

Wikipedia edit-a-thon

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Help us create the first Hydrogeology of Africa pages in Wikipedia!!

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Africa Groundwater Atlas Wikipedia edit-a-thon

At the 46th IAH Congress 2019 we will be running a Wikipedia edit-a-thon to transfer content from the Africa Groundwater Atlas into Wikipedia, making hydrogeology information for Africa more visible and accessible to a wider audience.

What is an edit-a-thon?

A Wikipedia edit-a-thon is an event where people get together to edit Wikipedia - often focused on a specific topic. It is an opportunity for people with similar interests to get together to improve the content of Wikipedia, while learning how to edit the online encyclopedia and often eating snacks and drinking beer (although this is optional!).

There are currently no Wikipedia pages related to the hydrogeology of Africa. This edit-a-thon aims to change that by creating "Groundwater in..." pages for every country in Africa. These will be based on the existing [country pages](#) in the Africa Groundwater Atlas, but summarised and edited to make information on African groundwater more accessible and visible to a wider audience. The Africa Groundwater Atlas is already written in Wiki software, providing a great starting point!

We hope you can join us to support this effort!

Where and when is it happening?

The Africa Groundwater Atlas Wikipedia edit-a-thon is taking place at the [46th IAH Congress](#) in Malaga, Spain. The Congress runs from the 22nd to 27th September at the Trade Fairs and Congress Centre of Malaga.

It will be on **Monday 23 September, from 4 - 7pm**, in **Multiuse Room 4**.

See the [Congress Programme](#).

Get involved!

Are you attending the 46th IAH Congress? Do you have an interest in African groundwater?
(no experience necessary!)

If the answer is yes, we would love to see you at the edit-a-thon. The idea is that each participant will be assigned a country to work on and together, in a room with beer and snacks, we will create new pages in Wikipedia based on the existing content in the Africa Groundwater Atlas. All you need to bring is a laptop - everything else will be provided.

To plan and manage numbers, please **register an interest** (this isn't a commitment!) before the event by dropping an email to AfricaGWAtlas@bgs.ac.uk with the following information:

- Name
- Institution
- African country or countries of interest (remember no experience necessary!)

Please do drop in even if you can't stay for the whole session - find out more about the Africa Groundwater Atlas and Wikipedia, and how you can get involved in future!

If you'd like any further information about the edit-a-thon, please also feel free to email AfricaGWAtlas@bgs.ac.uk

Create your own Wikipedia account

You'll need a Wikipedia account in order to start editing. You can create your account before the edit-a-thon to speed things up - [Create a Wikipedia Account](#).

You'll set up a Username that will be visible to everyone viewing any pages that you edit. You don't have to use your real name if you don't want to - but you can if you want. Note that accounts (and usernames) are for individuals and not organisations.

Getting started with Wikipedia editing

In the edit-a-thon we'll lead you through everything you need to know about editing Wikipedia pages! But if you want to get started learning how in advance, try [the Wikipedia Adventure](#), where you can learn to edit Wikipedia in about an hour.

Not attending the IAH Congress but still interested in getting involved?

Drop us an email at AfricaGWAtlas@bgs.ac.uk with the info above and we can tell you more about helping remotely!

After the event we will upload all the resources you need to get involved and create new Wikipedia pages on groundwater in Africa in your own time to [a Google Drive Africa Groundwater Atlas resource folder](#).

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