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# Groundwater and Ecosystem Services: Making the Connections Workshop Orientation

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# Program goal

- Improve law, policy and management for groundwater sustainability
  - Empirical, evaluative law and policy research
  - Workshops bringing together experts, policy-makers and managers



# Workshop series

Law and policy for GW sustainability,  
focus on GW-SW links  
(Oct 2011)

Flexible rules,  
effective  
implementation  
(Jun 2012)

GW & ES  
(Apr 2013)

## Why now?

- Promising in context of flexible rules & effective implementation
- Exciting emerging policy initiatives, projects  
→ *potential to influence policy & management*
- 3 parts to the workshop

# Decision-making contexts



# Ecosystem services and groundwater

*Benefits to people associated with*

Aquifers

Groundwater

Groundwater-  
dependent  
ecosystems

# Workshop goals and products

- Summarize “state of play” connecting GW & ES
- Recommendations for progress linking GW & ES
- Develop research agenda to progress further
- Catalyze development of GW+ES tools

# Administration

- Emphasis on group discussion
- Facilitation
- Cards
- Not for attribution
- Presentations
- Introductions