High-Level Panel 1

Making the invisible visible: Groundwater, a response for resilience and sustainability

9:00-10:30 (GMT), Auditorium CICAD
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Facilitators: Ms Alice Aureli, (UNESCO), Ms Ulrike Kelm (UN-Water)
Chair: Mr Nabil Ben Kathrak, Executive Secretary, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)

High-Level Statement

• Mr Sekou Sangare, Commissioner, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)

Special Presentations

• The Groundwater ECOWAS MAP. A successful example of scientific cooperation: A new tool to make groundwater visible. Mr Alexis Gutierrez, Groundwater Resources Expert, French Geological Survey (BRGM); Mr Stefan Broda, Head of Unit, Mr Matthias Heckmann, Research Staff, Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Germany (BGR); Ms Brighid O’Dochartaigh, Senior Hydrogeologist, British Geological Survey (BGS)

• Mapping groundwater programme (WHYMAP): The importance of isotope hydrology tools to improve groundwater visibility - focus Africa. Ms Jodie Miller, Section Head, Isotope Hydrology Section, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Statements

• Mr Philippe Lacoste, Director of Sustainable Development, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France
• Mr Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Presentations

• Transboundary aquifers. Mr Neno Kukurić, Co-coordinator UN-Water Task Force, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC).

• Transboundary aquifers cooperation – the main findings of the monitoring of SDG 6 indicator 6.5.2. Ms Sarah Tiefenauer-Linardon, Environmental Affairs Office, Secretariat Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and Mr Aurélien Dumont, Project Officer, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (UNESCO IHP).

Statements

• Mr David Kreamer, President of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH)

Experts Panel

Moderator: Ms Alice Aureli (UNESCO)

• Ms Concepcion Marcuello Olona, Coordinator of International Water Issues, DG Water, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
• Ms Dominique Darmendrail, Water & Global Change Programme Director, French Geological Survey (BRGM)
• Mr Eddy Moors, Rector, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, the Netherlands
• Mr Abdelkader Dodo, Coordinator Water Department, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
• Ms Maria Salvetti, Economist and Water Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
• Mr Jim Barnhart, Assistant to the Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development’s (USAID’s), Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, and Deputy Coordinator for Development for Feed the Future, USA.
• Ms Maria Angelica Sotomayor, Practice Manager for the Heart of Africa, World Bank