



3rd IGAD Water Dialogue Forum

Building a Platform for Sustainable Regional Groundwater Cooperation

Groundwater resources play a vital role in the socio-economic development and environmental sustainability of the Horn of Africa region. With the ever-increasing demand for water due to population growth and climate variability, the need for effective governance and cooperation in managing shared groundwater resources has never been greater. Transboundary aquifers highlight the necessity of collective management approaches to address water scarcity, pollution, and other related challenges.

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is organising its 3rd Water Forum, bringing together scientists, policymakers, and practitioners from the IGAD region and beyond to discuss groundwater-related issues and potential solutions.

The theme of the forum is:

BUILDING A PLATFORM FOR SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL GROUNDWATER COOPERATION

The term "Platform" is used here as an umbrella term encompassing all activities, whether online or on-site, policy-related or technical, organisational or infrastructural, that contribute to regional groundwater cooperation. Key focus areas include:



Governance & Policy

Institutional and Informational requirements for regional water cooperation



International Collaboration

Frameworks, agreements, and joint actions for shared water resources



Innovation & Capacity

Better groundwater assessment and development in borderlands and data sparse regions

Contributions to the Forum theme and sub-themes are highly encouraged. If interested, please submit an abstract (maximum 300 words, including three keywords related to any of the sub-themes) to the Forum Secretariat (3rdWaterForum@igad.int) by 29th March 2025.

Registration for the Forum is now open via the Forum homepage. Please register in advance to ensure venue capacity for all participants. For any further enquiries regarding your participation in the Forum, please contact the Forum Secretariat.

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