

3rd Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

AGENDA

28-29 April 2014

Casa de América
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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** (World Water Forum, Post-2015 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 road to the 7th World Water Forum (Korea, 2015) and the preparation and negotiation of post-2015 water-related targets;
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 the 4 **Thematic Working Groups** on stakeholder engagement; performance and governance of water services; basin governance; and integrity and transparency;
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

08:00 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee networking

09:00 – 09:20 **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)
- **Federico Ramos de Armas**, Secretary of State for Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain (10min)

09:20 – 09:45 **Launch of the Report “Water Governance in the Netherlands: Fit for the future?”**

- **Claire Charbit**, Deputy-Head, Regional Development Policy Division, OECD
- **Peter Glas**, Chairman of the OECD Initiative on Water Governance

09:45 – 10:00 **Update on the OECD Water Governance Initiative**

- **Aziza Akhmouch**, Head, OECD Water Governance Programme

10:00- 11:15 **On the road to the 7th World Water Forum**

- Outcomes and next steps of the 7th WWF Consultation Meeting (27-28 February, Gyeongju, Korea): Representative of Korea (tbc);
- Group discussion (1h)

11:15 – 11:40 Coffee Break

11:40- 13:00 **Towards a Sustainable Development Goal on Water ? Putting principles and indicators for equitable, participatory and accountable water governance**

- Preparation and negotiation of post-2015 water-related targets, Gérard Payen, UNSGAB & AquaFed (20 min)
- Group discussion on the suggested “governance target”: How to get there? (1h)

13:00 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch – Casa de América

14:00 – 15:15 **Measuring the performance of governance: which indicators?**

The session will take stock of existing indicators and monitoring systems at macro, sectoral, institutional and project level to assess the performance of water 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.

Based on a background note prepared by the OECD Secretariat, the session will shed light on current gaps related to water governance indicators and pave the way for a specific project aiming to bridge them and develop OECD indicators on water governance.

The session will aim to address the following questions

- Which indicators do we need to measure effective water governance and ensure implementation of forthcoming OECD Principles on Water Governance?
 - 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
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from outside the water sector?

- How can synergies be made with parallel efforts?

Presentation of the scoping note by the OECD Secretariat (10 min)

Reflections from discussants (5 min each)

- Simone Grego, United Nations World Water Assessment Programme
- Bruce Hooper, Senior Water Expert on IWRM indicators
- Keizrul Bin Abdullah, Network of Asian River Basin Organisations
- Lucia De Stefano, Botin Foundation (indicators on transparency)

A practical illustration of defining indicators for effective water governance :

- The National Water Pact in Brazil, Joao Gilberto Lotufo, National Water Agency (10 min)

Group discussion (30 min)

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00 **Water governance in the Middle East and North Africa region**

The session will present the key highlights from the OECD/GWP-Med Policy Dialogues in **Jordan** and **Tunisia** to assess the governance obstacles to private sector participation in water services of both countries, and provide an action plan with concrete steps to overcome them.

Introductory remarks (15 min)

- Fuad Bateh, Union for the Mediterranean
- Anthi Brouma, Global Water Partnership-Med
- Edouard Perard, European Investment Bank

Presentation of key findings (20 min)

- Céline Kauffmann, Deputy-Head, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD

Group discussion (40 min)

17:00 – 18:30 **Challenges and lessons learnt for water governance at the international and national level : The case of Spain**

Chair : Gonzalo Robles Orozco, Secretary General for International Cooperation and Development of Spain

Presentations of experience in Spain, Latin America and the Mediterranean:

- **Water governance at the national level:** Francisco José Hijós Bitrián, Deputy Commissioner for Water, Ebro River Basin Authority, President of the Water Committee of the World Council of Civil Engineers (10 min)
- **The Conference of Ibero-American Water Directors (CODIA):** Víctor Arqued, Permanent Technical Secretary of CODIA and Deputy-Director of Planning and Sustainable Water Use, General Directorate for Water of Spain (10 min)
- **International Cooperation: Planning water and sanitation services in El Salvador - The Water and Sanitation Cooperation Fund:** Marco Antonio Fortín, President of the National Administration of Aqueducts and Sewers of El Salvador (10 min)
- **Water strategy in the Western Mediterranean:** Ramiro Martínez, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (REMOC-MENBO-REMOB) (10 min)

Group Discussion (45 min)

18:45 – 21:00 **Dinner and entertainment at the restaurant La Capilla de la Bolsa**, hosted by FIDEX, AEDYR, and ICEX Spain Trade & Investment, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment of Spain. *Transport to the location will be provided for all participants and leave at 18h45.*

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Anfiteatro Gabriela Mistral, Casa de América, Madrid

08:30 – 09:00 **Networking coffee**

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
- Discussion on indicators that can track effectiveness of stakeholder engagement
- Identification of the most innovative practices to develop case studies
- 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 meeting (4 June 2014, Orléans-France)
- Review of on-going activities of IWA and preparation of the IWA Congress (21-26 September, Lisbon-Portugal)
- Link to the 7th WWF 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 – 13:15 **Buffet Lunch – Casa de América**

13:15 – 15:15 **OECD Principles on Water Governance : Getting Started**

The session will address the following questions

- What are OECD Principles? Which audience do they target? What for?
- What could be building blocks of OECD Principles on Water Governance?
- Which policy messages from the 4 Working Groups should be conveyed?
- What is the process and timeline to get there?
- How can the development of OECD principles be linked to ongoing parallel efforts?

Presentation of the background note by the Secretariat (15 min)

Report back from the WG sessions on policy messages that can feed OECD Principles (45 min)

Reflections from discussants on the potential building blocks of OECD Principles (5 min each)

- Francisco Nunes Correia, Former minister of Environment of Portugal
- Blanca Jimenez-Cisneros, UNESCO-IHP
- Lesha Witmer, Butterfly Effect
- Joppe Cramwinckel, World Business Council on Sustainable Development
- Bernard Barraqué, CNRS-France
- Milo Fiasconaro, Aqua Publica Europa
- Representative from a local authority or network of local authorities (tbc)

Group discussion (30 min)

15:15 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 16:45 **Tour de table of water governance reforms, events and initiatives**

Brief presentations of recent and ongoing developments (5 min each)

- Water governance initiatives in Ethiopia and Mozambique – Teun Bastemeijer, WIN
- Governance challenges of multipurpose uses of hydroreservoirs – Laurent Bellet, EDF (tbc)
- A project book on water governance – Naidoo Dhesigen, WRC-South Africa
- 3rd Istanbul International Water Forum – Aslihan Kerc, Turkish Water Institute
- Adelaide Freshwater Governance 2014 Conference – Jennifer McKay, Australia
- List to be completed

Group discussion (30 min)

16:45 – 17:00 **Wrap up and next steps**

2014-2015 Events including Water Governance Discussions

Date & Location	Event	Convening organisation
29-30 April 2014 Lusaka, Zambia	1 st African Water Integrity Summit	UNDP-Water Governance Facility, WIN, UNDP/Cap-Net, WaterNet and SIWI
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
29-30 May 2014 Maputo, Mozambique	Africa Rising Conference	IMF, Government of Mozambique
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
15-17 January 2015 Zaragoza, Spain	UN-Water Annual Zaragoza Conference	UN-Water Decade Programme on Advocacy and Communication
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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