



Side Event
**Fostering transboundary
water cooperation in the 2030 Agenda**

Organizer:
**UNESCO International Hydrological Programme
(UNESCO-IHP)**

Date: 21 March 2018

Time: 11:00-13:00

Venue: Ulysses Guimarães Convention Center - Room 3

DESCRIPTION

This event will present how on-going efforts for the establishment of joint arrangements for the governance of transboundary surface waters and aquifers contribute to the achievement of the SDG target 6.5 through water cooperation.

PARTNERS

International Association for Water Law (AIDA), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Regional Centre for Groundwater Management (CeReGAS), Uruguay; International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC), Netherlands; Global Environment Facility (GEF), GEF International Waters Learning and Exchange Resources Network (GEF-IW:LEARN).

PROGRAMME

Chairperson: Ms. Lidia Brito, Director, Regional Office of Sciences of UNESCO for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNESCO Montevideo Office, Uruguay

Speakers/Panelists:

- *Fostering transboundary water cooperation in the 2030 Agenda*
Mr. Tales Carvalho-Resende, Project Officer, UNESCO-IHP
- *Groundwater and water cooperation within the United Nations system and the role of the UNESCO Water Family*
Mr. Neno Kukuric, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC, Netherlands, under the auspices of UNESCO)
- *The Stampriet Aquifer: the first example of a cooperation mechanism for the governance of a transboundary aquifer in the Southern Africa region (GGRETA Project, UNESCO/SDC)*
Mr. Piet Kenabatho, University of Botswana
Mr. Stefano Burchi, International Association of Water Law (AIDA)
- *The benefits of cooperation towards the joint governance of the Ocotepeque-Citalá Transboundary Aquifer - El Salvador y Honduras (GGRETA Project, UNESCO/SDC)*
Mr. Julio Montes de Oca, IUCN
Mr. Héctor Aguirre, Trinational Commonwealth of Lempa River
- *The Guarani Aquifer System: Climate change and basis for its shared management*
Mr. Henrique Chaves, University of Brasilia, Brazil
Mr. Alberto Manganelli, Regional Centre for Groundwater Management (CeReGAS, Uruguay, under the auspices of UNESCO)
- *The role of the GEF in fostering transboundary water cooperation (tbc)*
Ms. Astrid Hillers, Global Environment Facility (GEF)