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WHAT IS THE ORGANISATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD)?



Providing economic and policy advice, underpinned by comparative data sets, to support government efforts to improve the domestic and international performance of their policies, including water policies and data

**Policy
Analysis**

**Policy
Dialogue**

**Policy
Advice**



WHICH OECD AND GLOBAL PARTNERS?

Membership has expanded over OECD's 50 year history to embrace 30 countries and the **European Union**:

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Luxembourg
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovak Republic
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

OECD is currently in accession talks with:

Chile, Estonia, Israel, Slovenia, Russia

and enhanced engagement with:

Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, South Africa



WHY THE WORKSHOP?

- OECD (2009) report ***Managing Water for All: An OECD perspective on pricing and financing***, highlights that water knowledge and information systems are less well developed than developments in water policy reforms in many countries
- This ***disconnect*** risks that decision makers and other water system stakeholders are poorly informed and that policies are implemented and evaluated inefficiently.
- ***Deficiencies in knowledge***, science and monitoring threaten future policy making as water resource management enters an era of uncertainty, greater variability and higher risks linked to: climate change, population pressures, environmental demands, etc.



WHAT ARE THE WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES?

- **Identify decision makers priorities** for developing and using water resource management information
- **Review the extent to which current work in countries** and international organisations to improve water resource management information, meets the needs of decision makers
- **Discuss possible areas of improvement** in water resource management information, that can serve the future needs of decision makers and other water system stakeholders
- **Establish a set of recommendations** that can help guide future OECD Secretariat, national, international and other efforts to improve and further develop water resource management information collection and communication



WHAT ARE THE ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORKSHOP?

- ***Surveying the policy and other drivers*** that are increasing the demand for improved water information systems
- ***Reviewing recent achievements and plans*** in developing water information systems, at the international, national and water basin level, and at the sectoral level for agriculture
- ***Discussing the need for improving economic and financial data*** sets needed for water resource management
- ***Analysing the extent to which the virtual water and water footprint*** can provide useful tools for policy makers
- ***Examining institutional arrangements*** that support water information systems

◀◀ HOW IS THE WORKSHOP USEFUL FOR ARAGON?

- ***Learning from the policy practices and research of Aragon*** in water management, for example, International Centre for Water and Environment (CIAMA), Aragon Water Institute (IAA), the Irrigators Federation of the Ebro Basin and Hydrographic Confederation of the Ebro Basin (CHE)
- ***Exchanging policy experiences***, practical knowledge and water resource management research, between Aragon and the 60 non-Spanish participants from 20 countries and 16 international organisations at this Workshop
- ***Developing cooperation*** between participants and Aragon
- ***Contributing to the growing reputation of Aragon*** as an international reference centre in water management, for example, Expo 2008; UN Water Decade Office; and CIAMA



WHERE TO AFTER THIS WORKSHOP?

- ***Providing greater awareness*** of issues among participants to take home and help towards improvements in water information systems and water resource management
- ***Building associations*** between participants
- ***Reporting and discussing Workshop recommendations*** within various OECD Working Parties over 2010, extending the Workshop discussion to a much larger policy community
- ***Publishing the Workshop Proceedings*** and making public the Workshop website, late 2010/early 2011

PROBLEMS WITH PHRASE BOOKS WHEN TRAVELLING

- **Hay niebla en Zaragoza**
There is fog in Zaragoza

- **Busque un plomero en seguida**
Fetch a plumber immediately.

- **¿Ha visto usted al mozo número diez?**
Have you seen porter number ten?

- **Mi mamá me mima mucho**
Mum spoils me a lot.

- **El bebé bebe bebidas**
The baby drinks sodas.

GRAZIAS

MUCHAS GRACIAS

THANK YOU

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MERCI BEAUCOUP

DANK U ZEER

TÄNAN TEID

TUSIND TAK

TAKK SÅ MYE

DANKE

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MOLTE GRAZIE

DANNA WAAT

KÖSZÖNÖM SZÉPEN

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