

UNESCO conference on “Transboundary Aquifers: Challenges and new directions”

Brussels, September 2010. The UNESCO’s International Hydrological Programme (IHP) just issued the second announcement for the **ISARM 2010 International Conference on “Transboundary Aquifers: Challenges and new directions”** to be held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, from 6th to 8th December 2010.

The conference will mark the end of the first phase of the Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management (ISARM) Programme and the start of its second phase.

The aim of this 3-day conference is to bring together leading world experts in the fields of law and water sciences to discuss approaches for the sound management of transboundary aquifers, in both developed and developing countries. In particular, the conference will stress on how principles of international law and good governance can contribute to the sustainable management of transboundary groundwater resources. The conference will deal with 4 main topics:

1. Global overview of transboundary aquifer systems
2. Managing transboundary aquifers: challenges and opportunities
3. Building capacities and strengthening institutions
4. Strengthening cooperation

In 2002 the UN International Law Commission (UNILC) embarked on the codification of the law on transboundary aquifers, proposing a series of draft articles to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2008. Resolution (A/RES/63/124) was subsequently adopted, encouraging Member States to make appropriate bilateral and/or regional arrangements for the proper management of their transboundary aquifers. During the ISARM2010 Conference high level experts will debate these draft articles and discuss possible ways forward.

The Conference is free of charge and that deadline for final registration is **15 September 2010**.

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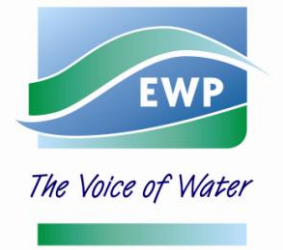
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