

# Groundwater Monitoring in Southeast Asia

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The workshop 'Groundwater Monitoring in Southeast Asia' is organised jointly by UNESCO Bangkok Office, Department of Groundwater Resources Thailand (DGR) and International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) under the framework of the Global Groundwater Monitoring Network (GGMN) programme.

**Objectives:** The purpose of the workshop is to bring together national and international groundwater experts to review the state of groundwater monitoring in the region, to introduce the Global Groundwater Monitoring Network (GGMN) programme and its possible role in Southeast Asia. The workshop will address new monitoring technologies, groundwater monitoring optimisation and other related aspects of monitoring networks. The workshop is also intended to build synergies and strengthen international cooperation.

**Background information:** IGRAC, the International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre is UNESCO and WMO centre that facilitates and promotes sharing of information and knowledge required for sustainable development of groundwater resources worldwide. Recognizing the lack of groundwater data around the world, IGRAC took initiative to establish the Global Groundwater Monitoring Network (GGMN). GGMN is a UNESCO programme, implemented by IGRAC and supported by many global and regional partners. The GGMN is a participative, web-based network of networks, set up to improve quality and accessibility of groundwater monitoring information and subsequently our knowledge on the state of groundwater resources. The GGMN consists of a people network and of an interactive portal for storage, processing and dissemination of groundwater data. The national groundwater experts present in the workshop will have the opportunity to acquire an active role in the GGMN People Network and to continue to use the GGMN interactive portal.

**Venue and Date:** The workshop will be held in the Asia Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand on 15-16 March 2016. If you have any further question about the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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