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The OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI) is a **multi-stakeholder network of 100+ experts**, policymakers and practitioners from public, private and civil society sectors. It provides a unique platform for experience-sharing, mutual learning and consultation to identify effective water governance practices and scale them up.

Objectives

The WGI has four key objectives at the core of its mission to improve water governance:

- Providing policy advice
- Exchanging knowledge and best practices
- Defining and implementing policy standards
- Raising the profile of water governance in the global agenda

WGI Chair and structure



Barbara Pompili

Member of the National Assembly of France
Former French Minister for Ecological Transition



A decade of WGI work



Since its **foundation** in 2013, the WGI has evolved from **vision** to **action** and **implementation**. The WGI holds biannual meetings and works in two ways: **co-production** and **consultation**.

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What the WGI does



Providing policy advice

The WGI advises governments and public authorities at all levels in advancing effective water reforms through peer-to-peer dialogues and stakeholder engagement across public, private and non-profit sectors. Since its inception, the WGI has contributed to policy dialogues at international level (Asia-Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa), national level (Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Argentina, Jordan, Tunisia and The Netherlands) and local level (Cape Town, South Africa).



Defining and implementing policy standards

The WGI developed the OECD Principles on Water Governance and supports their implementation through the OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework, the OECD Guide "How to Assess Water Governance", as well as collaboration on Special Issues of the Water International journal and a dedicated video.



Exchanging knowledge and best practices

The WGI offers a multi-stakeholder platform to share knowledge, experience and best practices on water governance across levels of government, and to discuss key water governance research and analysis produced by the OECD Secretariat and WGI members. Examples of thematic projects to which the WGI contributes include *Applying the OECD Principles on Water Governance to Floods*, *Women in Water Decision Making* and *Cities and Regions for a Blue Economy*.



Raising the profile of water governance in the global agenda

The WGI provides a consultation mechanism to raise the profile of governance in the global water agenda and the profile of water governance in other global agendas (e.g. Climate COPs and UN Sustainable Development Goals). The WGI also helps foster continuity on water governance discussions between World Water Forums and at various international meetings by leading and organising water governance events.

