

# 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

## AGENDA

24-25 November 2014

OECD Conference Centre – CC12  
Paris, France



## About the OECD

The OECD is a forum in which governments compare and exchange policy experiences, identify good practices in light of emerging challenges, and promote decisions and recommendations to produce better policies for better lives. The OECD's mission is to promote policies that improve economic and social well-being of people around the world.

## About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) is an international **multi-stakeholder network** of around 100 delegates from public, private and not-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a **Policy Forum** to share on-going reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector.

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The OECD Water Governance Initiative aims to:

- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water governance reforms through policy dialogue across decision-makers at different levels;
- Provide a **technical platform** to discuss analytical work on water governance through peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge sharing;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance issues in the **Global Water Agenda** (World Water Forum, Post-2015 Development Agenda)
- Support the implementation of the governance targets designed for the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Marseille, 2012) up to the **7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum** (Korea, 2015);
- Contribute to the preparation of **OECD Principles on Water Governance** and **OECD Indicators on Water Governance** for decision-makers at all levels to commit to action;

## Objectives of the Meeting

1. Discuss recent developments in the **Global Water Agenda**, especially the preparatory process of the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (Korea, 2015) and progress on negotiations related to post-2015 SDGs;
2. **Peer-review** OECD draft reports on “Water Governance in Brazil”, “Stakeholder Engagement for Inclusive Water Governance” and “Water Policies for Future Cities”;
3. Share views and suggestions on the first draft of **OECD Principles on Water Governance**;
4. Brainstorm (in working groups’ meetings) on a set of **policy indicators** for each of the 12 principles on water governance
5. **Share experience** on water governance reforms, initiatives and events.

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**08:00 – 09:00** Registration and Coffee networking

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**09:00 – 09:20** Welcoming Remarks

- Peter Glas, Chair of OECD-WGI (10')
  - Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council (10')
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**09:20 – 10:45** Global Water Agenda

- OECD-WGI Contribution to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (April 2015, Korea)
    - Sihyung Lee, Ambassador of Korea to the OECD (5')
    - Danielle Gaillard-Picher, Director of Policy and Programs, World Water Council (7')
    - Group Discussion on the “Governance Group” coordinated by OECD-WGI (30')
  - A dedicated SDG on Water in the Post-2015 Agenda
    - Status of the UN Open Working Group, by Gabor Baranyai, on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary (10')
    - Content of water related targets and indicators, by Gerard Payen, UNSGAB (10')
    - Group Discussion (30')
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**10:45 – 11:00** Coffee Break

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**11:00- 13:00** Water Governance in Brazil

The session will discuss recommendations from a policy dialogue between the OECD and Brazil to strengthen multi-level water governance and water allocation. The dialogue involved consultation of 100+ stakeholders during 3 fact-finding missions in the last 9 months. Delegates will be invited to share their views on the draft report, as well as their experience in dealing with similar issues, in the presence of a delegation from the National Water Agency of Brazil.

- Presentation of key findings and recommendations (15')
    - Aziza Akhmouch, Coordinator of the Policy Dialogue, Head of Water Governance, OECD
    - Xavier Leflaive, Head of Water, Environment Department, OECD
  - Insights from Peer-Reviewers
    - Peter Gammeltoft, Former Head of Water Unit, DG ENV, European Commission (5')
    - Xavier Ursat, Head of Hydropower, EDF (5')
    - Francisco Nunes Correia, Professor and former Minister for Environment of Portugal (5')
  - Remarks by João Gilberto Lotufo Conejo, Director, National Water Agency (5')
  - Discussion
    - Benedito Braga, Former Director of the National Water Agency (ANA), Brazil (10')
    - Alain Bernard, International Network of Basin Organisations (5')
    - Group discussion (55') – Interventions of 2 minutes.
  - Final remarks by the Brazilian Delegation (10')
  - Conclusion and next steps (5')
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**13:00 – 14:15** Buffet Lunch for OECD-WGI members (Atrium Area)

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**14:15 – 16:00** **Sharing experience on water governance reforms, initiatives, events and projects**

- Outcomes of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Forum of Water Regulators, Jaime Melo Baptista, ERSAR
- Lisbon Charter on the Regulation of Water Services, Tom Williams, IWA
- The 2015 Economic & Environmental Forum on Water Governance, Jenniver Sehring, OSCE
- Recent evolution in managing water supply and demand in Arizona, Sharon Megdal, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Centre
- UK Water Reform Agenda, Ian Barker, former head of water at the UK Environmental Agency
- ADB Green Cities' Initiative and Water Security Conference, Yasmin Siddiqi, ADB
- Implementing Ecological Flow Regime in Spain, Teodoro Estrella, Jucar River Basin Authority
- Activities on water integrity trainings, accountability and interculturality, Hakan Tropp, SIWI
- Territorial & water reform in France, the role of EPTBs, Jean-Pierre Arrondeau, EPTB Vilaine
- Highlights from the NARBO Manila Declaration, Tadashige Kawasaki, NARBO

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**16:00 – 16:30** **Coffee Break**

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**16:30 – 18:00** **Stakeholder Engagement for Inclusive Water Governance**

The session will discuss findings from a report assessing the main trends, drivers, obstacles, mechanisms, costs/benefits/effectiveness of stakeholder engagement in water-related decision-making. It is the outcome of the activities carried out within Working Group n°1 of OECD-WGI and relies on a Survey across 215 stakeholders and 67 case studies collected.

Delegates will be invited to share their views and comments especially on principles, indicators and checklist for action deriving from the work. Delegates will also be invited to share their experience in dealing with issues addressed in the report in order to learn from best practices.

- Presentation of key findings by Aziza Akhmouch, OECD (20')
- Comments by other OECD-WGI Working Groups 2, 3 and 4 Coordinators (5' each)
- Group discussion (45') – Intervention of 2 minutes
- Reactions by the Project Taskforce (5' each)
- Conclusion and next steps (5')

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**18:00 – 20:00** **Cocktail (Room Roger Ockrent)**

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**08:30 – 08:45** **Group Picture** (in front of the Conference Centre escalators)

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**08:45 – 9:00** **Coffee Networking**

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**09:00 – 09:30** **Welcoming Remarks**

- Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD
- Peter Wostner, Vice-Chair of Territorial Development Policy Committee, OECD

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**9:30 – 11:15** **OECD Principles on Water Governance**

International standards have a catalytic effect on policy practices and contribute to having governments design and implement better policies for better lives. A major outcome of OECD-WGI programme of work is to develop a set of overarching Principles on Water Governance to be endorsed by member states in 2015. This session will provide delegates with the opportunity to comment on the first draft of such Principles, which were designed in a bottom-up fashion through Working Groups inputs in a joint undertaking of OECD-WGI Steering Committee. In 2016, these Principles will feed into a broader OECD

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Recommendation on Water, which will also cover other dimensions of water policy.

- Presentation of the Draft Principles
  - Aziza Akhmouch, OECD (15')
- Group discussion (1h) – Interventions of 2 minutes.
- Reactions by OECD-WGI Secretariat and Steering Committee (15')
- Next steps
  - Mr Joaquim Oliveira-Martins, Head of the Regional Development Policy Division, OECD (5')
  - Ambassador Noe Van Hulst, Chair of the OECD 2015 Ministerial Conference (5')

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11:15 – 11:30 Walk through Working Groups' Meeting Rooms (coffee served there)

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11:30 – 13:30 **Breakout sessions of the Thematic Working Groups**

Objectives :

- Define a set of **policy indicators** for the implementation of water governance principles
- Identify **success stories** to be showcased at the 7<sup>th</sup> WWF and **experience-sharing**

Working group Sessions / Coordinators

- WG 1 **Stakeholder Engagement** [room MB 1122] – A. Akhmouch & D. Clavreul, OECD / J. Leclerc, Suez Environnement
- WG 2 **Performance and Governance of water services** [room MB 2122] –T. Williams, IWA
- WG 3 **Basin Governance** [room MB 4122] – D. Valensuela INBO & A. Ross, UNESCO-IHP
- WG n°4 **Integrity & Transparency** [room MB 1022] – T. Bastemeijer, WIN , H. Tropp, SIWI, D.I O'Leary, Transparency International

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14:30 – 14:50 **Report-back of WGs Reflections on Indicators (5' per WG)**

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14:50 – 17:15 **Roundtable on Water in Cities**

The session will discuss major challenges and policy responses to manage urban waters in OECD and emerging cities. Delegates will be invited to comments on the draft report prepared by the Secretariat and share their related experience.

- **Key challenges** identified in the report (20')
- Discussants views (5' each)
  - Innovation : Thierry Mallet, Suez Environnement
  - Financing : Bernard Barraqué, CNRS
  - Governance : Esther Suarez, Barcelona Metropolitan Area
  - Rural-Urban Linkages : Carel de Villeneuve, Netherlands
- Group discussion (45')
- **Policy responses** suggested in the report (10')
- Discussants' views: which role for national governments? (5' each)
  - Sasha Koo Oshima, United States
  - Jon Rathjen, Scotland
  - Rita Golstein-Galperin, Israel
  - Emilio Lentini, Argentina
- Group discussion (40')
- Concluding remarks : Bill Tompson, Head of the Urban Policy Programme, OECD

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17:15 –17:30 **Closure and next steps**

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