



# OECD INITIATIVE ON WATER GOVERNANCE WHY? WHAT FOR? TO DO WHAT?

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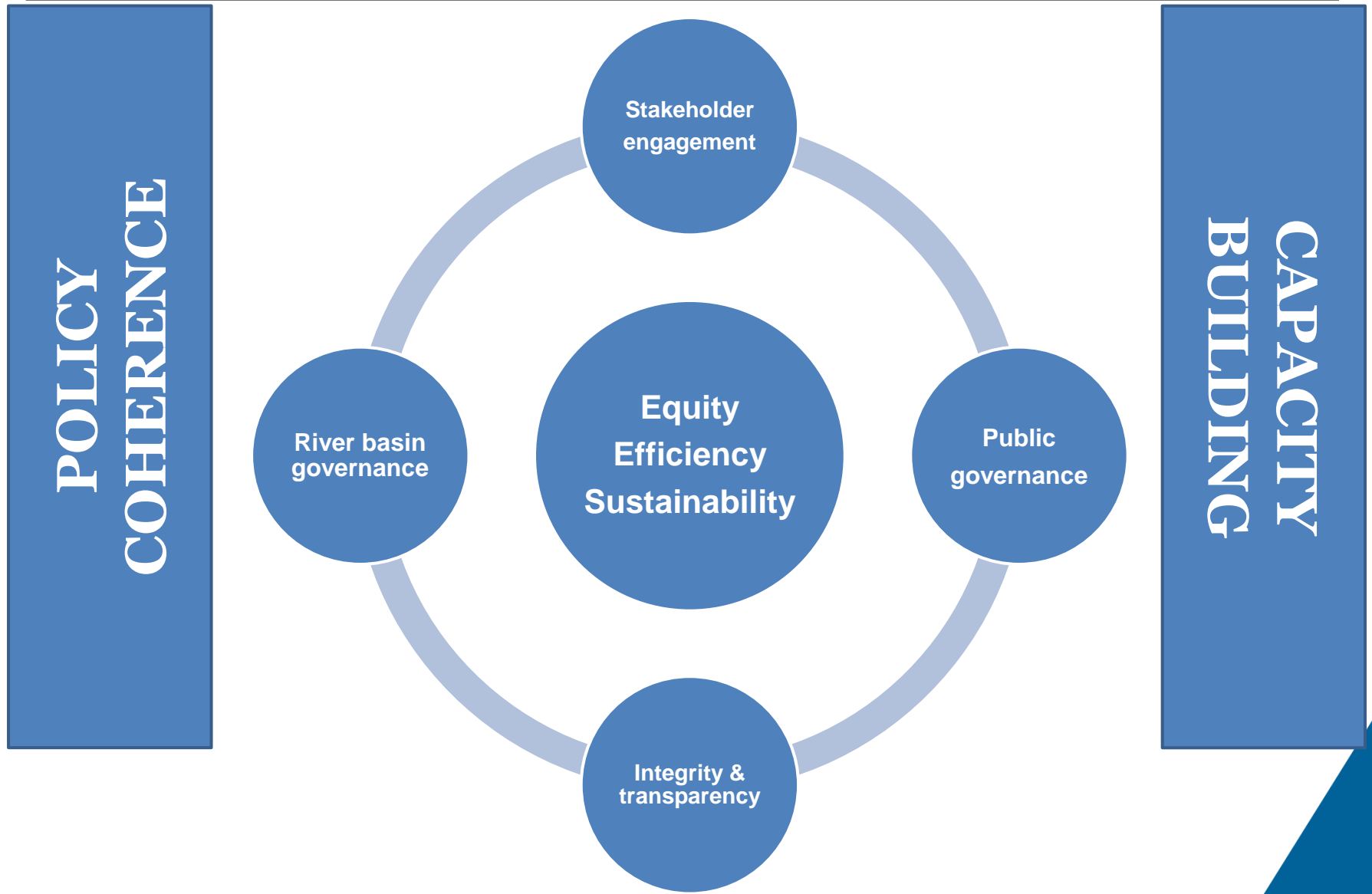


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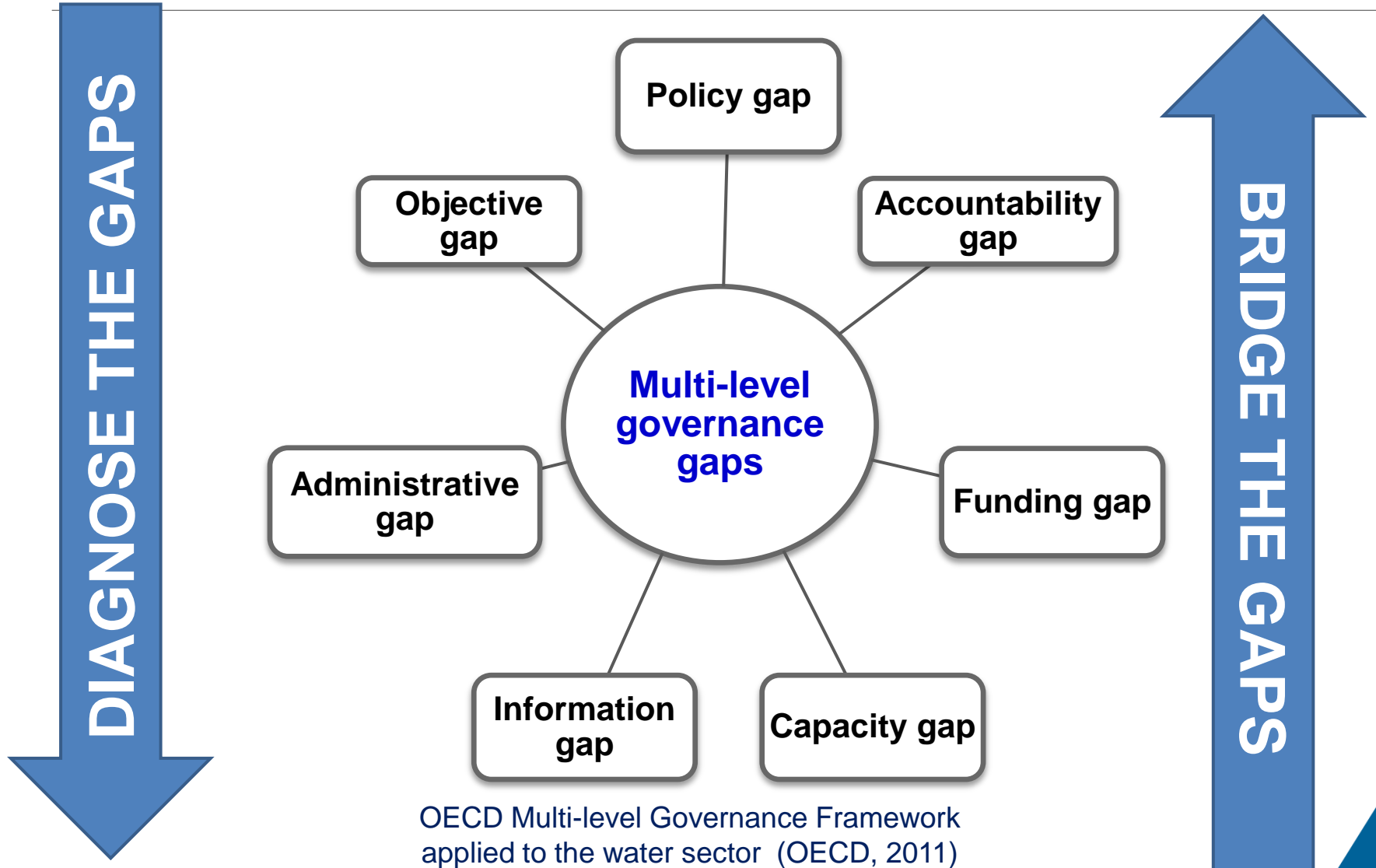
## Why an OECD Initiative on Water Governance ?



# Better governance is critical for better water policy outcomes



# Water : a highly fragmented sector, with multiple stakeholders and major governance “gaps”





# Evidence-based analysis is key to support reform



**A large body of tools and methodologies tested in OECD & non OECD countries (OECD, LAC, EECCA, MENA, BRICS)**



# Good Governance : Condition for success n°1 in the 6<sup>th</sup> WWF

The work carried out with founding partners needs continuity !

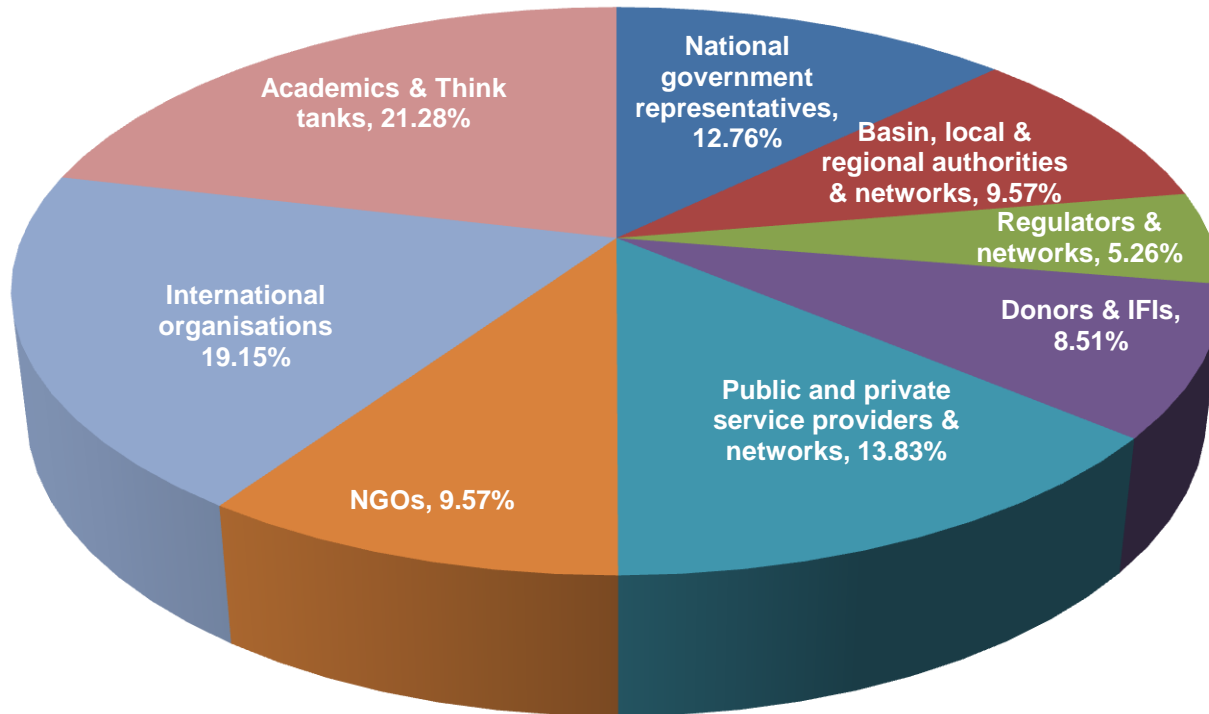


**Who** will be involved in the  
OECD Water Governance Initiative?





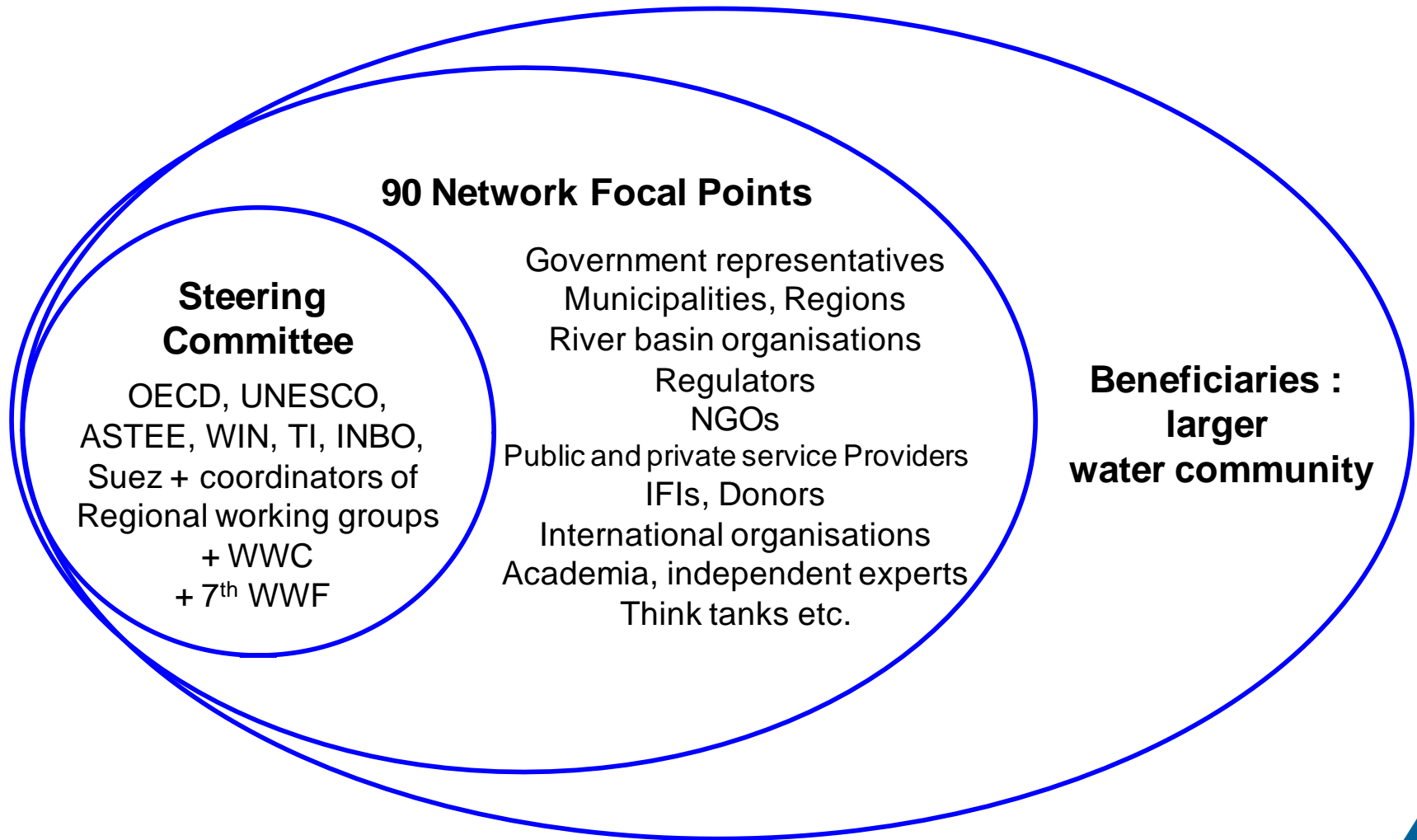
# A wide range of stakeholders within and outside the “water box”



- ✓90 Delegates – Open membership
- ✓Public, private & not-for-profit actors => other stakeholders to engage?
- ✓25 countries
- ✓A Chair and steering committee to link with OECD relevant Committees and Bodies



# OECD Water Governance Initiative: A three-tier structure



An Initiative on Water Governance  
to do What and How?



# A multi-stakeholder network to support better governance in the water sector

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# A permanent mechanism to support the implementation of the 6<sup>th</sup> WWF Governance Targets

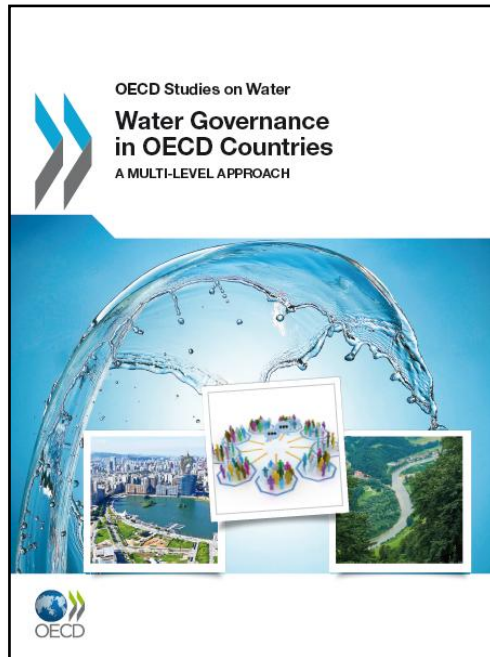
<p>Target 1</p> 	<p>By 2015, 50% of countries will have adopted consultation, participation and co-ordination mechanisms allowing stakeholders at local, regional, national and international levels to effectively contribute to decision-making in a coherent, holistic and integrated way. By 2021, 100% countries will have done so</p>
<p>Target 2</p> 	<p>By 2015, 50% countries will have strengthened regulatory frameworks and adopted performance indicators (service delivery) to monitor and evaluate water policies; and all countries will have put in place capacity-building processes at national and local level to foster good governance in service delivery. By 2018, all countries will have done so.</p>
<p>Target 3</p> 	<p>By 2021, increase by 30% the number of river basin management plans (analysis of initial status and main issues).</p>
<p>Target 4</p> 	<p>By 2015, increase the number of countries with water security diagnoses and governance tools, based on existing (local, national, international) regulatory and legislative frameworks and IWRM mechanisms.</p>
<p>Target 5</p> 	<p>By 2018, 30 countries will have committed to promote integrity in the water sector, diagnose/map existing or potential corruption risks, and ensure that anti-corruption policies are well implemented and effective.</p>
<p>Target 6</p> 	<p>By 2018, 30 countries will be implementing: transparent water budget processes, including information about water infrastructure investment planning and implementation (financial, technical, and socioeconomic impacts); and methods and tools for improving transparency and accountability within the water sector.</p>



# A technical platform across countries, levels of government and policy areas to peer-review forthcoming OECD water governance work

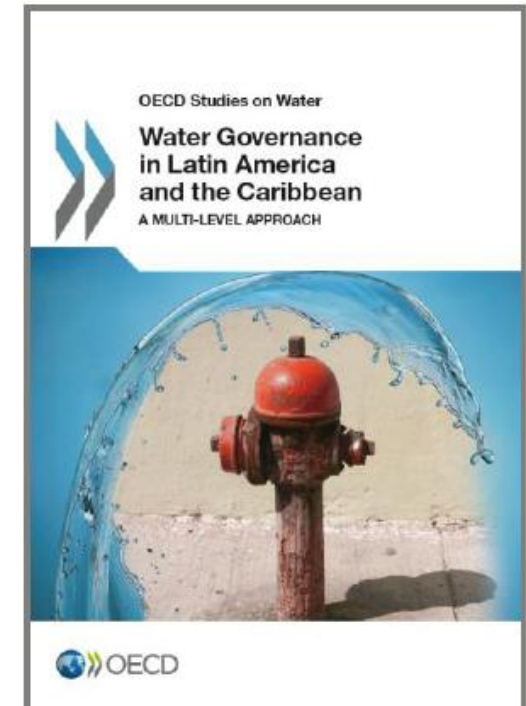
## 17 OECD countries (2011)

- ✓ Australia
- ✓ Belgium
- ✓ Canada
- ✓ Chile
- ✓ France
- ✓ Greece
- ✓ Israel
- ✓ Italy
- ✓ Japan
- ✓ Korea,
- ✓ Mexico
- ✓ Netherlands
- ✓ New Zealand
- ✓ Portugal
- ✓ Spain
- ✓ United Kingdom
- ✓ US (Colorado)



## 13 LAC countries (2012)

- ✓ Argentina,
- ✓ Brazil
- ✓ Chile
- ✓ Costa Rica
- ✓ Cuba
- ✓ Dominican Republic
- ✓ El Salvador
- ✓ Guatemala
- ✓ Honduras
- ✓ Mexico
- ✓ Nicaragua
- ✓ Panama
- ✓ Peru

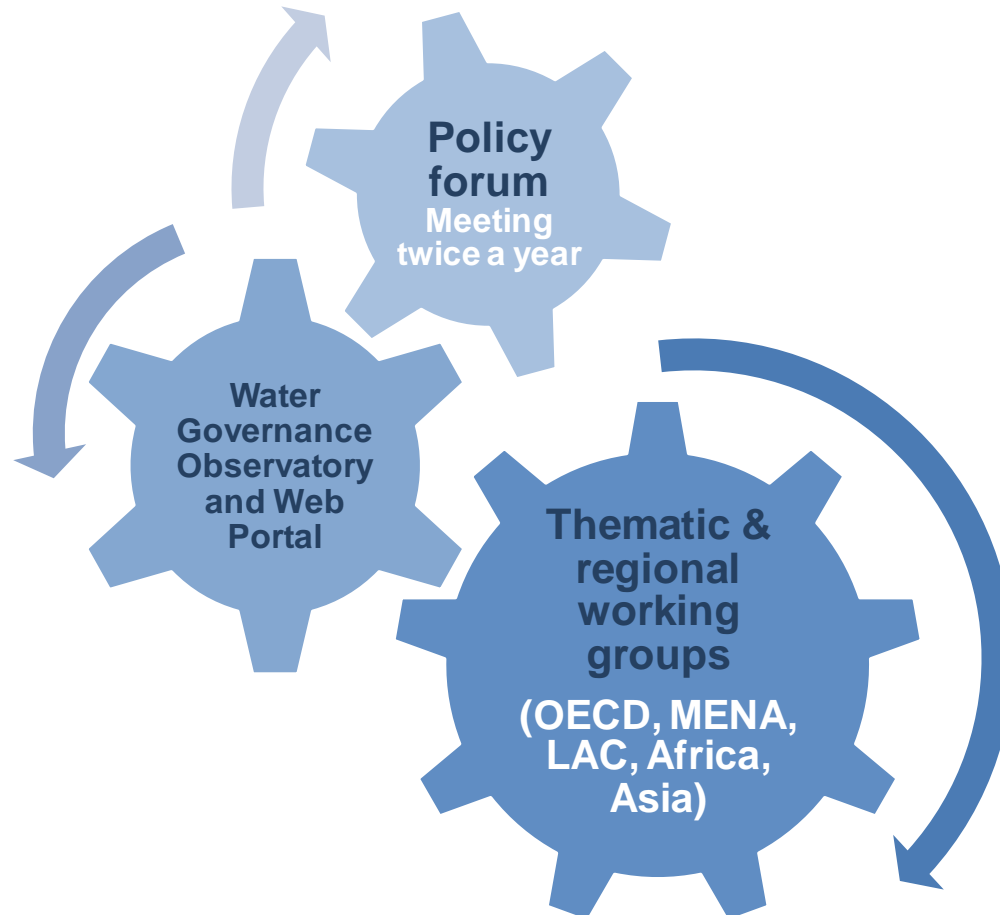


**Tested in OECD ... and non OECD member countries and led to OECD Preliminary Guidelines for effective water multi-level governance**



## A decentralised and cooperative network relying on strategic partners

**Observatory on Water Governance** – One-stop shop / Clearing House; **Web Portal**  
**6<sup>th</sup> WWF Targets' implementation** => Regional / Thematic **working groups**  
**Policy Forum** across decision-makers => Towards **Principles on Water Governance**





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