

15th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

AGENDA

27 September 2021: 13h00-15h30 CEST

28 September 2021: 13h00-15h30 CEST

Virtual Event – Zoom

Organised by the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions
and Cities (CFE)

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About the OECD Water Governance Initiative

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) (WGI) is an **international multi-stakeholder network** of 100+ delegates from public, private and not-for-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a **Policy Forum** to share experience on reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector. The WGI, which was launched in March 2013, has the following objectives:

- Provide a **multi-stakeholder technical platform** to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government;
- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogue and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance in the Global Water Agenda;
- Support the **implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance** in interested member and non-member countries by scaling up best practices and using the indicators' framework for self-assessment; and
- **Foster continuity on governance** from the 8th World Water Forum (Brasilia, 2018) to the 9th Forum (Dakar, 2021).

Objectives of the 15th WGI Meeting

- To **share knowledge and learn** from WGI members on the latest projects, publications and events on water governance;
- To advance towards the **9th World Water Forum** agenda and **COP 26**;
- To dive into water resilience at city-basin level, exploring opportunities linked to the **blue and circular economy** and **nature-based solutions**;
- To build the next generation agenda on "**water for sustainability**", based on contributions from the **youth community**;
- To advance with the implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance, through **impact indicators** and the **capacity development** toolkit.

Working languages and interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for both sessions of the meeting in English and French.

Previous meetings of the WGI

- [14th Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2020 – On line
- [13th Meeting](#): 9-10 January 2020 – On line
- [12th Meeting](#): 20-21 June 2019 – Berlin, Germany
- [11th Meeting](#): 12-13 November 2018 – Zaragoza, Spain
- [10th Meeting](#): 20-21 November 2017 – Vienna, Austria
- [9th Meeting](#): 3-4 July 2017 – Paris, France.
- [8th Meeting](#): 12-13 January 2017 – Rabat, Morocco.
- [7th Meeting](#): 23-24 June 2016 - The Hague, Netherlands.
- [6th Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2015 – Paris, France.
- [5th Meeting](#): 26 May 2015 – Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- [4th Meeting](#): 24-25 November 2014 – Paris, France.
- [3rd Meeting](#): 28-29 April 2014 – Madrid, Spain.
- [2nd Meeting](#): 7-8 November 2013 – Paris, France.
- [1st Meeting](#): 27-28 March 2013 – Paris, France.

Monday 27 September 2021
13:00-15:h30 CEST

13:00 - 13:20 Welcoming Remarks & Update since the 14th WGI Meeting

- Peter Glas, Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative
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13:20 - 14:20 WGI contribution to global agendas and COP26

This session will allow WGI members to share information on the planned events and participation in COP 26 with the objective to foster synergies.

- Michael Mullan, Special Advisor for COP26, Environment Directorate, OECD (7 min)
- Cate Lamb, High Level Climate Action Champions Lead – Water, UNFCCC COP26 (7 min)

Tour de Table of WGI members planned participation or questions (3-5 min each – 30 min)

14:20 - 15:20 Building a sustainable blue economy in cities

This session will seek WGI members views and expertise on how cities can foster a blue economy that is Resilient, Inclusive, Sustainable and Circular (RISC-proof approach). The session will start with a brief presentation by the OECD secretariat on the Blue Cities project, followed by experts' updates on their respective work in the field and a dedicated discussion with WGI members.

- Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, CFE, OECD (7 min)
- Eric Tardieu, Secretary-General, INBO (7 min)
- Gustavo Saltiel, Global Lead for WSS, World Bank (7 min)

Tour de Table of WGI members related work and guidance (3-5 min each – 30-40 min)

15:20 - 15:30 Day 1 Closing

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Tuesday 28 September 2021
13:00-15:30 CEST

13:00– 14:15 WGI Contribution to the 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, March 2022)

- Abdoulaye Sene, Executive Director of the 9th World Water Forum (5 min)
- Katim Kherraz, Director of Strategy and Programmes, World Water Council (5 min)
- Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Division, CFE, OECD (5 min)

Overview of governance-related political messages, actions and thematic sessions

- Pierre Alain Roche, Ministry for Ecological Transition, France (5 min)
- Barbara Schreiner, Executive Director, Water Integrity Network (5 min)
- Stefano Burchi, President, International Association for Water Law (5 min)
- Abou Amani, Director, Division of Water Sciences Secretary, Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme, UNESCO (5 min)

OECD-UCLG Africa Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security (5 min)

- Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General, UCLG Africa (5 min)

Tour de Table of WGI members planned sessions or questions (2-3 min each – 30 min)

14:15 - 15:15 Implementing the OECD Principles on Water Governance: update

The session will share progress regarding the Working Group on impact indicators and capacity building, to finalise the outcomes foreseen to be launched at the 9th World Water Forum.

- Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, CFE, OECD
- James Nickum, Editor in Chief, Water International Journal
- Nicolas Lorne, President, Co-founder, Waterpreneurs

Tour de Table of WGI members use of the Principles / Q&A (2-3 min each – 30 min)

15:15 - 15:30 Closing of the 15th WGI Meeting

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