



10th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

20-21 November 2017, City Hall of Vienna, Austria

On 20-21 November 2017, the [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) held its 10th meeting at the City Hall of Vienna, Austria. The meeting gathered 70+ practitioners, policymakers and representatives from major stakeholder groups. The [agenda](#), [list of participants](#), the [slides](#) and [pictures](#) from the event are accessible online.



SUMMARY AND KEY OUTCOMES

- Delegates were updated on WGI contribution to the **Water Action Day of COP 23** which discussed short and long-term water-related actions towards the achievement of the Paris Agreement. The National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA) and World Water Council (WWC) presented the state of play of the **8th World Water Forum** process. The Secretariat introduced the starting project on “A Territorial Approach to the **Sustainable Development Goals**” and called upon interested cities, regions and countries to participate.
- The OECD report “[Water charges in Brazil](#)”: **The Ways Forward**” was launched in the presence of Mr. Ricardo Andrade, Director, ANA (Brazil). A special issue on the **OECD Principles on Water Governance** of the journal Water International was also presented as a joint OECD/IWRA initiative to help bridge the science-policy gap through a series of articles co-authored by WGI members.
- Delegates peer-reviewed the draft assessment and recommendations from the case study “**Decentralised Development Cooperation (DDC) to promote access to water supply and sanitation in France**”, as part of a broader OECD/EU DEVCO project reviewing financial flows, recent trends and emerging paradigms in DDC across EU countries.
- Delegates welcomed the outcomes of the 2nd phase of the **12 pilot-test of the OECD Water Governance Indicators** (Peru, Morocco, Spain, Colombia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Scotland, Austria, Cabo Verde and Kinshasa) and supported them as a valuable self-assessment tool for multi-stakeholder learning and dialogue. Next steps include complementing data and information and finalising the OECD report “Water Governance Indicators” to be launched at the 8th World Water Forum (March 2018).
- Delegates discussed the results of the four **peer-learning webinars on “water governance stories”** hosted by the Flanders Knowledge Centre Water, Suez, Israel Water Authority, and the Austrian Association of Public Services and Enterprises as well as the findings of the meta-analysis of the 55 stories conducted by AgroParisTech, The Open University, and The University of Dundee in cooperation with the Secretariat. Delegates discussed possible outputs, such as a publication on “water governance stories” and an “online portal” to be released at the World Water Forum.
- **Delegates** shared key messages from latest research and reforms related to water including a **policy brief on land for flood risk management** (Utrecht University), a **handbook on women and corruption in the water sector** (SIWI) as well as **water pricing reforms in Israel**. The **outcomes from key water events** were also discussed, in particular the 26th Stockholm World Water Week, EURO-INBO 2017 Conference, the Lisbon University Workshop on the OECD Principles on Water Governance and the forthcoming 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit.
- A knowledge sharing session was devoted to **water governance in Austria** to discuss key issues and ways forward on how to manage water at the right scale through institutions that are not catchment-based but catchment-oriented, or how to enhance the water governance performance of water services.

Detailed **Policy Highlights** from the meeting will be shared with WGI members by 21 December 2017 for written comments. The final version will be available online on 12 January 2018.

The OECD-WGI will hold its 11th Meeting in September-October 2018, dates and venue tbc.

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) is a multi-stakeholder network of 100+ delegates from public, private and non-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a Policy Forum to share on-going reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector. It was launched on 27-28 March 2013 and is chaired by Peter Glas of the Dutch Water Authorities. The WGI is hosted by the OECD, and coordinated by a multi-stakeholder steering committee (see below logos). For more information, please contact water.governance@oecd.org

