

11th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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

The WGI, which was created in March 2013, has the following objectives:

- Provide a **multi-stakeholder technical platform** to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government;
- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogue and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance in the Global Water Agenda;
- Support the **implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance** in interested member and non-member countries by scaling up best practices and using the indicators' framework for self-assessment; and
- **Foster continuity on governance** from the 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia, 2018) to the 9th Forum (Dakar, 2021).

Objectives of the 11th WGI Meeting

- Update delegates on WGI contribution to Global Agendas
- Discuss the 2019-2021 WGI Programme of Work and the objectives, content and outputs of the Working Groups
- Share knowledge and experience on recent water governance reforms, research and events
- Learn from Spain's water governance
- Discuss the role of water governance in circular economy

Working languages and interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish in plenary sessions. For breakout sessions the working language will be English.

Previous meetings of the WGI

- [10th Meeting](#), 20-21 November 2017 – Vienna, Austria
- [9th Meeting](#): 3-4 July 2017 – Paris, France.
- [8th Meeting](#): 12-13 January 2017 – Rabat, Morocco.
- [7th Meeting](#): 23-24 June 2016 - The Hague, Netherlands.
- [6th Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2015 – Paris, France.
- [5th Meeting](#): 26 May 2015 – Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- [4th Meeting](#): 24-25 November 2014 – Paris, France.
- [3rd Meeting](#): 28-29 April 2014 – Madrid, Spain.
- [2nd Meeting](#): 7-8 November 2013 – Paris, France.
- [1st Meeting](#): 27-28 March 2013 – Paris, France.

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Monday 12 November 2018

08:30 - 9:00 Registration & coffee networking

9:00 – 9:45

Welcoming Remarks

- Mr Peter Glas, Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative
- María Dolores Pascual, President, Ebro River Basin Authority
- Francisco Javier Lambán Montañés, President Regional Government of Aragon
- Manuel Teruel, President Feria de Zaragoza
- Aziza Akhmouch, Acting Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, OECD

09:45 – 10:45

Update on WGI contribution to Global Agenda

- Outcomes of the 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia, 18-23 March 2018), ANA Brazil and WWC
- Outcomes of the 2018 High Level Political Forum (New York, 9-18 July 2018), OECD
- On the road to COP 24 (Katowice, 3-14 December 2018), INBO

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15

Peer-review “An application of the OECD Principles on Water Governance to Flood Management”

- Key findings and recommendations, Antonio Canamas, OECD (15 min)
- Group Discussion (45 min)

12:15 – 13:00

Tour de table on latest water governance research and policy reforms

- Update on Water Governance in Brazil (National Water Agency, Brazil)
- Water governance in a humanitarian context: Case Studies in Uganda, Sierra Leone, Pakistan (ACF)
- Towards a City Water Resilience Framework (ARUP)
- Groundwater Management in Coastal Zones (BGR-BMZ)
- Women as change-makers in the governance of shared waters (Women for Water Partnership)

13:00 – 14:30

Buffet Lunch (on site)

14:30 - 15:30

Group discussion on the WGI 2019-2021 Strategy and Programme of Work

- Key highlights and proposals, Hakan Tropp, OECD Secretariat (10 min)
- Group discussion (30 min)
- Contribution from the WGI Steering Committee (20 min)

15:30 – 16:30

Shaping the objectives, content and outputs of WGI Working Groups

Delegates will discuss in two parallel breakout sessions the scope, content and results of the two proposed WGI working groups on “Indicators” and “Capacity Development” for 2018-2021. Each group will discuss:

- Priorities and content
- Methodology and who does what
- Expected outcomes for the 9th World Water Forum (2021)

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:00

Implementing the WGI Strategy and Programme of Work : Ways forward

- Report-back from breakout sessions (15 min)
- A contribution of the King Hassan II World Water Prize to WGI Programme of Work (45 min)
 - “The Governance and Economics of Water Security for Sustainable Development in Africa”
 - Group discussion

18:00 – 20:00

Cocktail at the venue

9:00 – 10:15

Water Governance for Circular Economy

The session will discuss challenges and opportunities for cross sectoral integration within circular economy systems and the critical role of water governance in that regard.

- Introductory presentations (45 min):
 - Cities and Circular Economy, Oriana Romano, OECD
 - Circular Economy in Valladolid, Spain, Rosa Huertas González
 - Opportunities for water utilities, Gari Villa-Landa Sokolova, AEAS
 - Chile: From Water Treatment Plants to Bio-factories, Joannie Leclerc, Suez
- Group discussion (30 min)

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30

Tour de table on latest water governance events

- Adaptation Futures 2018, 18-21 June, Cape Town, South Africa
- 26th Stockholm World Water Week, 26-31 August, Stockholm, Sweden
- Water Education Indicator under SDG6.a, 4 September, 2018, Delft, The Netherlands
- 8th Water Economics Forum, 27 September, Madrid, Spain
- EURO-INBO 2018 Conference, 17-20 October, Seville, Spain
- 18th International Anticorruption Conference, 22-24 October, 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 7th Africa Water Week, 29 October - 2 November, Libreville, Gabon

11:30 – 13:00

Water Governance in Spain: challenges and opportunities for the future

- Presentations (45 min):
 - Manuel Menéndez, General Water Director
 - Ramiro Martínez, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)
 - Fernando Morcillo, President of AEAS (Spanish Association for Water Supply and Sanitation)
 - Alberto Garrido, Director of the Observatory of Water, Botín Foundation
- Group discussion (45 min)

13:00 – 13:30

Concluding remarks & next steps

13:30 – 15:00

Closing buffet lunch