

5th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

AGENDA

26 May 2015

Cromdale Hall
Edinburgh International Conference Centre
Edinburgh, Scotland



In the framework of the XVth IWRA World Water Congress



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150 Morrison Street, Edinburgh, Scotland

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) is an international **multi-stakeholder network** of 120+ 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. It was launched on 27-28 March 2013 in Paris (1st meeting), and held its 2nd Meeting on 7-8 November 2013 (Paris), its 3rd Meeting on 28-29 April 2014 (Madrid) and its 4th Meeting on 24-25 November 2014 (Paris).

The OECD Water Governance Initiative aims to:

- **Advise governments** in taking the needed steps for effective water governance reforms through policy dialogue across decision-makers at different levels;
- Provide a **technical platform** to discuss analytical work on water governance through peer-to-peer exchanges and knowledge sharing;
- Provide a **consultation mechanism** to raise the profile of governance issues in the **Global Water Agenda** (World Water Forum, Post-2015 Development Agenda)
- Support the implementation of the governance targets of 6th World Water Forum (Marseille, 2012) and the implementation roadmap of the **7th World Water Forum** (Korea, 2015);
- Assist with the monitoring of the implementation of **OECD Principles on Water Governance** through the preparation of **OECD Indicators on Water Governance**;

Objectives of the Meeting

1. Follow-up on the outcomes of the governance sessions of the **7th World Water Forum** (Korea, 12-17 April 2015);
2. **Share experience** on water governance reforms, initiatives and events, with a zoom on the United Kingdom.
3. Discuss **ways forward** for the WGI building on results from a **Satisfaction Survey** carried out by the Secretariat;
4. Discuss the scope and rationale of **Water Governance Indicators** to be developed through a bottom-up and multi-stakeholder process;

Tuesday 26 May 2015
Room: Cromdale Hall, Edinburgh International Conference Centre

08:30 – 09:00 Registration and Coffee networking

09:00 – 09:20 **Welcoming Remarks**

- Peter Glas, OECD-WGI Chairman (10')
 - Jon Rathjen, Water Industry Team leader, Scottish Government (10')
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09:20 – 9:50 **OECD Principles on Water Governance**

- Update by Joaquim Oliveira-Martins, Head, Regional Development Policy, OECD (10')
- Group discussion** (20')
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09:50 – 10:20 **Launch of OECD Reports**

- Stakeholder Engagement for Inclusive Water Governance, Delphine Clavreul, OECD (7')
- The Governance of Water Regulators, Céline Kauffmann, OECD (7')

Group discussion (15')

10:20 – 11:20 **Outcomes of the 7th World Water Forum**

- Fraser MacLeod, World Water Council (10')
- Yoon Hongsun, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Korea (10')
- Implementation Roadmap on Effective Governance, Aziza Akhmouch, OECD (10')

Group discussion (30')

11:20 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45- 12:45 **Water Governance in the United Kingdom**

Presentations (30'):

- Scotland the Hydro Nation: Developing the value of our water resources: Jon Rathjen, Water Industry Team, Scottish Government (10')
- Progressive Economic regulation to support better water governance: Alan Sutherland, CEO, Water Industry Commission for Scotland (10')
- A UK legislative and regulatory perspective: Gordon Downie, Partner, Shepherd & Wedderburn Solicitors (10')

Group discussion (30')

12:45 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch - Lennox 1 area, Edinburgh International Conference Centre

14:00 – 15:15 **Strategic Orientations of the Water Governance Initiative [For WGI Members only]**

- First 2 years of Activities & Results of the Satisfaction Survey (15')

Group discussion (25')

Proposals for the ways forward

- Inputs by Working Groups' Coordinators (15')

Group discussion (20')

15:15 – 16:15 Sharing recent water governance reforms, events and projects

Short Presentations (5' each)

- 5+5 Mediterranean Strategy on Water – Teodoro Estrella, Spain
- Global Groundwater Governance Project – Andrew Ross, UNESCO-IHP
- Water Integrity Global Outlook – Teun Bastemeijer, Water Integrity Network
- Capacity Building for Integrity in MENA– Anthi Brouma, GWP-Med, Hakan Tropp, SIWI

Q&A and Group discussion (40')

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:45 Getting Started for OECD Water Governance Indicators

- Presentation of the Scoping Note, Oriana Romano, OECD (10')
- Group discussion on the Proposals (20')

Learning from international experience (5' each):

- IWRM indicators in transboundary basins – Jean-François Donzier, INBO
- Benchmarking River Basin Organisations – Tadashige Kawasaki, NARBO
- Stakeholder engagement for better corporate strategies: Raising the profile of water governance – Pascal Guiffant, Suez Environnement

Group discussion (20')

Next steps (5')

17:45 – 18:00 Closure and next steps

18:00 – 19:30 Cocktail – Champagne Bar, Edinburgh International Conference Centre

About the OECD

The OECD is a forum in which governments compare and exchange policy experiences, identify good practices in light of emerging challenges, and promote decisions and recommendations to produce better policies for better lives. The OECD's mission is to promote policies that improve economic and social well-being of people around the world.

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