



Shared Vision and Framework for Action on Groundwater Governance

WWF7 - Side event

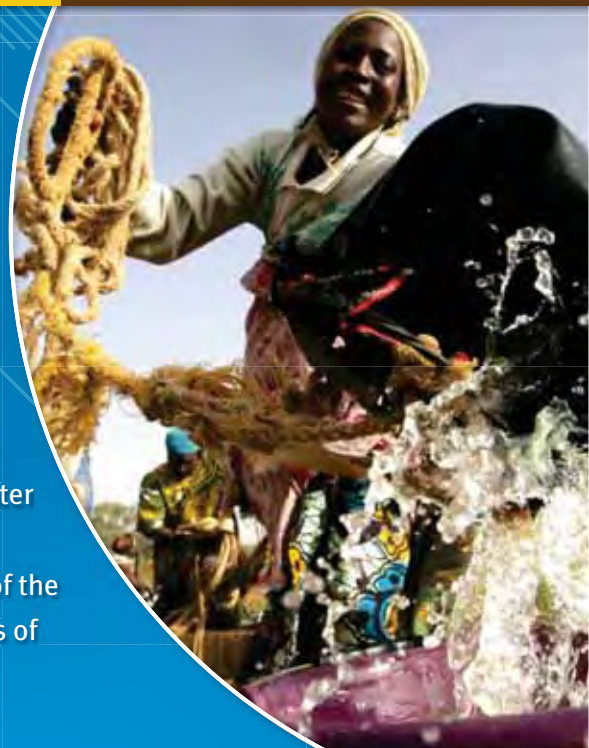
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Daegu EXCO, Room D_312

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The session is geared toward understanding what would deliver sound governance of groundwater resources which account for 99% of the Planet Earth's accessible freshwater, provide all the daily water needs for one third of humanity and are crucial for environmental and social 'goods' upon which cities and rural communities have come to depend. According to experts, most - if not all - of the world's exploited aquifers are not being managed to conserve and protect these vital freshwater resources.

The session presents and discusses a "Shared Global Vision" and a "Framework for Action" on Groundwater Governance elaborated within the framework of a multi-partner, GEF supported initiative to address groundwater governance issues at global, regional and national levels. It also gives a synthetic overview of the consultative process and the main achievements of the initiative since its launch in 2011 and conveys key messages from the results of its analyses.



THE PROGRAMME

When	What	Who
17:00-17:05	Official opening	Partners Senior Management
17:05-17:10	Introduction of the session	Facilitator
17:10-17:22	Quiz questions on groundwater	UNESCO
17:22-17:35	Presentation: Global Diagnostic on Groundwater Governance	FAO
17:35-17:55	Presentation: Shared Global Vision on Groundwater Governance & Framework for Action to achieve the Vision	GEF, World Bank, IAH
17:55-18:35	Facilitated panel discussion with participants	FAO, UNESCO, IAH, World Bank, GEF
18:35-18:55	Partners concerns and follow-up	FAO, UNESCO, IAH, World Bank, GEF
18:55-19:00	Announcement of quiz winners and closing	Facilitator

THE PANEL

The session is facilitated by Aaron Wolf, Professor at Oregon State University and renowned expert in water and groundwater political conflict and cooperation. The panel is composed of the following senior officers from the partner organizations: Mohamed Bazza (FAO), Alice Aureli (UNESCO IHP), Antonio Chambel (IAH), Marcus Wijnen (World Bank), Astrid Hillers (GEF).