



Global Workshop on Conjunctive Management of Surface Water and Groundwater: National to Transboundary Level

16-17 (am) October 2023 | Venue: Conference Room V, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Different forms of water are often managed in isolation. Conjunctive Water Management considers surface water, groundwater and other components of the water cycle as one single resource, maximizing benefits and streamlining their use. The UN Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention), serviced by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), is dedicated to promoting integrated water resources management at national and transboundary levels.

The Global Workshop is organized under the leadership of the Ministry of Climate of Estonia, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia and UNECE and in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE), the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), the Transboundary Aquifers Commission of the IAH, the Regional Centre for Groundwater Management in Latin America and the Caribbean (CeReGAS), the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), the Environment Agency Austria (UBA) and other organizations.

Questions to be addressed by the workshop include:

- Why is conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater needed and what are expected benefits and challenges in its implementation?
- How can conjunctive management be implemented in transboundary integrated water resources management settings? How can it foster and advance transboundary water cooperation? How can well developed and articulated transboundary water cooperation foster the conjunctive management of surface waters and groundwater?
- What are the success stories and lessons learned in implementing conjunctive water management practices in national and transboundary settings?

The workshop will be followed by the [18th meeting of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment](#) under the Water Convention in Geneva on 17(pm) – 18 October 2023.

Registration for both the Global Workshop and the meeting of the Working Group is available at <https://indico.un.org/event/1002232/registrations/12187/>. Registration **deadline is the 2nd of October 2023**. More details will be available soon at: <https://unece.org/environmental-policy/events/global-workshop-surface-water-and-groundwater>