

Contribution of UNESCO in implementing the Water Convention with regards to groundwater

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1. Progress and achievements in the triennium, esp. since 2014

- * Workshops co-organized:
 - Beirut, Lebanon, in February 2015
 - Amman, Jordan, in March 2015
- * *Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters* translated into Arabic.
- * Training and capacity building:
 - "DIKTAS" (GEF) Project (Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro)
 - "Groundwater Resources Governance in Transboundary Aquifers"(SDC) Project :
 - Stampriet Aquifer (Namibia, South Africa, Botswana), in May 2015
 - Pre-Tashkent Aquifer (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan), in July 2015



Legal training during the FORTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL WORKSHOP - Stampriet Aquifer
Gaborone (Botswana), May 2015



2. Plans in the draft programme of work for 2016-2018

- * Programme area 1 (*“Support to implementation and application of the Convention”*): Mainstreaming of the Model Provisions on Transboundary Groundwaters (ECE/MP.WAT/40)
- * Programme area 5 (*“Opening, promotion & partnerships”*).
- * Training and capacity building:
 - ‘stand-alone’ workshops
 - within projects implemented by UNESCO (ISARM Programme, etc.)
e.g. Syr Darya Basin GEF Project
e.g. legal training on groundwater and interaction with surface waters under GEF Projects in Africa (*‘ITTAS’* and *‘ANBO’* Projects)
- * Other Activities: Nexus, IW:LEARN, TWAP and 3rd Ass. Rep., ...



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Thank you!



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