



## Groundwater, key to the Sustainable Development Goals

IAH-CFH, UNESCO, FWP, IHP International Conference

Sorbonne University Paris, France. May 18-20, 2022

### KEY DATES

#### Call for Abstracts

November 2021

#### Registration Opening

January 2022

#### Deadline for Abstract Submission

January 21<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Deadline for Early-Bird Registration

March 15<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Third Circular

April 20<sup>th</sup> 2022

#### Abstract's Acceptance

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022

### Main topics:

- 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
- Services rendered and benefits (social, financial, ecosystemic...) of the good status of GWR and their appropriate governance. Links between SDGs and the European Water Framework Directive and Flood Prevention and Management
- Opportunities offered to French local authorities by the recent Oudin law for financing development support

The "Agenda 2030" and the "Sustainable Development Goals" (SDGs), multinational 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 the 2030 Agenda especially through SDG 6.

Within this framework, groundwater resources (GWR) have also a key role to play, directly in terms of food, hygiene and health, protection and restoration of ecosystems and biodiversity ... and, indirectly, for the reduction of poverty and inequalities, contribution to education and gender equality, peace.

### Ambition of the conference:

To constitute a meeting point to favor exchanges between the different national and international stakeholders in the fields of water and sustainable development:

- decision-makers, from the international level to local authorities, like Water Agencies, basin authorities and local structures for management and protection of groundwater...
- funding agencies and donors
- NGOs, civil society, local communities, farmers, water and sanitation companies, industries ...
- groundwater resource specialists : scientists, national and local authorities, planning authorities, engineering firms and consultants...

### Main objectives:

- To examine the overall relationships between water-related SDGs, their stakeholders and groundwater
- To share knowledge, experiences, findings and good practices on GWR in sustainable development trajectories
- To elaborate recommendations to ensure the best integration of groundwater resources into the SDGs.

### Conference process:

- A prominent locus of expression will be given to the youth: high school and University students, young researchers and professionals...
- Invited speakers (key notes) and presentations by participants (oral communications, poster sessions)
- Round tables opened to conference participants
- Innovative forms of animation and presentation (summaries produced on the basis of contributions received in advance; themes entrusted to thematic animators, prior to the conference)

*Given the importance of the topics addressed, the conference will take place whatever the circumstances. The health situation (COVID 19) may lead to a mixed organization, combining presence with distance (webconference).*

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