

UNESCO's statement made under item 9 of the Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment

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First of all, we value this opportunity to foster collaboration. As an organization involved in groundwater assessment, governance, and conjunctive water management, UNESCO is committed to translate scientific data into actionable policies.

Our collaboration regarding the activities of the Water Convention and of the Working Group on Monitoring and assessment could focus in particular on 3 points:

1. Collection and Sharing of Data and Information on ground water resources, transboundary aquifers, including monitoring and sharing protocols.
2. Making best use of international water law, including the Draft Articles on the Law of transboundary aquifers.
3. Contributing to the activities decided at the workshop on Conjunctive Water Management, due to the importance of the topic to manage surface water and groundwater in a unified way.

Last but not the least, considering the work of UNESCO and UNECE as co-custodians of SDG indicator 6.5.2 monitoring, we would like to jointly invite and support the Member States and partners to make use of data collected in this monitoring process to improve their cooperation and especially regarding transboundary aquifers.

Thank you for considering these contributions.