WGI Breakout Working Session

3 November 2015 - 9:45-11:30

Objectives:

The objective of the breakout working sessions is to discuss in-depth the strategic paper and build consensus on the ways forward. In particular, the working session will aim to:

- ✓ Collect feedbacks and reactions of members on the overall programme of work;
- ✓ Identify members' interest in and concrete contributions to the proposed working groups on best practices and indicators;
- ✓ Map members' suggestions for improving communication and outreach on the WGI activities;

Format:

Members will be invited to breakout into 5 groups (approx. 17 members per group) moderated by the Steering Committee:

- – Group n°1: Aziza (OECD) and Jean-François (INBO)
- – Group n°2: Teun (WIN) and Pierre-Alain (ASTEE)
- – Group n°3: Peter and Donal (Transparency International)
- – Group n°4: Pascale (SUEZ) and Oriana (OECD)
- – Group n°5: Hakan and Johanna (SIWI) and Delphine (OECD)

Each group will cover the same set of activities simultaneously, which will consist in answering the following key questions, using the following methodologies:

1. **Do you agree with the SWOT analysis of the WGI presented in the strategic paper and do you see anything to be added? [10min]**
   Members will be asked to share short comments of the SWOT if they disagree or have additional items to suggest.

   Methodology: The SWOT analysis will be presented on the paperboard and members will be using post-its to flag items they do not agree with and /or add new items. (1 idea per post-it; members' institution and referring point in the SWOT should be mentioned)

   [Exercises 2 & 3 are lead in parallel in 2 sub-groups of 8/9 persons]

2. **What has been the most important contribution of the WGI to your institution? [5min]**
   Members will be asked to each select the top 3 items among the ones suggested below, or suggest their own, to characterise what the WGI brings to their respective institution: *experience-sharing* ; *bench-learning* ; *dissemination of work*; *networking*; *contribution to the global water agenda*, and others.

   Methodology: The above items will be written down on the paperboard. Members will be given 5 min to paste 3 colour stickers next to the item they have selected: red for the n°1 item; orange for the n°2 item and yellow for the n°3 item. Members can also suggest other items to be added on the paperboard and share some comments, if needed.

3. **What has been the most important contribution of your institution to the WGI? [5min]**
   Members will be asked to each select 3 to 5 items among the ones suggested below, or suggest their own, to characterise what the WGI brings to their respective activities: share policy experience; provide academic expertise ; provide practical experience and case studies ; disseminate WGI results ; mobilise own network/constituencies; host a plenary/working group meeting.

   Methodology: Same methodology at the previous exercise.

4. **What do you consider as the main landmarks of the global water/governance agenda up to 2018? [15min]**
   Members will be asked to each suggest key international water events at the agenda for 2016-2018 and explain why and how the WGI should be contributing to them.

   Methodology: A "blank" timeline for 2016-2018 will be presented on the paperboard. Members will be given 10 min to write down up-coming events that they consider as important on the global water/governance agenda, using post-its (1 event per post-it; 3 different colours of post-it for i) global

event on water, ii) global event on governance and iii) highlight in your own agenda). Members will then stick their post-its on the timeline, while explaining why they consider these particular events to be important, and how they see the WGI contributing. [Post-its should be collected by the facilitators at the end of the exercise].

5. **What is your level of interest in the proposed working groups on best practices and indicators? [5min]**
Members will self-evaluate their level of interest in the proposed working groups using colour stickers: red for "very interested"; orange for "mildly interested" and yellow for "not interested".

Methodology: Members will be asked to paste colour stickers on the paperboard next to the title of each working group (on best practice and indicators), according to their level of interest: red for "very interested"; orange for "mildly interested" and yellow for "not interested". Members will be invited to share short reactions if needed, including the need to consider other options or working groups.

6. **In which concrete way(s) do you expect to contribute to the proposed working groups? [20 min]**
Members will suggest concrete contributions from their respective institutions to the proposed activities of each working group for 2016-2018, building on their own programme of work and projects.

Methodology: Members will be given 10 min to reflect on the synergies between the proposed WGI programme of work and their respective projects and planned activities for 2016-2018. They will then be asked to write on post-its how they will concretely contribute to one or both working groups (examples should be given by moderators to inspire participants). The members will finally be invited to stick their post-its next to each working group on the paperboard. [Post-its should be collected by the facilitators at the end of the exercise].

7. **Which of the expected WGI deliverables for 2016-2018 do you consider the most important for your institution? [10 min]**
Members will be asked to rank the following expected deliverables in order of priority according to their respective institution's interest, or suggest other deliverables: i) Observatory of water governance good practices; ii) Framework of water governance indicators; iii) Regional/stakeholder snapshot on the Principles; iv) OECD "Water Governance at a Glance" publication; and v) Action Monitoring System for the 7th World Water Forum Roadmap

Methodology: The above list of deliverables will be presented on the paperboard. Members will be given 5 min to consider each item against their institutions' stream of work and rank the deliverables from 1 to 5 in order of priority on a paper sheet. Members will then share their ranking during a quick tour de table and make additional comments, if needed. [Paper sheets should be collected by the facilitators at the end of the exercise].

8. **How can the WGI bridge its membership gaps? [15 min]**
The strategic paper identified certain gaps in the WGI's composition concerning non-OECD countries, local governments, other sectors (agriculture, transport, tourism, mining), customer associations, and trade-unions. Members will discuss if other stakeholders are missing and will brainstorm on how the WGI can address these gaps by suggesting institutions that could join, communication platforms that could be used, etc.

Methodology: Members will be given 10 min to reflect on the targeted stakeholders, their potential interest in collaborating with the WGI, possible contact point and concrete outreach actions. They will write their suggestions on post-it to complete a flipchart.

9. **How can the WGI strengthen its communication strategy? [10min]**
Members will brainstorm on how to improve the media coverage of WGI's activities and outputs by suggesting media types, avenues, and opportunities (e.g. journals, websites, etc.).

Methodology: Members will be given 10 min to brainstorm on how the WGI could be more visible in the media (moderators should give one or two examples to inspire them). They will then make written suggestions of types of media, platforms and other avenues that could be used to by the WGI to disseminate its outputs. [Written suggestions should be collected by the facilitators at the end of the exercise].