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Session 4A.7: Platform for Dialogue on Financing Water

Co-hosted with the World Bank, the UN Capital Development Fund, the US Department of Agriculture and Solidarités International



DESCRIPTION

How can global, regional and local dialogues on financing water include and amplify a broader range of diverse perspectives – to strive for locally adapted financing solutions and promote exchange of good practices? How to identify, connect and engage all key actors and stakeholders (of which some may often be overlooked) to share their valuable perspectives?

How can we ensure diverse perspectives from local communities, youth, rural areas, mayors, the financial sector, among others connect to and influence global initiatives? These include, for example, the [Roundtable on Financing Water](#), the OECD Global Observatory on Financing Water Supply, Sanitation and Water Security and the [UN Water Conference in 2023](#).

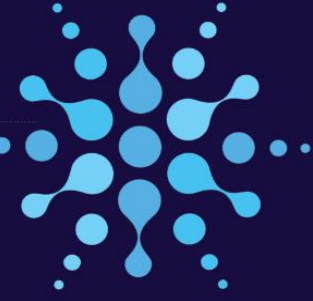
The session aims at mapping a refined picture of the value chain of water in a particular landscape. It strives to give a voice to a diverse range of stakeholders across the water value chain, highlighting their perspectives and challenges, as well as identifying the silent and often unheard voices. Perspectives to feature on the map include final water users, particularly local and rural communities; small-scale water service providers; the managing local authorities (e.g. cities); authorities in charge of the management of river basins; and financiers.

Key questions include:

- Who are the ‘silent voices’, what is their role and distinctive expertise?
- How can they be engaged in discussions about financing water?
- How can these insights and perspectives be we effectively brought into ongoing global initiatives, such as the Roundtable on Financing Water, the OECD Global Observatory, the UN Water Conference in 2023, among others?

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- **Helen Laubenstein**, Resilience, Adaptation and Water team, OECD



- MODERATOR
- **Xavier Leflaive**, Principal Administrator, Resilience, Adaptation and Water team, OECD
- PANEL
- **Soungalo Kone**, Representative of Niger River Basin Authority
 - **Allassane Traoré**, West Africa WASH Regional Advisor, Solidarités Int.
 - **Thomas Gajan**, CEO Swiss Fresh Water
 - **Dr. Abdullah Alsakran**, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Strategic Transformation Management Office, Saudi Development Fund
 - **Dambudzo Josephine Muzenda**, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist, World Bank
 - **Christel Alvergne**, Regional Coordinator for West and Central Africa, UNCDF
 - **Benjamin Gestin**, Managing Director, Eau de Paris

The panellists share and discuss their perspectives, guided by the following questions:

(1) What is your experience with, or role in facilitating financing water on the ground? Who are key partners who can make things happen? What is their role and expertise?

(2) Are such local actors and “silent voices” sufficiently heard and integrated into current approaches and discussions on financing water?

(3) How can these insights and perspectives be effectively brought into ongoing global initiatives, such as the Roundtable on Financing Water, the OECD Global Observatory and the UN Water Conference in 2023, among others? What are other opportunities to make these voices heard?

- CLOSING REMARKS
- **Xavier Leflaive**, Principal Administrator, Resilience, Adaptation and Water team, OECD

21 March
15:45-17:15
GMT

Keystone Roundtable “MEANS and TOOLS”

Priority 4: Means & Tools



DESCRIPTION The world is not on track to meet SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation, nor other water-related SDGs, because of weak policy, governance and financing implementation frameworks. Managing the risks of too much, too little and too polluted water, and providing universal access to safe drinking water and sanitation, requires not only technical and infrastructural solutions, but also effective



enabling conditions to deliver well-being, public health, food security, poverty alleviation, inclusive growth, and environmental sustainability. As climate variability unfolds, water governance means and tools need to be effectively designed and implemented to address pressing and emerging water and sanitation challenges.

This Keystone Roundtable will discuss key political messages Related to the “means and tools” needed to implement identified policies and solutions for effective, efficient and inclusive water policies in a shared responsibility across levels of government, public, private and non-profit sectors.

In particular, speakers in the sessions will discuss how to empower local governments, engage stakeholders, enhance multi-level coordination, build capacity, mobilise needed finance from public and private sectors, leverage science and evidence-based data and information to guide decisions, enhance integrity and transparency, and enhance sound monitoring and evaluation systems to better prepare, address and recover from climate change impacts, the COVID-19 pandemic and other future shocks. Debates among participants should contribute to encouraging investment in institutional and human capacity, and bridge the science-policy interface, in order to enhance water security at all levels now.

MODERATOR

- Soo-Jin Kim, Deputy Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, OECD

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Amadou Bocoum, Co-chair of Priority 4, World Water Forum, Senegal
- Patrick Lavarde, Co-President of the International Steering Committee of the World Water Forum or Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Director, 9th World Water Forum
- Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD (video)

PANEL

- Amadou Hott, Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Senegal
- Nizar Baraka, Minister of Water and Equipment, Morocco
- Jeong-Seop Hong, Director General, Ministry of Environment, Korea
- Ilaria Fontana, Under Secretary to the Ministry of Ecological Transition, Italy
- Eric Tardieu, Secretary-General, INBO
- Marième Soda Ndiaye, Member of the National Assembly, Senegal
- Marie-Hélène Aubert, Mayor of Jouy-en-Josas, France
- Sabrina Soussan, Chief Executive Officer, SUEZ
- Jennifer Sara, Global Director Water Global Practice, World Bank Group
- Oswald Chanda, Director, Water Development and



- Sanitation Department, African Development Bank.
- Julian Suárez-Migliozzi, Vice-President of Sustainable Development, CAF
 - Abou Amani, Director, Division of Water Sciences Secretary, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, UNESCO
 - Abdul-Nashiru, West Africa Regional Director, Water-Aid
 - Anna Beserra, Founder and CEO, Sustainable Development & Water For All, SDW

22 March
09:00-10:30
GMT

Session 4B1: Water Governance as means to an end: measuring the impacts of Water Governance



DESCRIPTION According to the [OECD Principles on Water Governance](#), effective, efficient and inclusive water governance is key to guarantee enhanced water security and better access to safe drinking water and sanitation services. As “one cannot improve what cannot be measured” measuring the economic, social and environmental impacts of water governance, would provide evidence on tangible results to governments, citizens, businesses and services.

This session will discuss existing tools, methodologies and guidelines to measure the economic, social and environmental impacts of water governance to provide evidence on tangible results to governments, citizens, businesses and services. During the session, the OECD will launch the “How-To Guide” and the Special Issues on Measuring impacts of water governance, in collaboration with the IWRA.

**INTRODUCTORY
REMARKS**

- Soo-Jin Kim, Deputy Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, OECD
- Patrick Lavarde, Co-President of the International Steering Committee of the World Water Forum

MODERATOR

- Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy in Cities in the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Cities and Regions.

PANEL

- Callum Clench, Executive Director IWRA
- Pierre-Alain Roche, French Ministry of Ecological transition (France)
- Irene Guimaraes Altafin, Head of Service Regulation, ANA (Brazil)
- Benjamin GESTIN, General Manager Eau de Paris (France)
- Christoph Leitner, Advisor, Water Policy Programme (GIZ)



22 March
09:00 –
10:30 GMT

HLP10: High-Level Panel on *Financing a Water Secure Future: Ways forward*

Co-hosted with the World Bank, the Government of the Netherlands and the World Water Council



DESCRIPTION

This High Level Panel focused on financing water will contribute to the preparation of the UN 2023 Water Conference. More specifically, it will reflect on a Water Review to rethink Water Economics and beyond, initiated by the Government of the Netherlands.

The Water Review will be co-chaired by:

- Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General of WTO
- Prof. Mariana Mazzucato, Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose
- Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister, Singapore
- Prof. Dr. Johan Rockström, Joint Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

This High Level Panel in Dakar will highlight key guiding questions that can contribute to advancing the global discussion on water economics and financing. The co-chairs of the Review and the panellists will share their views on why prevailing water economics need to be challenged and which boundaries should be pushed.

Highlights of the panel discussion will be reported back to the co-chairs of the Water Review. An expected outcome of the session is to recast the orientation of global discussions on the economics of water and give impetus to meaningful policy and financing approaches that can be implemented on the ground to achieve SDGs, including - but not limited to – SDG 6.

While the focus does not need to be on finance, the panel will be able to draw on a broad foundation of experience with the Roundtable on Financing Water as well as recent analytical work on financing water from the OECD, the World Bank and the World Water Council. This work includes the just-released OECD synthesis report [Financing a water secure future](#), which covers the role of intermediaries to mobilise finance, blended finance for water in specific country contexts, investors' guidelines for nature-based solutions, and the implications of the pandemic on financing water.

MODERATOR

- **Henk Ovink**, Special Envoy for Water, Government of the Netherlands

VIDEO MESSAGES

- **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, Director General of WTO
- **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**, Senior Minister, Singapore



- **Prof. Mariana Mazzucato**, Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose
- **Prof. Dr. Johan Rockström**, Joint Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)

PANEL

- **Lamin Dibba**, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources, Gambia
- **Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr**, Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone
- **Karishma Asoodani**, Youth Delegate, WWC and Financial journalist, India Today Group
- **Joel Kolker**, Program Manager Global Water Security and Sanitation Partnership, World Bank

The discussion will be centered around two guiding questions:

(1) Why is a global water review critical now? Why is it important to reconsider traditional approaches around water economics?

(2) Which boundaries need to be pushed? Where such a review could be headed?

The co-chairs of the Water Review will give short video statements on these questions. Panellists will then react to these statements and share and discuss their own perspectives.

23 March

**09:00 –
14:30 GMT**

Cities, Local and Regional Governments Day

Co-hosted with UCLG Africa



DESCRIPTION

On the occasion of the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar ("the Forum"), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG-Africa) are organising a day dedicated to the role of cities, local and regional governments for water security as one of the [four key policy segments of the Forum](#), in cooperation with many institutional partners and city networks such as UCLG-World, Eurocities, *Association Internationale des Maires Francophones* (AIMF), *Partenariat Français pour l'Eau* (PFE) and ICLEI.

This day will build on the conclusions of the local authorities' process from previous editions of the World Water Forum and will lead to the adoption of the "Action Plan of Mayors and Local Governments for Water Security" in line with the [Local Authorities' Declaration on Water](#) (WWF4, Mexico City, 2006), the [Istanbul Water Consensus](#) (WWF5, Istanbul, 2009), the [political messages of local and regional authorities](#) (WWF6, Marseille 2012), [Daegu-Gyeongbuk Water Action for Sustainable Cities and Regions](#) (WWF7 Daegu, 2015) and



the [Brasilia Local and Regional Governments' Call to Action for Water](#), (WWF8 Brasilia, 2018), as well as the [Ekurhuleni-Statement on Water for Cities](#) adopted on World Water Day, 22 March 2017 as the outcome of the *Local Climate Solutions for Africa* (LoCS4Africa) Congress organised by ICLEI-Africa.

MODERATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soo-Jin Kim, Deputy Head, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD • Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, UCLG Africa
INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, OECD
PANEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nizar Baraka, Minister of Water and Equipment, Morocco • Barthelémy Dias, Mayor of Dakar, Senegal • Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Director of the 9th World Water Forum • Loic Fauchon, President, World Water Council • Emilia Saiz, Secretary-General, UCLG
PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 OECD REPORT ON WATER GOVERNANCE IN AFRICAN CITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Salvetti, Senior Economist, OECD

24 March
10:45 –
12:15 GMT

Session 4B2: Towards water security in Africa: the Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security

Co-hosted with UCLG Africa



DESCRIPTION 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. This session will aim at raising the profile of Mayors and City leaders in enhancing water security in Africa. Participants will discuss challenges and opportunities towards water security in Africa.

The objectives of the session are to:

- Raise Africa's voice and profile in local, national, and global agendas, notably the New Urban Agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.
- Provide a platform for Mayors to share knowledge, experience and best practices to design better local water



policies for better lives, in cooperation with other levels of government and key water-related stakeholders.

- Understand the key challenges facing local leaders hampering their ability to collect, compile and analyse scientific data and knowledge on water security in African cities, in relation to their distance to SDGs 6 and 11.
 - Trigger action across levels of government, notably by raising the profile of Mayors and local leadership.
- INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
- Soo-Jin Kim, Deputy Head of Division, Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development, OECD
 - Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General UCLG Africa
- MODERATOR
- Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy in Cities in the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Cities and Regions.
- PANEL
- Christine Mba N'Dutume, Association of Mayors of Gabon - Libreville, Gabon
 - Cllr. Innocent Uwimana, President of the Rwandan Association of Local Governments and Authorities (RALGA), Rwanda
 - Mr. Dieudonné Bantsimba, Mayor of Brazzaville, Congo Republic
 - Peter Anyang Nyong'o, Governor of Kisumu, Kenya
 - Yawa Ahofa Kouigan, Mayor of Atakpamé, Togo
 - Maria Salvetti, Senior Economist OECD
 - Aklilu Fikresilassie, Director, Thriving Resilient Cities, WRI Africa & Representative of WRI In Ethiopia
 - Oswald Chanda, Director Water Development and Sanitation, African Development Bank
 - Nanou Kone, East Africa Co-ordinator and monitoring expert, Water Integrity Network
 - Madame Yunia MUSAANZI, Executive Director of UWASNET Uganda and Board Member of ANEW