



# Meeting the Water Reform Challenge

## OECD Side-event

### 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum

Tuesday 13 March 2012, 13:15 – 14:15  
Palais des congrès, Patio 4 (PC14)

Water policies in many parts of the world are in urgent need of reform. Despite progress in some areas, there remains a persistent gap between aspirations to ensure access to enough, good quality water for all and the reality on the ground. Rallying policymakers around a positive water reform agenda needs to be a high priority and calls for strong political commitment and leadership.

To support the push for water reform, the **OECD Secretary-General, Angel Gurría**, will launch a flagship report *Meeting the Water Reform Challenge*. The report sets out OECD's three-pronged approach to making water reform happen, focussed on sustainable financing, effective governance and policy coherence.

The **OECD Environment Director, Simon Upton**, will present the key messages from the water outlook to 2050, which provides a snapshot of the global state of water under business-as-usual conditions. It is a call to action to pursue much needed water reforms worldwide.

The event will be chaired by **Dr. Ania Grobicki**, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership. Distinguished panellists will reflect on the key messages from the report. Panellists include:

**H.E. Tumsiime Rhoda Peace**, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union

**Michel Camdessus**, Honorary Governor of the Bank of France

**Wim Kuijken**, Delta Commissioner, The Netherlands

**Dominique Dron**, Sustainable Development Commissioner, France

Participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussion and debate on the key issues.

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