

3rd Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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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** and Post-2015 Development Agenda ;
- Support the implementation of the governance targets designed for the 6th World Water Forum (Marseille, 2012) up to the 7th **World Water Forum** (Korea, 2015);
- Contribute to the design of **OECD Principles on Water Governance** and **OECD Indicators on Water Governance** to engage decision-makers at all levels, within and outside the water sector, commit to action;

Objectives

Building on the **key highlights** from the 2nd meeting of 7-8 November 2013, the 3rd meeting will:

1. **Discuss recent developments in the Global Water Agenda**, especially the outcomes of the UN Meeting on Sustainable Development Goals (18-19 February, New York) and the 7th World Water Forum Consultation Meeting (27-28 February, Gyeongju, Korea) and next steps;
2. Discuss the scope, rationale and building blocks of **OECD Principles on Water Governance**, based on the scoping paper prepared by the Secretariat and key messages from the working groups ;
3. Discuss policy messages from **Thematic Working Groups** on stakeholder engagement; performance and governance of water services; basin governance; and integrity and transparency to be reflected in OECD Principles on Water Governance;
4. Discuss ways forward to build **Water Governance Indicators** to support the effectiveness and performance institutions and governance arrangements at macro, sectoral; institutional and project level;
5. Draw lessons from **regional initiatives** in support of better water governance, in particular in **Latin America, Middle East and North Africa, and Africa**.
6. Share experience on current and forthcoming **water governance reforms, events and projects**;

Monday 28 April 2014

Anfiteatro Gabriela Mistral, Casa de América, Madrid – Spain

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee networking

09:00 – 09:45 Welcoming remarks

- **Gonzalo Robles Orozco**, Secretary General for International Cooperation and Development of Spain, Director of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (10 min)
- **Liana Sandra Ardiles López**, Director of Water, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain (10min)

Launch of the Report “Water Governance in the Netherlands: Fit for the future?”

- **Rolf Alter**, Director of Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD (10 min)
 - **Peter Glas**, Chairman of the OECD Initiative on Water Governance (10 min)
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09:45 – 10:00 Update on the OECD Water Governance Initiative

- **Aziza Akhmouch**, OECD Water Governance Programme : newcomers, recent events, working groups highlights
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10:00- 11:15 On the road to the 7th World Water Forum

- Presentation of the results of the 7th WWF Consultation Meeting (27-28 February, Gyeongju, Korea) by Yang Jin Oh, National Committee for the 2015 World Water Forum Korea (15 min, tbc)
 - Group discussion (1h)
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11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45- 13:00 A Dedicated Water SDG? Putting principles and indicators for equitable, participatory and accountable water governance

- Presentation of the outcomes from UN meeting on the SDGs (18-19 February, New York, USA) by Gérard Payen, UNSGAB (tbc)
 - Group discussion on the suggested “governance target”: how to get there? (1h)
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13:00 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch – Casa de América

14:00 – 15:30 OECD Principles on Water Governance : Getting Started

The session will kick-off the preparation of Principles, building on the background note prepared by the OECD Secretariat.

A brief introductory presentation will cover the following questions (15 min)

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- What are OECD Principles? Which audience do they target? What for?
 - Which governance issues are covered by the OECD (1989) Recommendation on water?
 - What could be building blocks of OECD Principles on Water Governance?
 - Which policy messages from working groups should be conveyed?
 - What is the process and timeline?
 - How can these principles be linked to parallel efforts (UNESCO global framework on groundwater governance, FAO guidelines on water governance, etc.)

Group Discussion (1h)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Measure what needs to be improved: which indicators for effective water governance?

The session will stake stock of existing indicators/monitoring systems at macro, sectoral, institutional and project level to assess the performance of governance. Inputs from working groups and insights from regional partners will provide a basis to discuss indicators' strengths, weaknesses, on-the-ground implementation and impact on policy outcomes. The session will shed light on glaring gaps and pave the way for a specific project aiming to bridge them.

Presentation covering the following questions (15 min)

- Which indicators do we need to measure effective water governance and ensure implementation of OECD Principles?
- What does already exist and is useful? What is missing and should be developed?
- What are the special challenges in developing such indicators? Which lessons can be drawn from outside the water sector?
- How can synergies be made with parallel efforts?(WRI, WWF, INBO, NARBO, IWA etc.)

Group discussion (45 min)

17:00 – 18:30 A zoom on the case of Spain: challenges and lessons learnt for water governance at the international and national level

- The experience of Spain and its partner countries in the **Latin American** and **Western Mediterranean** regions (45 min)
 - Group Discussion (45 min)
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18:30 Cocktail - Hotel Ada Palace, Edificio Gran Vía 2

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Anfiteatro Gabriela Mistral, Casa de América, Madrid – Spain

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee networking

09:00 – 12:00 Parallel working sessions of the thematic working groups

WG n°1 Stakeholder Engagement [Salón Bolívar]

- Preliminary results from the Survey “Stakeholder Engagement for Effective Water Governance”
- Discussion on the policy messages and how they can feed the Principles
- Selection of the most innovative instruments / practices to be emphasized
- Presentations of a few success stories of stakeholder engagement
- Link to the 7th World Water Forum session group on the topic

WG n°2 Performance and Governance of water services [Sala Cervantes]

- Review and finalisation of the revised version of the scoping note of the working group
- Discussion on policy messages
- Discussion on indicators
- Preparation of the next WG n°2 meeting (4 June 2014, Orléans-France)
- Review of on-going activities of IWA and preparation of the IWA Congress (21-26 September, Lisbon-Portugal)
- Preparation of 7th WWF Thematic Process and coordination with Sciences & Technology process

WG n°3 Basin Governance [Sala Borges]

- Progress and events
- Presentation of the Scoping Note
- Work done on water governance indicators at basin level
- Future development: content of water governance in basins, collection and selection of case studies

WG n°4 Integrity & Transparency [Sala Juan Bosch]

- Recent progress and events
- Country cases and knowledge sharing platforms
- Key principles and messages on integrity and transparency
- Update on activities related to developing water sector transparency and integrity indicators, including ongoing work by TI, the WIN and SIWI
- Guidance tool for codes of conduct
- Increase the pace, broaden the base: 2nd International Water Integrity Forum 2016

12:00 – 13:00 Buffet Lunch – Casa de América

13:00 – 14:00 **Report back key messages from working groups and Group discussion**

14:00 – 15:15 **Water governance in the MENA region**

OECD/GWP-Med Policy dialogues “Governance bottlenecks to private sector participation in water services : the case of **Jordan** and **Tunisia** “

- Allocations by UfM and GWP-Med, Regional Partners of the Initiative (15 min)
 - Presentation of Key findings from the project: Céline Kauffmann, OECD (15 min)
 - Group discussion (45 min)
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15:15 – 15:45 **National water governance initiatives in Africa**

- Key messages from the cases of Ethiopia and Mozambique
 - Action plan from the Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Water Integrity (19-20 Feb, Delft)
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15:45 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:00 **Recent water governance reforms, programmes and initiatives**

Tour de table of recent reforms, projects and initiatives

Group discussion

17:00 – 17:30 **Wrap up and next steps**

2014-2015 Events including Water Governance Discussions

Date & Location	Event	Convening organisation
13-15 May 2014 Antalya, Turkey	2 nd International Conference on Water Resources and Environmental Management	GIWEH
26-30 May 2014 Dakar, Senegal	Africa Water Week	AMCOW
27-29 May 2014 Istanbul, Turkey	3 rd International Water Forum	SUEN
May 2014 Beijing, China	International Conference on Water, Energy and Food	IUCN, IWA
1-5 June 2014 Singapore	Singapore International Water Week	
3-6 June 2014 Orléans, France	93 rd ASTEE Conference “Innovating in local environmental public services”	ASTEE
12-14 June 2014 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	Africa Water 2014 – Prelude to the 7th WWF	WWC
31 Aug – 5 Sept 2014 Stockholm, Sweden	Stockholm World Water Week	SIWI
9-12 September 2014 San Francisco, United States	13th IWA International Specialised Conference on watershed and river basin management	IWA
21-26 September 2014 Lisbon, Portugal	IWA World Water Congress	IWA
5-7 November 2014 Adelaide, Australia	Freshwater Governance Conference 2014	Australian Water Association
12-17 April 2015 Daegu, Korea	7th World Water Forum	World Water Council
25-29 May 2015 Edinburgh, Scotland	IWRA World Water Congress	IWRA

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