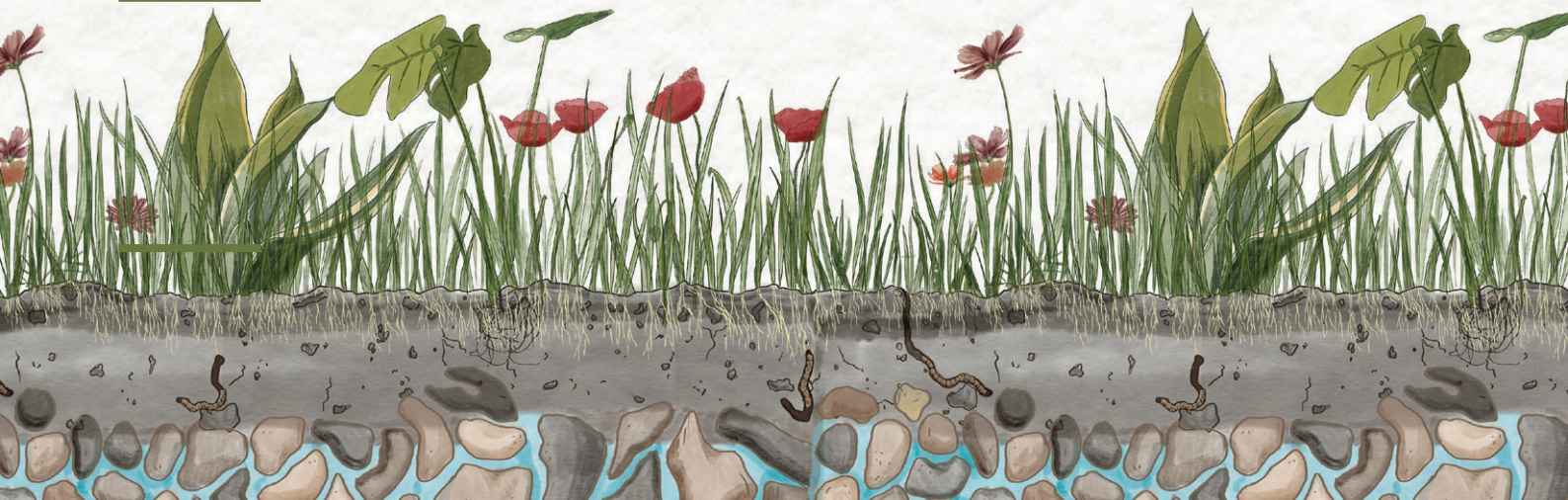
- **Mr Geert-Jan Nijsten**, Senior advisor (ground)water management, Deltares

Panel on informed policy development and management interventions:

- **Mr Cesar Carmona-Moreno**, Scientific Advisor, Joint Research Centre, European Commission (JRC)
- **Ms Virginie Gillet**, Land and Water Officer, Water Resources Assessment, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Mr Neil Dhot**, Executive Director, AquaFed- The Federation of Private Water Operators
- **Mr Moustapha Diene**, Hydrogeologist, Geology Department, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar, Senegal
- **Mr Joel Podgorski**, Senior Scientist, Department Water Resources & Drinking Water, Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (EAWAG)

Suggestions from the audience

Conclusion and closing



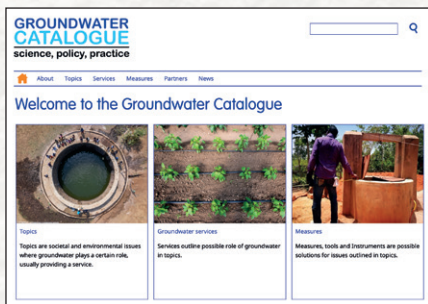
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Why the Catalogue?

Groundwater is a necessary part of many aspects of our daily life: from wetlands to food production, from sanitation to climate change. Due to the diversity and complexity of water problems, it is often challenging to identify the **role of groundwater** and adequately incorporate it in the decision-making process. Moreover, policy makers and managers do not always have a sufficient **overview of tools, measures and instruments** that could be applied in solving specific and complex issues.



What is the Catalogue?

The Groundwater Catalogue is a Wikipedia-like application meant for a **better provision of information** on groundwater management tools, measures and instruments, encompassing supply and demand, groundwater protection and stakeholder participation. The Catalogue will enable policy- and decision makers to better explore suitable solutions for complex groundwater issues, based on **factsheets, case studies and references**.

Objective of the session

The session is about strengthening the science-policy-practice interface using the newly developed Groundwater Catalogue. The objective here is **to actively involve groundwater policy- and decision-makers** in the development and verification of the Catalogue. Today's discussions will provide necessary input into the **further development** of the Groundwater Catalogue as an innovative, collaborative tool providing essential groundwater policy and management information.

