

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

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7-8 November 2013  
OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, Paris  
Room CC 12 (Conference Centre)

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. It was launched on 27-28 March 2013.

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 **6 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 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 of the meeting


In line with the overarching objectives of the OECD Water Governance Initiative, and building on the [key decisions](#) taken at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 27-28 March 2013, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting has the following objectives

1. **Kick-off the 4 Thematic Working Groups** as “building blocks” of **OECD Principles on Water Governance**
  - stakeholder engagement for effective water management (led by OECD, and Suez Environment) ;
  - performance and governance of water supply and sanitation (led by ASTEE)
  - basin governance (led by INBO/OIEau and UNESCO-IHP); and
  - integrity and transparency (led by WIN, TI, SIWI-UNDP Water Governance Facility);
2. Introduce **regional partners** of and **thematic contributors** to the Initiative’s Programme of Work to define *who* does *what* , exchange on a list of activities for impactful actions of the delegates;
3. **Discuss recent developments in the Global Water Agenda**, especially the outcomes of the Water Integrity Forum (Delft, 5-7 June 2013), the Budapest Water Summit (8-11 October 2013) and the preparation of 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (12-17 April, Daegu- Korea);
4. **Discuss analytical work on water governance**, especially comment and share experience on the findings from the draft OECD report “Water Governance in the Netherlands : Fit for the Future?” in the presence of a high-level Dutch Delegation;
5. Exchange on **recent water governance reforms and initiatives**, with a **tour de table** to shed light on delegates activities and projects in the pipeline
6. Define a **Communication** and **Outreach Strategy** for the Network

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9h 	<u>Coffee networking and registration</u>
9h30	<u>Opening remarks</u> by Peter Glas, Chair of the OECD Water Governance Initiative Progress achieved since the March 2013 kick-off meeting and roadmap
9h45 – 10h15	<u>Welcoming remarks by OECD countries supporting the Initiative</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr Gonzalo Robles Orozco, Minister for International Cooperation and Development of Spain</li> <li>▪ Mr Sihyung Lee, Ambassador of Korea to the OECD</li> <li>▪ Mr Noé Van Hulst, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the OECD</li> <li>▪ Ms Pascale Andréani, Ambassador of France to the OECD</li> </ul>
10h15 – 11h15	<u>Contribution to the Global Water Agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outcomes of the Water Integrity Forum (5-7 June, Delft) - Teun Bastemeijer, Water Integrity Network</li> <li>▪ Outcomes of Budapest Water Summit (8-11 October 2013) – representative from Hungary (tbc)</li> <li>▪ On the road to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum – Korean or WWC representative (tbc)</li> </ul> Group discussion
11h15 – 11h45	Coffee Break
11h45 – 13h	<u>Regional partners' contribution to the network: reaching out non-OECD countries</u> Group Discussion
13h	Buffet Lunch for the members of the Initiative (Atrium area)
14h –15h	<u>Getting the Initiative off the ground : on the road to OECD Principles on Water Governance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation of the 4 thematic working groups by their respective coordinators</li> </ul> Working Group n° 1 : <b>Stakeholder engagement</b> for effective water management, Aziza Akhmouch, OECD Working Group n° 2 : <b>Performance and governance of WSS</b> , Pierre-Alain Roche, ASTEE Working Group n° 3 : <b>Basin governance</b> , Jean-François Donzier, INBO/OIEau & Alice Aurelie, UNESCO Working Group n° 4 : <b>Integrity and transparency</b> Hakan Tropp, SIWI/UNDP and Teun Bastemeijer, WIN
15h –17h	<u>Parallel working sessions of the thematic working groups</u> Parallel meetings will be facilitated by the coordinators of the 4 working groups with the objectives to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Agree on the objective of the working group and expected outcomes</li> <li>▪ Comment on the preliminary scoping note prepared by the coordinators</li> <li>▪ Map (within the working group) who does what, how and when</li> <li>▪ Identify on-going projects/reforms/tools that can contribute to the WG</li> <li>▪ Agree on an action plan and communication strategy</li> </ul> WG n°1 :Room CC12 WG n°2: Room CC24 WG n°3: Room MB1122 WG n°4: Room MB 4122
17h – 18h	Report-back and Group Discussion (plenary)
18h	Cocktail, Room George Marshall, OECD

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8h30 	<u>Coffee networking and registration</u>
9h – 11h30	<p><u>Peer-review of the OECD Report “Water Governance in the Netherlands: Fit for the Future?”</u> (<i>Joint session with the OECD Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems</i>)</p> <p>In line with the Initiative’s objective to advise governments on water policy reforms, delegates will be asked their views on the preliminary findings from the OECD/Netherlands Policy Dialogue on Water Governance.</p> <p>The draft report aims to assess the performance of Dutch water governance system and provide guidance on how it can better cope with future challenges, risk and cost drivers. The report is the result of a 9-month multi-stakeholder Policy Dialogue between OECD Secretariat, peer-reviewers and Dutch authorities.</p> <p>Governance issues addressed in the report include efficiency gains through improved coordination between public authorities, policy coherence (water, spatial planning, nature conservation), performance and benchmarking (municipalities, regional water authorities, drinking water companies), adaptive pathways to cope with future risks, mismatches across the water chain, stakeholder engagement for inclusiveness and transparency, implementation of the WFD, financial and ecological sustainability.</p> <p>The Water Governance Initiative will provide a unique opportunity to learn from delegates’ views, comments and suggestions on the findings. A copy of the draft report will be sent 3 weeks in advance.</p> <p><b>Chair</b> : TBC</p> <p><b>Welcoming remarks</b> (10’)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rolf Alter, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD</li> <li>▪ Simon Upton, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD</li> <li>▪ Director-General, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands (tbc)</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of the <b>findings</b> by the OECD Secretariat (30’)</p> <p><b>Peer-reviewers’ insights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Francisco Nunes Correia, former Minister of Environment and Regional Development, Portugal (10’)</li> <li>▪ Sasha Koo-Oshima, Water Advisor, Environmental Protection Agency, United States (10’)</li> </ul> <p><b>Remarks by Dutch authorities</b> (15’)</p> <p>Group Discussion</p>
11h30 – 12h	Coffee Break
12h – 13h	<p><b>Recent water governance reforms, programmes and initiatives</b></p> <p>“A User’s Guide on Assessing Water Governance” - Hakan Tropp, SIWI/UNDP Water Governance Facility</p> <p>Tour de table of other projects / initiatives</p> <p>Group discussion</p>
13h – 14h	Buffet Lunch for the members of the Initiative (Atrium area)
14h – 15h30	<p><u>A communication and dissemination strategy for the OECD Water Governance Initiative</u></p> <p>How to communicate and disseminate the Initiative’s work, to whom and when?</p> <p>Group Discussion</p>
15h30 – 16h	Wrap up and next steps