Daegu’s
Multi-stakeholder Declaration on the
OECD Principles on Water Governance

Handed to the OECD’s Secretary-General Angel Gurría at the 7th World Water Forum on 13 April 2015

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We, organisations from the public, private and non-profit sectors, major groups and individuals, actively engaged in the OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI), an innovative multi-stakeholder network of 120+ delegates gathering twice a year in a Policy Forum, strongly believe that water crises are often governance crises and:

1. **Fully support the upcoming OECD Principles on Water Governance** as a solid framework to help national and subnational governments design and implement better water policies for better lives, in cooperation with the broad range of stakeholders within and outside the water sector;

2. **Applaud the bottom-up, multi-stakeholder and inclusive process** behind the preparation of the Principles since the creation of the Water Governance Initiative on 27 March 2013, as a follow-up to the OECD commitment made at the 6th World Water Forum (Marseille, 2012);

3. **Call upon governments from OECD countries to approve the Principles** at the 33rd meeting of the Regional Development Policy Committee, 29 April 2015 and to give them a strong and high-level political impetus at the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, 3-4 June 2015;

4. **Look forward to the integration of the Principles into an OECD Recommendation** to give them a legal nature and strong moral force, and to provide a consensual baseline to identify and scale up best practices and trigger changes in governance and policy;

5. **Invite developing and emerging countries to endorse the Principles** and to adhere to the subsequent Recommendation;

6. **Pledge that all stakeholders use the Principles to guide their activities and practices** in order to strengthen the effectiveness, efficiency, trust and engagement in water governance;

7. **Commit to disseminate the Principles widely** within our organisations, to our members, networks, partners and the public at large;

8. **Invite the OECD to develop water governance indicators**, with the same bottom-up and inclusive process, to monitor progress in the implementation of the Principles, especially in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals;

9. **Expect the Water Governance Initiative to continue playing an important role** in gathering international experience to facilitate benchmarking and peer-learning on each of the Principles;

10. **Thank the OECD for its commitment and leadership** and stand ready to contribute to future collective efforts in support of good governance in the water sector.
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