


A common international legal framework for groundwater, oil and gas?


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I. Research motivation


1. Lack of a codified set of international rules on transboundary oil and gas;



2. lack of systematic knowledge of existing agreements on transboundary oil and gas;



3. gaining better understanding of the reasons why the International Law Commission (ILC) stopped its codification work on transboundary oil and gas; and



4. comparing the principles and rules applicable to transboundary aquifers and those applicable to transboundary oil and gas.



II. Main research questions

Would a codified international legal framework advance the optimal and sustainable utilization and management of transboundary oil and gas?

If so, which principles and rules shall it set down?



III. Topics

1. Sovereignty
2. Existing legal framework for oil and gas
3. Work of the ILC
4. Rules and principles



IV. Case study

Nubian Sandstone Aquifer System



Thank you for your attention.