

GROUNDWATER CORRESPONDENTS *network*



International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre

About the network

By coordinating the World Water Day with the theme 'Groundwater, making the invisible visible' and organizing the UN-Water Summit on Groundwater, 2022 was the year in which IGRAC has pushed for a more prominent role for groundwater on the political agendas. However, also in 2023, we are committed to continue to make the invisible visible. One of IGRAC's objectives is to engage and inspire our audience by sharing key information about groundwater. Not only on a global level, like IGRAC's flagship product 'The Transboundary Aquifers of the World Map', but also with stories on the ground.

To do so, media coverage is of crucial importance and that is why IGRAC is setting up the Groundwater Correspondents Network. In this volunteer programme, IGRAC will team up with groundwater enthusiasts who have local stories that deserve to have a global audience.

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The groundwater correspondents can either be people that already work with groundwater and who would like to learn more about storytelling or journalists who would like to learn more about groundwater and how to report on it. IGRAC will organize yearly webinars and offer personal guidance for their correspondents to train them in both sides of the spectrum.

The ultimate ambition would be to eventually grow the network to have a correspondent in each country, but we will start in 2023 with 5-10 correspondents for different countries. Will you be one of those pioneers?

Who are you?



Groundwater expert

- Currently working with groundwater
- Good knowledge of relevant groundwater issues in your country or region
- Eager to learn more about storytelling



Journalist

- Working as a (freelance) journalist
- Eager to learn more about groundwater and how to report on it

IGRAC especially encourages female, indigenous and early career candidates to apply

What's in there for you?

Participation in the Groundwater Correspondents Network is on a voluntary basis, but is not for nothing. In return for your participation, you will receive assistance in text and video editing as well as the creation of infographics. Everything needed to make your story even more compelling. In addition, you will receive the following:

- Storytelling webinar
- Yearly groundwater basics webinar
- A global platform for your stories
- Certificate of participation
- Access to GeoStories tool
- Chance to win the Groundwater Story of the Year award

What we expect from you?

If selected, we would ask your commitment for at least one year and maximum two years (after 2 years, we would like to give the opportunity to a new correspondent from the same country).

This commitment would entail writing at least one story per year to be included in the stories section of IGRAC's website:

<https://www.un-igrac.org/stories>

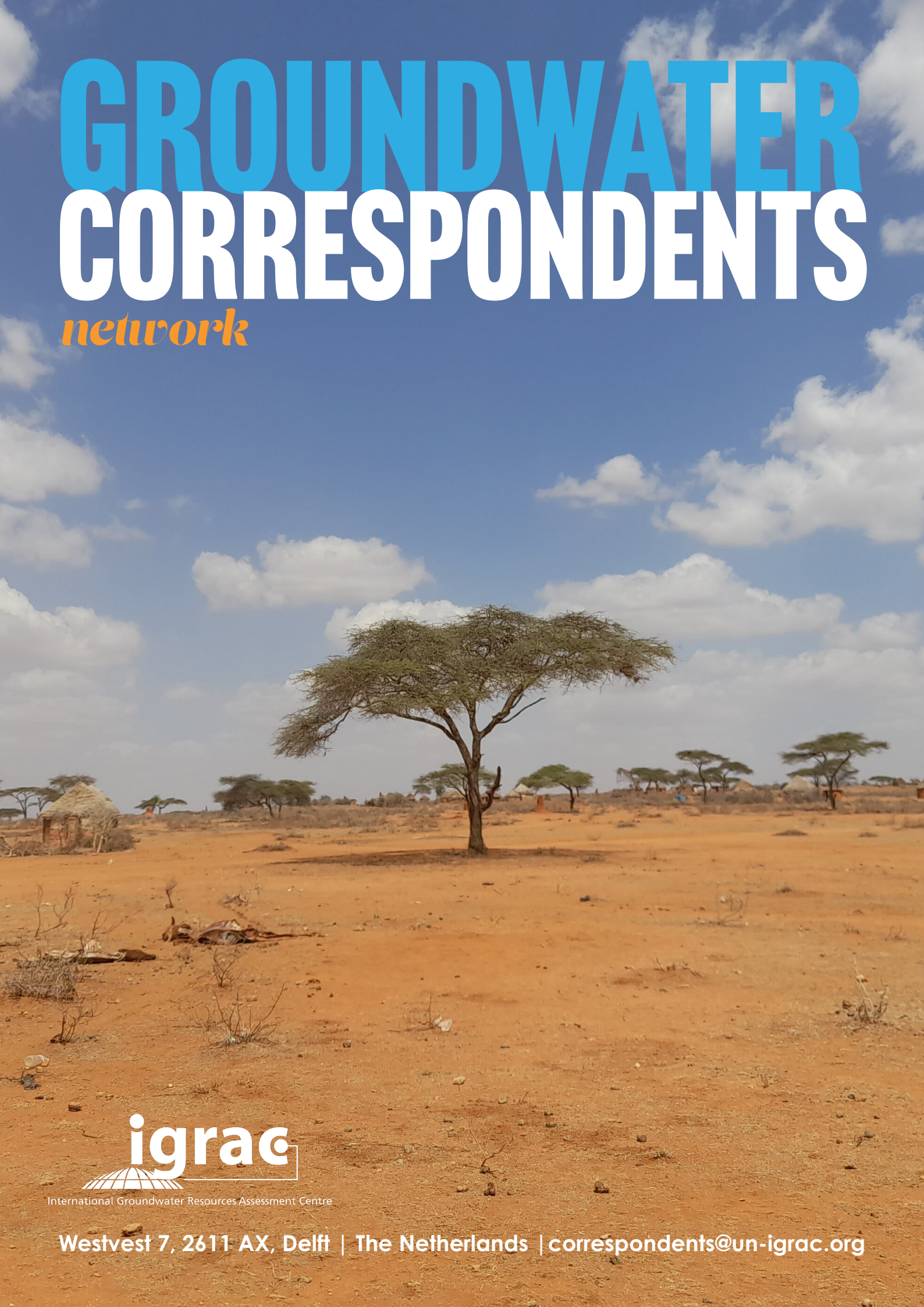
These stories can be written, either based on desk research like the example of "Drought in the Netherlands and its impact on groundwater resources" or based on interview in the field like "Amplifying voices of rural communities in Tanzania to improve groundwater management". The stories can also have the on video, or a combination of both.

How to apply?

Send your CV and motivation letter to: correspondents@un-igrac.org. In your motivation letter, please identify two stories from your region that you would like to tell if you would be selected.

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| Deadline: | 31 May |
| Interviews: | Early June |
| Final selection: | 22 June |
| Start programme: | 1 July |

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