



10th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

20-21 November 2017, OECD Conference Centre, Paris

On 20-21 November 2017, the [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) held its 10th meeting at the City Hall of Vienna, Austria. The meeting gathered 70+ practitioners, policymakers and representatives from major stakeholder groups. The [agenda](#), [list of participants](#), the [slides](#) and [pictures](#) from the event are accessible online.



KEY OUTCOMES

- Delegates were updated on how the WGI contributed to the **3rd Water Action Day during COP 23** which discussed short and long-term actions in the water sector to help achieve the Paris pact. ANA (Brazil) and World Water Council also updated delegates on the preparatory process of the **8th World Water Forum**. OECD Secretariat issued a call for cities and regions that wish to be part of the forthcoming project on “A Territorial Approach to the **Sustainable Development Goals: Engaging Cities and Regions, OECD**”.
- ANA’s Director, Ricardo Andrade, and the Chair of the WGI, Mr. Peter Glas, launched the OECD/Ana policy dialogue: “**Water charges in Brazil: The Ways Forward**”. Mr. Ricardo Andrade highlighted the current window of opportunity in the country to implement the policy recommendations that emerged from the OECD/ANA dialogue. Mr. James Nickum, Editor-in-chief of the Water International Journal, launched the **Special Issue on the OECD Principles on Water Governance** which aims at bridging the gap between policy and science through a series of articles co-authored by academicians and practitioners.
- Delegates peer-reviewed draft assessments and recommendations from the **OECD case study on the evolution of water-related decentralised development cooperation (DDC) in France**. The case is part of a broader OECD/EU project that also includes other case studies on gender, SDGs, and agriculture/healthcare.
- Delegates welcomed the results of the 4 peer-learning webinars **water governance stories** hosted by the Flanders Knowledge Centre, Suez, Israel Water Authority, and the Austrian Association of Public Services and Enterprises, as well as the findings of the meta-analysis of the 55 stories conducted by AgroParisTech, The Open University, and The University of Dundee. Next steps include preparing a publication on water governance stories as well as developing an internet portal to disseminate the stories, both products to be launched at the 8th World Water Forum.
- Delegates welcomed the results of the 2nd phase of the pilot-test (in Peru, Morocco, Spain, Colombia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Scotland, Austria) of the **water governance indicator framework** and valuable suggestions were provided by pilot-testers and Working Group members to clarify the framework conditions needed for the self-assessment to be valid. Next steps include complementing data and information provided by pilot-tested countries, basins and cities for the forthcoming OECD publication to be launched at the 8th World Water Forum.
- **Knowledge and information** were shared on i) research focusing on land for flood risk management, women and corruption in the water sector as well as policy developments in Israel; and, ii) recent (26th Stockholm World Water Week, EURO-INBO 2017 Conference, University of Lisbon Workshop on the OECD Principles) and upcoming events (3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, 3APWS).
- A session was devoted to **water governance in Austria** to share experience on managing water at the right scale through existing federal institutions that are not catchment-based as well as to look back at the performance of the governance framework for water services in Austria and discuss the challenges ahead.

Detailed **Policy Highlights** from the meeting will be shared with WGI members by **X December** for written comments.

The final version will be available online on **X January 2018**.

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) is a multi-stakeholder network of 100+ delegates from public, private and non-profit sectors gathering twice a year in a Policy Forum to share on-going reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better governance in the water sector. It was launched on 27-28 March 2013 and is chaired by Peter Glas of the Dutch Water Authorities. The WGI is hosted by the OECD, and coordinated by a multi-stakeholder steering committee (see below logos).

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