

High-Level Panel 1

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

**9:00-10:30 (GMT), Auditorium CICAD
22 March 2022, Dakar, Senegal**

Facilitators: Ms Alice Aureli, (UNESCO), Ms Ulrike Kelm (UN-Water)

Chair: Mr Nabil Ben Khatra, 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 Brigid 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 Officer, Secretariat Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and **Mr Aurélien Dumont**, Project Officer, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (UNESCO IHP).

Statements

- **H.E. Shawn Richards** - Minister of Public Infrastructure and Urban Development at Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, *Groundwater in Small Islands*.
- **Mr David Kremer**, 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

