On 21 March 2018, Angel Gurría, Secretary-General of the OECD, received the King Hassan II Great World Water Prize during the 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia). The Prize provides an impetus for the OECD to spearhead new policy work on water in Africa in cooperation with the Water Governance initiative, the World Water Council, the Kingdom of Morocco, and the Republic of Senegal, which outcomes will be released at the 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, 2021).

Key facts
• 250 million Africans are expected to live in areas of high water stress by 2030
• Urban population is projected to grow from 36% in 2010 to 50% by 2030 and reach 60% in 2050
• Trends in improved governance are slackening or showing signs of reversing in recent years

Objectives
Assessing
• Support local, national and regional water reforms in Africa through tailored policy dialogues
• Produce new data, analysis & recommendations on water governance, financing and irrigation

Learning & Sharing
• Conduct capacity-building workshops
• Share experiences and best practices
• Develop guidance tools

Raising Awareness
• Produce infographics
• Develop user-friendly awareness-raising tools

"Water unites us all, as people, as cultures, as societies, cities and economies. We cannot afford to get water wrong, and with climate change, urbanisation and population growth, we cannot afford to take it for granted"

Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General
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How will the programme be implemented?

- Leadership and co-production with the Steering Committee of the OECD Water Governance Initiative
- Consortium of key institutional partners & sponsors, including regional networks and platforms in Africa
- Link to existing partnerships, programmes and research in/on Africa
- Use of the USD 100,000 check awarded to the OECD with the Prize to catalyse at least USD 1 million

How can you contribute?

1. Consider synergies with your programmes and partnerships in Africa
2. Join the Consortium of institutional partners and co-funders
3. Contribute to the production of data, research and recommendations
4. Host meetings or events throughout the programme implementation
5. Volunteer your city, basin, or country for case studies or policy dialogues
6. Share your successful stories in Africa

What is the timeline of the Programme?

- 22 March 2019 - Official Kick-off
- June 2019 – Final Consortium of sponsors / funders
- November 2019 – Highlights from selected projects
- 2020 – Implementation phase
- February 2021 – Launch of results at the 9th World Water Forum

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