

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The “Groundwater System and Settlements” Section of the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO IHP) would like to inform you that the Permanent Delegation of Uruguay to UNESCO and the UNESCO Regional Office for Sciences in Latin America and the Caribbean are organizing the presentation of *the fourth volume of the series ISARM Americas*,

***“ESTRATEGIA REGIONAL PARA LA EVALUACIÓN Y  
GESTIÓN DE LOS  
SISTEMAS ACUÍFEROS TRANSFRONTERIZOS EN LAS  
AMÉRICAS”*** (*Regional Strategy for the Assessment and  
Management  
of the Transboundary Aquifer Systems of the Americas*)

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 - 5:00-6:00 p.m.**

UNESCO, 7th floor Bar  
7, place de Fontenoy, Paris 75007

This event will be followed by a cocktail.

Please find below the programme and background information on the ISARM programme.

**If you are in Paris, you are warmly invited to join the event!**



Delegación Permanente del Uruguay  
ante la UNESCO

**UNESCO 38<sup>th</sup> General Conference - Side event**

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**PROGRAMME**

- H.E. Ambassador Mr Guillermo Dighiero, *Permanent Delegate of Uruguay to UNESCO*
- Ms Flavia Schlegel, *Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO*
- Mr Alfonso Rivera, *Geological Survey of Canada and main editor of the fourth volume of the ISARM of the Americas programme*



The worldwide ISARM (International Shared Aquifer Resources Management) Programme is a UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) led multi-agency effort aimed at improving the understanding of scientific, socio-economic, legal, institutional and environmental issues related to the management of transboundary aquifers.

Since its start in 2002, ISARM has launched a number of global and regional initiatives. These are designed to delineate and analyse transboundary aquifer systems and to encourage riparian states to work cooperatively toward mutually beneficial and sustainable aquifer development.



The *Regional Strategy for the Assessment and Management of the Transboundary Aquifer Systems of the Americas* is the result of more than 10 years of successful and fruitful collaboration of UNESCO-IHP and the OAS with members of 24 participating countries in the Americas. The strategy provides a vision on how to achieve improved sustainable management and protection of transboundary aquifers that goes beyond the boundaries of the participating countries. The strategy arises from the achievements made through the work done by the countries in the framework of ISARM Americas and it takes into account the information collected in the three previous publications of the ISARM-Americas programme where a total of 73 transboundary aquifer systems (TAS) were inventoried. The strategy aims to provide guidelines taking advantage of the existing scientific knowledge and consensus on this topic, in order to have an overview of groundwater resources and the social, economic and

institutional aspects that characterize the geographical area of influence of the TAS. This information should become an important tool for the development of policies and standards for management of TAS, providing relevant information to guide member countries in decision-making. As much as this strategy is critical and fundamental, the missing link is knowledge and collective assessment. One important message from the strategy was that projects should be funded to provide a healthy framework of data, monitoring, analysis, and synthesis for joint management and development.

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