

UN-WATER SUMMIT ON GROUNDWATER

7-8 December 2022

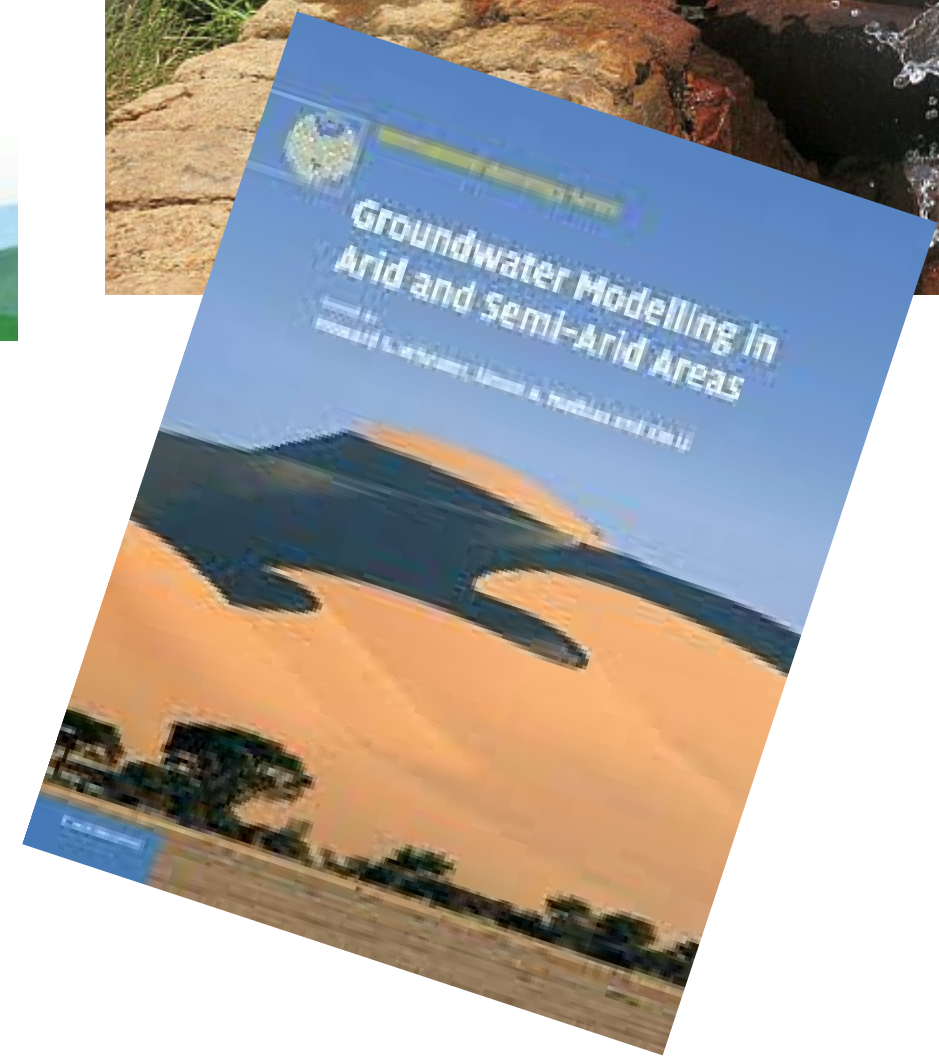
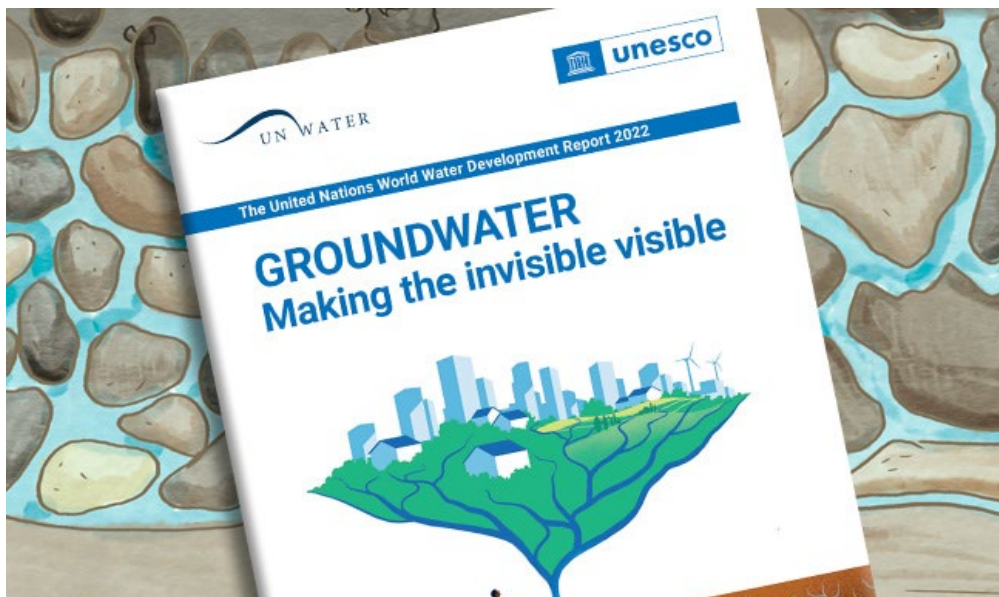
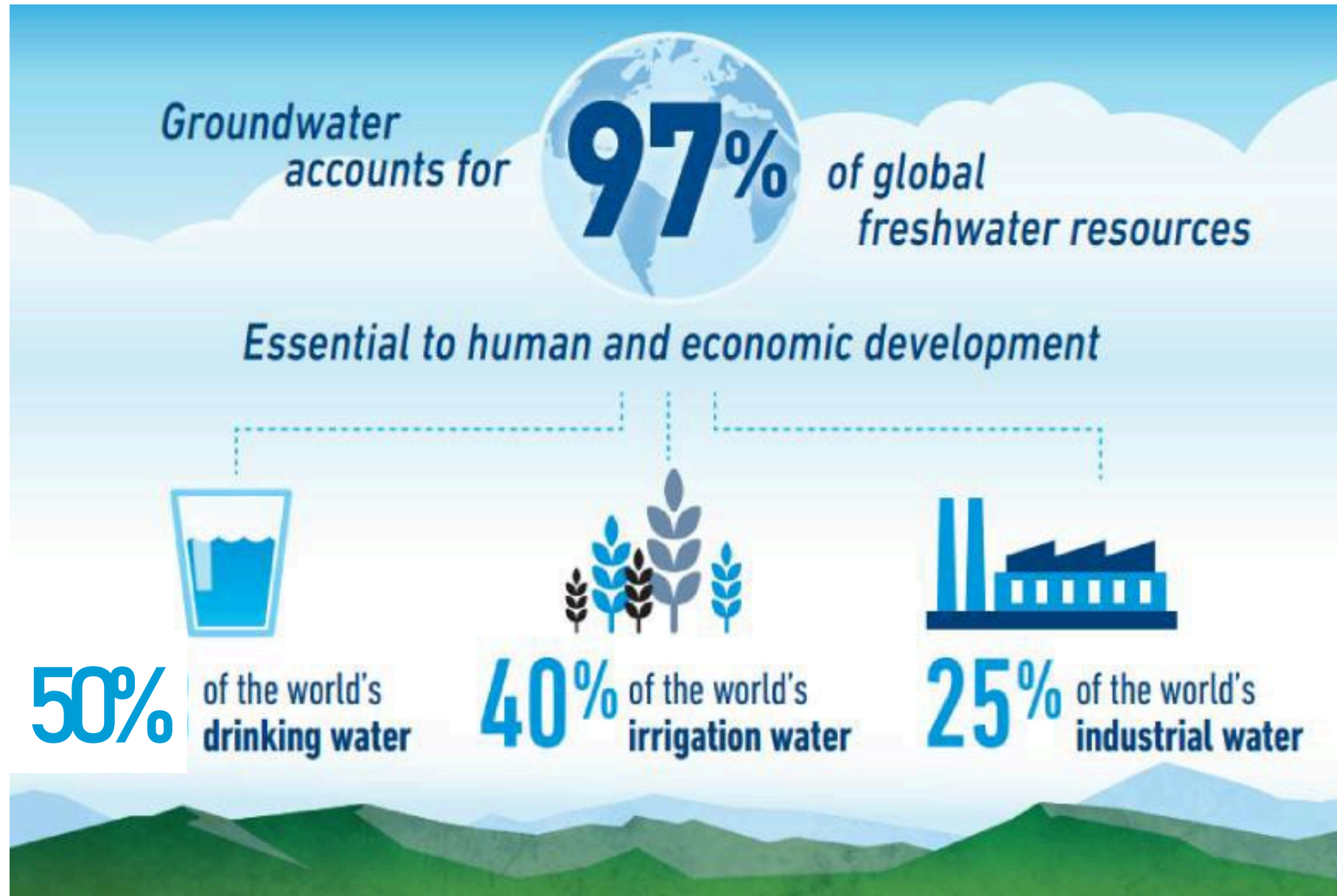
UNESCO HQ, Paris, France

PRE-SUMMIT SIDE EVENTS

6 December 2022

2022 Campaign "Groundwater: Making the Invisible Visible"

THE IMPORTANCE OF GROUNDWATER FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE PLANET



BACKGROUND

The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater will be the culminating event of the year 2022 campaign on “**Groundwater: making the invisible visible**”, implemented by the dedicated UN-Water TaskForce, co-coordinated by UNESCO together with its C2C International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), as mandated by UN-Water. The main messages from the Summit will be conveyed to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.



PURPOSE

The Summit will draw attention at the highest international level on the importance to invest on studies and sustainable manage of groundwater resources in order to achieve water and food security adapt to climate change and achieve SDG 6, while also serving as a culminating event for the ‘**Groundwater: Making invisible visible**’ campaign that has run throughout 2022.

VENUE

The UN-Water Summit on Groundwater will take place on 7-8 December 2022 at UNESCO HQ, Paris. Participation is foreseen in hybrid mode, both in presence and remotely. A Pre-Summit Day, devoted to side events, will take place on 6 December 2022.

English/French interpretation is foreseen. Registration is free of charge.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Tuesday 6 December Pre-Summit Day	Wednesday 7 December High-level Plenary Sessions OPENING + ACCELERATORS SESSIONS	Thursday 8 December High-level Plenary Sessions THEMATIC SESSIONS + CLOSING
18 Side Events	Opening Ceremony	Regional Dialogues
	Coffee break	Transboundary Aquifers
	Groundwater and Acceleration Instruments for SDG6 Data and Information	Coffee Break
	Groundwater and Acceleration Instruments for SDG6 Capacity development	
	Lunch	Lunch
	Groundwater and Acceleration Instruments for SDG6 Finance	Strengthening Interface Science-policy Practice
	Groundwater and Acceleration Instruments for SDG6 Innovation	Groundwater Youth Forum
	Coffee breaks	Coffee Break
	Groundwater and Acceleration Instruments for SDG6 Governance	Closing Ceremony

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PROGRAMME DETAILS

Opening session

Opening addresses

- UNESCO Director-General
- UN-Water Chair
- Highlights from WWDR 2022
- High-level statements (tbd)

SDG6 Accelerators Sessions

In 5 consecutive sessions, attention will be given to the links between groundwater and each accelerator of the SDG 6 Global Acceleration Framework:

- Data and Information (Co-ordinator: WMO)
- Capacity Development (Co-ordinators: UNESCO - UNDESA)
- Innovation (Co-ordinator: IAH)
- Governance (Co-ordinators: UNDP - SIWI - IWRA)
- Finance (Co-ordinator: FAO)

Thematic Groundwater Sessions

- Regional Dialogues (Co-ordinator: UN ESCWA)

This session will present the results of the regional dialogues conducted in 2022 as part of the Regional Preparatory Meetings of the UN 2023 Water Conference. Regional perspectives on the state of groundwater resources, challenges and actions required will be addressed in this session.

- Transboundary Aquifers (Co-ordinators: UNESCO-IHP, UNECE, IGRAC)
With the aim of improving coordination at all levels, this session will present the main results of the monitoring of SDG 6 Indicator 6.5.2 on water

cooperation, success stories of Member States, and main messages from ISARM2021.

- Groundwater: Focus on Africa (Co-ordinator: AMCOW)
Exploring and sustainably exploiting groundwater in Africa will be addressed in this session to ensure water security for future generations.
- Strengthening Interface Science-policy Practice (Co-ordinators: UNESCO-IHP + IGRAC)
The "Groundwater Catalogue" is a tool aimed to enhancing the interface of science-policy practice. It will be launched during this session and will be available for online use.
- Groundwater Youth Forum
Representatives of different youth organizations, in collaboration with the Groundwater Youth Network, will discuss youth engagement in groundwater governance as essential for achieving water security and the achievement of SDG 6.

Closing session

The official closing will include the presentation of a joint UN-Water statement and high-level statements towards UN 2023 Water Conference.

Side events

Interested organizations can hold side events of 60-90 minutes on 6 December. A call for expressions of interest is available at the website.

22nd June 2022



DEADLINE THE 10TH July

PROGRAMME DETAILS

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- UNESCO representative
- UN-Water Chair
- Highlights from WWDR 2022
- **Netherlands and Tajikistan Special Envoys for UN 2023 Water Conference**

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- **Groundwater Youth Forum**
Meeting of the recently created “Groundwater Youth Network”

Closing session

The official closing will include the presentation of a **UN-Water Joint Message** to Member States calling their attention to groundwater asking for commitments at the UN 2023 Water Conference and beyond. The message will be shared in advance with Permanent Delegations for their consideration.

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