

Regional Hybrid Training Workshop on “Groundwater Governance: Lessons Learned, Challenges and Solutions”

AGENDA (First day, Tuesday-April 23, 2024)

Time (IST)	Topic
8:00 - 8:15	Reception
8:15 - 8:30	National anthem & Quran
8:30 - 10:00	Opening Ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Hajrasouliha, Director, Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (20 min) Mr. Rezaei, Deputy Minister of Energy for Planning and Economic affairs, Iran (20 min) Mr. Keshavarz, Deputy for Research, Centre for Strategic Studies of Agriculture and Water, Iran Chamber of Commerce (30 min) Mr. Hajjani, Head of Executive Committee of the Workshop (20 min)
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Technical Session No. 1: Mainstream Groundwater Governance Frameworks
	<p>1.1. Mainstream IWRM multilevel governance Framework Ms. Elena Lopez Gunn, Icatelist and Royal Elcano Institute, Spain (25 min)</p> <p>1.2. Concepts of Water Governance and the Political Economy Approach in Groundwater Governance Mr. Bagheri and Mr. Arshadi, Tarbiat Modares University, IRAN (25 min)</p> <p>1.3. Governance of connected groundwater and surface water resources Mr. Andrew Ross, IAH (25 min)</p> <p>1.4. Q&A Panel (15 min)</p>
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:30	Technical Session No. 2: Participation of Local Stakeholders in Decision-Making Processes
	<p>2.1. Co - Managed Aquifer Recharge (Co-Mar) Concept Mr. Enrique Fernandez Escalante (IAH MAR Commission, Tragsa R&D) (25 min)</p> <p>2.2. Water Resources Policy, Planning, Management and Institutions to Harness and Encourage Managed Aquifer Recharge to sustain water supplies Mr. Peter Dillon, IAH, Australia (20 min)</p> <p>2.3. The Experience of Participatory Groundwater Governance in Rafsanjan Plain Ms. Elmira Golkar, Iran (20 min)</p> <p>2.4. Q&A Panel (25 min)</p>
14:30 - 15:00	Break
15:00 - 16:30	Technical Session No. 3: Experiences and Lessons Learned, Challenges and Solutions
	<p>3.1. Evaluation of the Groundwater Resources Restoration Plan from the Perspective of Development Framework and Institutional Analysis Mr. Hobe Vatan, Iran Water Resources Management Company (20 min)</p> <p>3.2. A Critical Review of The Capacity Building and Public Awareness Experience in the Groundwater Restoration and Balancing plan Mr. Samiei, Abangah (20 min)</p> <p>3.3. Pathology and Roadmap for Groundwater Resources Restoration in Iran. Mr. Poursepahi, Iran Chamber of Commerce (20 min)</p> <p>3.4. Q&A Panel (30 min)</p>

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AGENDA (Second day, Wednesday-April 24,2024)

Time (IST)	Topic
8:30 - 10:00	Technical Session No. 4: Interactive Technologies for Monitoring and Control of Resources.
	4.1. Sync Management of Water and Electricity through Groundwater Governance Approach Mr. Rahmani, Iran Water Resources Management Company (25 min)
	4.2. Operational monitoring in Managed Aquifer Recharge Schemes Mr. Rudy Rossetto, IAH (25 min)
	4.3. From Groundwater Levels Monitoring to Decision-Making: a Simple but Essential Path for Successful Groundwater Management and Governance Ms. Elisabeth Lictévout, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre-IGRAC (25 min)
	4.4. Q&A Panel (15 min)
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 12:00	Technical Session No. 5: Intersectoral Collaboration and Policy Coherence
	5.1. Managing groundwater within an IWRM framework – The EU Water Framework Directive Mr. Manuel Sapiano, IAH (30 min)
	5.2. Agricultural Use of Groundwater and Management Initiatives in Iran Mr. Hossein Dehghanisanij, Ministry of Agriculture, Iran (30 min)
	5.3. Q&A Panel (30 min)
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 - 14:30	Technical Session No. 6: Experiences and Lessons Learned, Challenges and Solutions
	6.1. Collaborative Groundwater Governance with Enhancing Equity and Sustainability Mr. Ketabchi and Ms. Valipour, Tarbiat Modares University, IRAN (30 min)
	6.2. Good Governance in Traditional Groundwater Management in Iran Mr. Kamali and Mr. Shahhoseini, Iran Water Resources Management Company (30 min)
	6.3. Q&A Panel (30 min)
14:30 - 15:00	Closing Ceremony
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Javanbakht, Deputy Minister of Energy for Water and Wastewater affairs, Iran (15 min) Mr. Hajrasouliha, Director, Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (15 min)