

Groundwater, poverty and development

This one-day meeting, jointly convened by the UPGro Knowledge Broker Team and ODI's Water Policy Programme, will showcase current research and practice concerning groundwater and its role in poverty alleviation and development. The meeting will highlight research needs and identify good practices.

The event will highlight the UPGro programme (Unlocking the Potential of Groundwater for the Poor), funded by DFID, NERC and ESRC. It will also be an opportunity for other groundwater researchers and practitioners to share and discuss their work.

Groundwater will be examined from the points of view of the natural and social sciences, engineering, management and governance.

Questions to be addressed include:

- What do we know about the dependence of the rural and urban poor on groundwater?
- How does dependence on groundwater contribute to people's water security or vulnerability?
- How can groundwater be developed and managed in order to better enhance water security?
- What do we know about the threats to groundwater as a resource?
- What are the limitations on the development of groundwater for domestic water security and food security?
- How can institutional arrangements for the monitoring, management and governance of groundwater be improved?
- How can we foster an understanding and appreciation, among political leaders, of the value, opportunities and limitations of groundwater?

If you would like to present your work, either orally or in poster or other form, please contact the meeting convenor, Prof Richard C Carter (<mailto:richard@richard-carter.org> or 01525 405147)

Please find here a link to this announcement on ODI's website, and the place to register for the meeting: <http://www.odi.org/events/4037-groundwater-poverty-development>

Save the date: Friday 28th November 2014

Timing: 0900 – 1700, lunch provided.

Place: Overseas Development Institute, 203 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NJ, UK

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