



# OECD Water Programme

## **Work of the Task Team in the context of the broader OECD Water Programme**

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# Background of Water Task Team

- Established to support follow-up to OECD environment and development Ministerial, April 2006
- Brings together OECD delegations (ENV and DEV), plus some beneficiaries, World Bank, UNSGAB, the EU Water Initiative and other experts
- Task Team is chaired by Agence Française de Développement
- OECD provides secretariat and supports project implementation
- Task Team report to provide input to high-level meeting of EPOC and DAC 28-29<sup>th</sup> of May 2009
- Work of Task Team also feeds into OECD Water Programme

# The Water Programme: Key Policy Questions

The Programme addresses the economic basis for sustainable water and sanitation (WATSAN) service provision & sound water resources management.

It helps respond to two sets of related policy questions that are high on the agenda of the international community :

- How to overcome financial obstacles to the provision of adequate and affordable water & sanitation services for all, while ensuring revenue sufficiency for service providers
- How to improve the use of economic incentives to encourage management of water resources (and associated watersheds) that is both economically efficient and environmentally effective, to ensure sufficient freshwater supply of suitable quality for human use and ecosystems

# What is the OECD Water Programme?

1. Identify good practices and share experiences with water pricing and financing of water supply and sanitation infrastructure.
2. Support developing country governments to prepare realistic finance strategies for water infrastructure.
3. Develop practical guidance for engaging private investors in the development and management of water infrastructure.

# Pillar 1

## Pricing of water resources and WATSAN services and supply of financing for WATSAN infrastructure (ENV, TAD and DCD)

- *Pricing : Survey & case studies on (i) water supply and sanitation pricing practices (household & industrial), (ii) use of economic instruments for water resources management*
- *Water and agriculture: (i) sustainable water management in agriculture, (ii) water pricing & financing for irrigation infrastructure*
- *Financing: infrastructure needs; **ODA to water and sanitation**; innovative financing and business models*

# Pillar 2

## Help developing country governments prepare realistic finance strategies for WATSAN infrastructure

- *Develop the FEASIBLE financing tool for application in developing countries*
- *Apply in 2 African countries and draw lessons learned*
- *Close co-operation with EU Water Initiative and World Bank through WSP*
- *Continue application in EECCA countries*

This work supports :

- 1) The objectives of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, i.e. alignment and harmonisation,
- 2) The recommendations from the Camdessus and Gurría TF reports to improve demand for finance in the WSS sector.

# Pillar 3

## Engaging the private sector in the development and management of water and sanitation infrastructure

- *Develop guidance for private sector participation in water and sanitation infrastructure building on the 2007 OECD Principles*
- *Conduct a review of experiences of some 30 developing and emerging countries*
- *Engage with existing initiatives and discuss the guidance and country practices at regional level*

# Who oversees the work and who is the target?

- Various Committees have oversight over specific elements:
  - ⇒ *Environment Policy Committee [WPGSP, JWPAE]*
  - ⇒ *Development Assistance Committee [ENVIRONET, WP-STAT]*
  - ⇒ *Agriculture Committee [JWPAE, APMWP]*
  - ⇒ *Investment Committee*
- OECD Paris-based delegations are regularly briefed on progress across the project.
- Global Forum on Sustainable Development on 1-2 December to review draft Synthesis Report
- Official presentation of Synthesis Report at 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul, in March 2009



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