

Objectives

- Foster the science-policy dialogue to improve sustainable water management
- Enable participants to select adequate methods to assess Andean catchments for long and short-term discharge predictions
- Understand key aspects about monitoring and modelling in mountainous catchments

Training methods

- Input lectures
- Exercises and group work
- One day field trip

Key topics

- Characteristics of Andean glaciered and non glaciered high elevation catchments, climate variability and climate change projections, role of groundwater
- 2. Spatial and temporal hydro-meteorological monitoring (satellite based in situ)
- 3. Open source drought and hydro-meteorological information platforms and data management
- 4. Long term and seasonal water availability predictions
- 5. Introduction to site specific modelling

Learning Outcomes

- Understand the relevance of the mountainous cryosphere for water availability
- Be aware of how key climate and hydrological parameters are monitored and how data and information need to be managed
- To be able to select the appropriate model or assessment tool for hydrological forecasting in dependence of the catchment environment, data availability and questions raised
- Know how to use available open source climate and drought information

The official language of the symposium and the training course is Spanish

Venue

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Background

The ongoing drought disaster in some parts of the Central Andean region urges the need for seasonal and long term water availability predictions. Reliable discharge simulations are especially important for irrigation management in the intensively cultivated regions of central Chile and central western Argentina, but also for the water supply of Megacities as Santiago and Lima, as well as for industrial purposes. Water related decision makers and water users want to be enabled to select adequate tools for the provision of such predictions and to evaluate existent prognostics. Hence the symposium and training aims at increasing the knowledge about hydrometeorological studies contributing to such predictions in the vulnerable Andean region.

Different monitoring, assessment and prediction tools are introduced to while highlighting the pros and cons of each method. Training units on the application of several of the tools is offered accompanied by a field trip to the Mapocho basin.

The symposium and training will intensify the science-policy dialogue regarding future availability of water resources in the Central Andean region.

Target Group

- Water related decision makers and water users dealing with water availability predictions
- Scientists working in the field of water resources in the Central Andean region



Training Workshop

Tuesday

Opening Session (PUCV, UNESCO, ITT):

- Role of the mountainous cryosphere for water availability, challenges and opportunities for mountain catchments
- Monitoring, modeling, data analysis and management

Introduction to relevant open source information related to climate and water in the Central Andes

- Hydrometeorological data using CEAZAMET
- Chilean Climate Data Library/ Agroclimatic Observatory
- Remote sensing
- Open source spatial data

Lunch

Andean work progress in catchments: Argentina, Peru, Chile

Working group introduction and software installation

Field trip preparation: The Maipo basin: hydro-meteorological monitoring

Wednesday

Field Trip:

Addressing issues of data monitoring and analysis, hydrological modeling, streamflow forecasting, monitoring, catchment assessment:

- Mapocho basin
- Visit Valle Nevado Snow monitoring and climate station
- DGA stream gages

Thursday

General introduction to hydrological modeling approaches: Spatial distribution, parameters

Introduction to key features of:

- J 2000
- HBV light
- WEAP
- CRHM
- SWAT Discussion: suitability of models for different cryospheric environments

Friday

Introduction to tracer applications in hydrology

Application in the Maipo and Aconcagua (including glacier sources)

Applications in Limarí and Elqui

Parallel guided working groups:

- Hydrological forecasting
- · Rainfall and snow-cover estimates from satellite images
- Tracer analysis

Lunch

Parallel guided working groups:

• Data management and analysis, available information platforms: IRI, Agrocl. Obs. RBIS

Lunch

Working group discussion of the

 Hydrological modeling: applications of real data to CRHM and HBV light

results, recommendations, need for additional material/training

Presentation of group discussion outcomes

Conclusions and evaluations





