

OECD WATER DAYS



Date	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March	26 March
08:00					
09:00					Session 5: Water Governance and Financing in Asia-Pacific <i>09:00 – 10:00 CET</i>
10:00					
11:00	Session 1: Launch of the OECD Water Days and Toolkit for Water Policies and Governance <i>11:00 – 12:00 CET</i>				Side Event: Water Governance for Peace <i>11:00 – 12:30 CET</i>
12:00			Session 3: Water Governance in African Cities <i>12:00 – 13:30 CET</i>		
13:00		Session 2: A More Transparent Water Governance for a Stronger Recovery <i>13:30 – 14:30 CET</i>			
14:00					
15:00				Session 4: Water Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean <i>14:30 – 16:00 CET</i>	
16:00			Side Event: Let's Talk About Water: Film as a Water Science Communication Tool in African Cities <i>16:00 – 17:00 CET</i>		



Agenda

22 – 26 March 2021

22 March

**11:00 – 12:00
CET**

Session 1: Launch of the OECD Water Days and Toolkit for Water Policies and Governance

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DESCRIPTION On the occasion of World Water Day 2021, under the theme of valuing water, OECD Water Days comprise a series of virtual events to take place each day from 22-26 March. Session 1, on 22 March, will launch the OECD Water Days. The Secretary-General of the OECD will share his views on how the [OECD Council Recommendation on Water](#) can inspire policy reforms. He will launch a [Toolkit](#) that supports convergence towards the Recommendation. Policy makers from countries that have adhered to the Recommendation will share their vision on pressing issues on the global water agenda and their experience on how to accelerate action.

KEYNOTE • Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD

MODERATOR • Mr. John Curnow, Chief Economist, UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); Chair of the OECD Environment Policy Committee

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES

- Ms. Teresa Ribera, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister for the Ecological Transition, Spain
- Ms. Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Netherlands
- Mr. Gilberto Silva, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Cabo Verde
- Ms. Radhika Fox, Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water Environment Protection Agency, USA
- Mr. Jae-hyeon Park, President of the Asia Water Council; CEO of K-water (*video message*)

23 March

**13:30 – 14:30
CET**

Session 2: A More Transparent Water Governance for a Stronger Recovery

A joint initiative with the OECD Global Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum



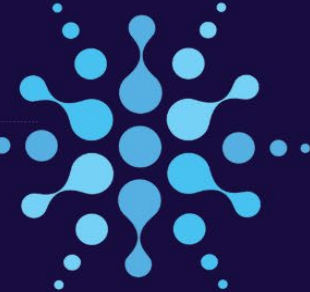
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DESCRIPTION The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the critical importance of sanitation, hygiene and adequate access to clean water to contain the spread of the virus, especially for the 3 billion people lacking basic handwashing facilities and those living in precarious living conditions. Taking stock of ongoing recovery packages and countries' efforts to build back better, the session will discuss the crucial importance of integrity and transparency to catalyse needed finance and achieve SDG 6 on "clean water and sanitation for all".

MODERATOR • Ms. Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

PANEL

- Ms. Barbara Schreiner, Executive Director, Water Integrity Network
- Ms. Sareen Malik, Executive Secretary, African Civil Society Network on Water
- Mr. John Dini, Research Manager, Water Research Commission, South Africa



- Mr. Donal O'Leary, Senior Advisor, Transparency International
- Mr. Thomas Panella, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, Agriculture Division, Asian Development Bank
- Ms. Elizabeth Moses, Environmental Rights and Justice Associate, Environmental Democracy Practice, World Resources Institute

24 March

**12:00 – 13:30
CET**

Session 3: Water Governance in African cities

Co-hosted with United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-A), the World Water Council and the Kingdom of Morocco



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DESCRIPTION	<p>The COVID-19 pandemic has acted as a magnifying glass on pressing water and sanitation challenges in Africa, especially for the 56% of the urban population living in informal settlements, lacking access to proper hygiene conditions. Climate change, urbanisation and population growth will add further pressure on water resources. A contribution to the 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, March 2022) preparatory process, this high-level session will raise the profile of Mayors and City leaders in enhancing water security in Africa, building on the evidence and guidance from two new OECD reports on Water Governance in African Cities and Water Governance in Cape Town, South Africa, prepared as part of the OECD Programme on Water Security for sustainable development in Africa developed as a follow-up to the King Hassan II Great World Water Prize. The prize was granted to the OECD Secretary-General in 2018. This session will conclude with the launch of a new OECD/UCLG-Africa Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security to galvanise local political action for better water policies.</p>
OPENING REMARKS AND LAUNCH OF OECD REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD • Mr. Abdelkader Amara, Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Kingdom of Morocco • Mr Loïc Fauchon, President, World Water Council • Mr. Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, UCLG-Africa
MODERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
SPOTLIGHT ON MAYORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alderman Xanthea Limberg, Mayoral Committee Member for Water and Waste, Cape Town, South Africa • Ms. Soham El Wardini, Mayor of Dakar, Senegal • Ms. Roheyatou Lowe, Mayor of Banjul, Gambia • Mr. Mohamed Boudra, Mayor of Al Hoceima, Morocco • Mr. Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco • Mr. Mohamed Sadiki, Mayor of Rabat, Morocco • Ms. Macoura Dao, Mayor of Foubolo, Côte d'Ivoire, President of the Network for Locally Elected Women of Africa (REFELA)
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amel Hamza, Division Manager, Gender and Women Empowerment, African Development Bank • Ms. Barbara Schreiner, Executive Director, Water Integrity Network



25 March

**14:30 – 16:00
CET**

Session 4: Water Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean

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DESCRIPTION	Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) has been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic recession, which alongside climate change will add pressure on water resources. This high-level session will take stock of the efforts made by LAC countries to raise the profile of water in their recovery strategies and build back better water systems. The OECD report on Water Governance in Peru will be launched by the OECD Secretary-General and the President of Peru as a starting point for the subsequent peer-to-peer learning from high-level decision makers and strategic partners in LAC countries.
OPENING REMARKS AND LAUNCH OF OECD REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD • Ms. Violeta Bermúdez, President of the Council of Ministers, Peru
MODERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Eduardo Correa Escaf, Minister of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia • Ms. Blanca Elena Jiménez Cisneros, Director-General, National Water Commission (CONAGUA), Mexico • Ms. Christianne Dias, Director-President, National Water Agency (ANA), Brazil • Mr. Peter Glas, Delta Programme Commissioner, the Netherlands; and Chair of the OECD Water Governance Initiative
STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Anna Wellenstein, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, Sustainable Development Practice Group, World Bank • Mr. Sergio I. Campos G., Water and Sanitation Division Chief, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
CONCLUDING REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Gabriel Quijandría Acosta, Minister of the Environment, Peru

26 March

**09:00 – 10:00
CET**

Session 5: Water Governance and Financing in Asia-Pacific

Co-hosted with the Asian Development Bank



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DESCRIPTION	Asia-Pacific, the world's fastest-growing region, is facing pressing and emerging water security issues, which will be further exacerbated by climate change. By 2050, regional water demand is forecast to increase by 55% and 3.4 billion Asian people are expected to live in water-stressed areas. Sound water governance and sustainable financing will be essential to manage the risks of too little, too much, and too polluted water in the region while ensuring universal access to drinking water and sanitation services. This session will discuss water governance and financing in Asia-Pacific, building on two OECD reports produced as part of ADB's 2020 edition of the Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO). Panellists will share perspectives on common challenges across the region and how to bridge identified governance and financing gaps to drive better water security now and in the future.
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OPENING REMARKS AND REPORTS LAUNCH

- Ms. Jingmin Huang, Director, Urban Development, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Pacific Department, Asian Development Bank
- Ms. Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD

MODERATOR

- Mr. Mark Smith, Director General, International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka

COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE

- Mr. Pak Abdul Malik Sadat Idris, Deputy Director, Institutional Infrastructure of Water Resources, Indonesian National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
- Ms. Piyatida Ruangrassamee, Assistant Professor, Department of Water Resource Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- Dr. Yongdeok Cho, Director of Global Cooperation Department, K-water; Secretary-General, Asia Water Council

THE WAY FORWARD

- Mr. Rodolfo Lacy, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD

SIDE EVENT

24 March

16:00 – 17:00
CET

Let's Talk About Water: Film as a Water Science Communication Tool in African Cities



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DESCRIPTION

The African continent has a rapidly growing, young and urban population, with more than two-thirds of residents of its largest cities under the age of 30. How these cities evolve will depend on the ability of the youth to understand local challenges and shape urban development with their ideas. This event will showcase the short documentary *Scenes from the Dry City*, and convene a panel of experts active with water in African cities to discuss how films can be used as an education and communication tool to engage diverse audiences, especially young people, stimulate conversation and make complex information accessible to a large audience.

MODERATOR

- Ms. Linda Lilienfeld, Creator and Director, Let's Talk About Water

PANEL DISCUSSION

- Ms. Maria Salvetti, Economist and Water Policy Analyst, OECD
- Mr. Nick van de Giesen, Van Kuffeler Chair of Water Resources Engineering, Delft University
- Ms. Mahen Bonetti, Founder and Executive Director, African Film Festival
- Mr. Odwa N. Mtembu, Founder, World Merit South Africa



SIDE EVENT

26 March

11:00 – 12:30
CET

Water Governance for Peace

Co-hosted with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican



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DESCRIPTION	<p>The COVID-19 highlighted inequalities in access to safe drinking water and sanitation services, in a context in which many countries are still not on track to achieve the SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation. The session will discuss the way forward to achieve SDG 6 and SDG 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions. Panellists will debate how better water governance can lead to enhanced social well-being and effective use of resources, particularly in light of building back better after the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, Holy See
MODERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Tebaldo Vinciguerra, Official, Sector “Ecology and Creation”, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Holy See
PANEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD • Mr. Olcay Unver, Professor of Practice, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, Polytechnic School, Environmental and Resource Management Program, Arizona State University; former Vice-Chair, UN-WATER • Sr. Alessandra Smerilli, Professor of Political Economy, Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences Auxilium, Rome, and Coordinator of the Economics Task Force of the Vatican COVID-19 Commission • Mr. Gidon Bromberg, Director, EcoPeace Middle East • Ms. Martina Klimes, Water and Peace Advisor, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
CLOSING REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, Coordinator, Sector “Ecology and Creation”, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Holy See, and Professor of Philosophy of Science and Director of the Institute of Social and Political Sciences at the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome