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Benchmark meeting on groundwater governance marks road to World Water Day and UN International Year of Water Cooperation

The Hague (NL), 19–21 March 2013 • UNESCO, together with FAO, World Bank, IAH and UNECE, will organize a Regional Consultation on Groundwater Governance at the outset of the activities celebrating World Water Day 2013 and in the framework of the UN International Year of Water Cooperation. Organized under the responsibility of the UNESCO-IHP, this consultation focuses on the characteristics of groundwater use in North America, Europe and Central Asia (including all EECCA countries) and seeks to promote the discussion about the specific challenges and priorities within the regional context.







H.E. Rob Zeldenrust, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, will open the event, which is the 5th regional consultation, following consultations in: Latin America and the Caribbean, sub-Saharan Africa, Arab States, Asia (East and South) and the Pacific.

The aims of the regional consultations are to:

- acquire first-hand knowledge of regional issues from local groundwater experts;
- build partnerships amongst collaborating project agencies, stakeholders, decision-makers and specialists across sectors; and
- raise awareness and promote a global groundwater agenda.

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Venue: The Hague Institute for Global Justice, The Hague, the Netherlands





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Dutch institutions and persons who are interested in the 5th regional consultation can [contact the organizers](#).

The 5th regional consultation is supported by the Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO, the Netherlands National Committee IHP-HWRP and IGRAC.

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