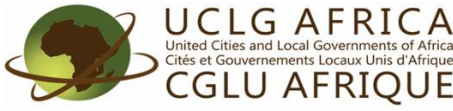


19th meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI)

5-6 March 2024

Mohammed VI Museum of Water Civilisation, Marrakesh



Agenda

Tuesday 5 March

Master of Ceremony: Barbara Pompili
Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI)

9.00-9.30 Opening remarks

Welcome address by the organisers

- Fatima Ezzahra El Mansouri, Mayor of Marrakesh and Minister of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and Urban Policy, Morocco
- Nizar Baraka, Minister for Equipment and Water, Morocco and President of the International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)
- Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE)
- Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Africa

Preliminary remarks on the water policy agenda

- Loïc Fauchon, President, World Water Council

9.30-11.00 WGI contributions to global agendas

In this session, WGI members will be invited to share updates on past and forthcoming water governance events, projects and initiatives.

Updates on the latest events of the WGI Steering Committee

- UN Water Conference (22-24 March 2023 and date TBC, 2026)
- World Water Week (20-24 August 2023, Stockholm, Sweden)
- COP 28 (30 November-12 December 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates)
- UN Ocean Decade Conference (10-12 April 2024, Barcelona, Spain)
- One Water Summit (10 September 2024, New York City, United States)

Tour de table of WGI members

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 High-level session. Dealing with water in times of crisis and climate change: Focus on Morocco

Drawing on experience from recent events, this session will explore the challenges and lessons learned for water management and governance in the midst and aftermath of natural disasters, focusing on earthquakes, climate-related challenges and conflicts.

- Abdelaziz Zerouali, Director of Research and Water Planning, Ministry of Equipment and Water, Morocco

- Mounir Laymouri, Mayor of Tangiers and Chairman of the Moroccan Association of Local Council Chairs (AMPCC)
- Badria Benjelloun, Director of Urban Planning, Ministry of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and Urban Policy, Morocco
- Soraya Khalil, Director of Technical Affairs and Relations with Professionals, Ministry of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing and Urban Policy, Morocco

Experience from Senegal and WAEMU countries

- Oumar Ba, Mayor of Ndiob, President of the Association of Mayors of Senegal, and President of the Council of Local Authorities of West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) countries

Tour de table of WGI members

Conclusion

- Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE), OECD

13.00-14.30 **Family photo and lunch**

14.30-15.30 **Towards the 10th World Water Forum**

This session will share updates with WGI members on the progress of the thematic, regional and political processes of the 10th World Water Forum and the main milestones until the Forum, to be held on 18-25 May in Bali, Indonesia.

- Yoonjin Kim, Director, 10th World Water Forum (online)
- WGI members coordinating Sub-theme 4 on Governance, cooperation and hydro-diplomacy

Tour de table of WGI members

15.30-16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00-17.30 **Handbook on the local implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance**

After a presentation by the OECD Secretariat, members will be invited to provide feedback and suggestions on the structure and content of the Handbook on the local implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance.

- Oriana Romano, Head of Unit, Water Governance, Blue and Circular Economy, CFE, OECD

Tour de table of WGI members

20.00 **Gala dinner**

Wednesday 6 March

Master of Ceremony: Barbara Pompili
Chair, OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI)

9.00-9.15 Welcome and takeaways from day 1

9.15-10.30 **Sustainable blue economies in cities, regions and basins**

This session will present the forthcoming OECD report “The Blue Economy in Cities and Regions”. WGI members will be invited to react to the report.

Presentation of preliminary key messages

- Juliette Lassman, Policy Analyst, CFE, OECD

City-basin dialogue: Taking action at the 10th World Water Forum

- Eric Tardieu, General Secretary, International Network of Basin Organisations (INBO)

Tour de table of WGI members

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.00 **Water and circular economy**

This session will present the OECD–Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) policy dialogue on “Water and circular economy in Latin America” and share best practice from Morocco on water and circular economy.

Presentation of the OECD-IDB policy dialogue results

- María Ferrer Estévez, Policy Analyst, CFE, OECD
- Sergio Campos, Chief, Water and Sanitation Division, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Tour de table with WGI members

Water and circular economy in Morocco

- Mohamed Chtioui, Director of the Tensift Water Basin Agency (ABHT)
- Khalid Boussetta, Architect in charge of studies, Agency for the Development and Rehabilitation of the Medina of Fes (ADER-Fès)
- Souad Belkeziz, Urban Planning Architect, CSB Architecture

Questions from WGI members

12.00-13.00 **The next steps of the WGI for 2024-2027**

This session will allow WGI members to make suggestions on the strategic orientations of the programme of work of the WGI for the 2024-2027 period.

Preliminary suggestions from Steering Committee members

Tour de table of WGI members

Summary by the OECD Secretariat

13.00-13.15 Closing and next steps

Background information

Meeting format and working languages

- Interpretation in English and French will be available.

Objectives of the 19th meeting of the WGI

- Update delegates on the WGI's contribution to **global agendas** and **10th World Water Forum**.
- Share knowledge and experience on **water governance for disaster management and climate change**.
- Peer review the work on the **blue economy** and **circular economy**.
- Discuss progress on the **Handbook** for the local implementation of OECD Principles.
- Brainstorm on the **next steps** of the WGI for 2024-2027.

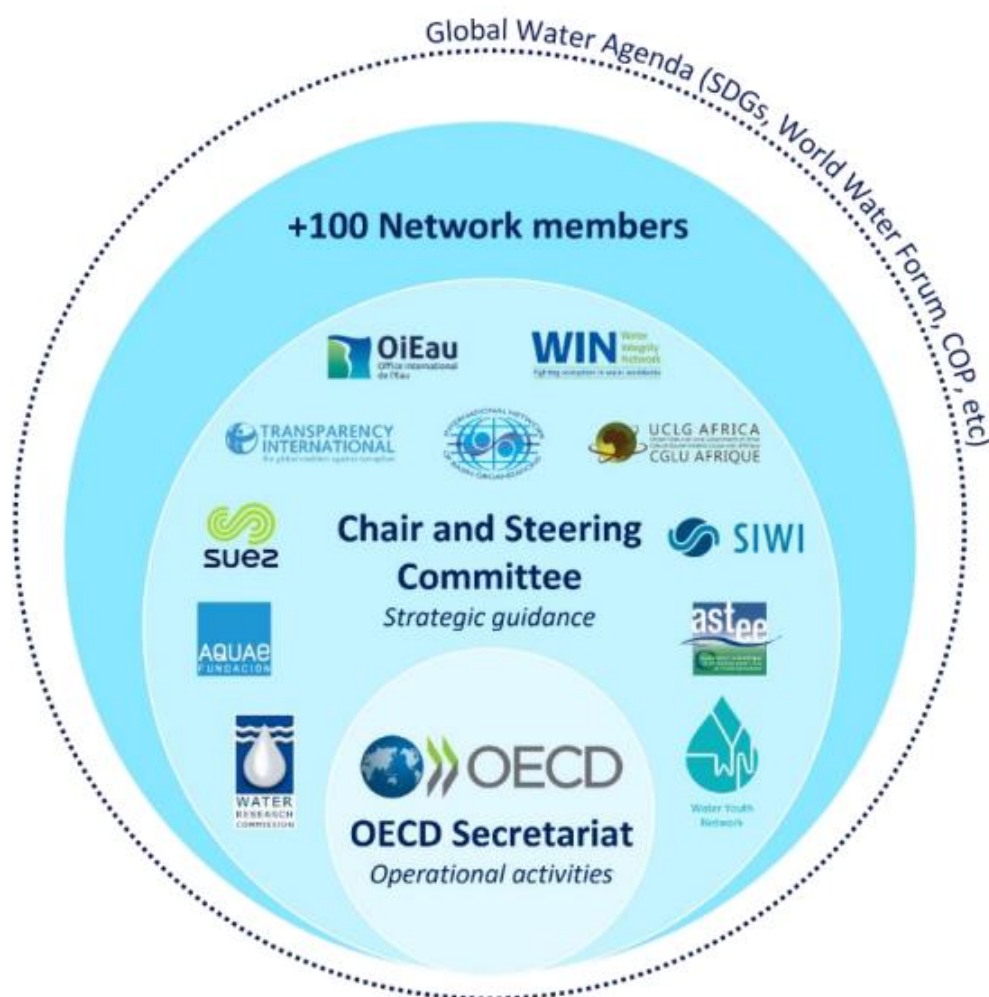
About the OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI)

The [OECD Water Governance Initiative \(WGI\)](#) is an **international multi-stakeholder network** of 100+ delegates gathering twice a year in a **Policy Forum** to share experience on reforms, projects, lessons and good practices in support of better water governance.

The OECD WGI counts on a diversified geographic, economic and institutional representation at local, national and global levels. Members include representatives from national governments, basin and local authorities (and their networks), regulators (and their networks), donors and international financial institutions, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), international organisations and institutions, service providers (both public and private, and their networks), as well as academics and independent experts. The OECD WGI is hosted by the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities (CFE) and has been chaired since 2022 by Barbara Pompili, Special advisor for international affairs at the General Secretariat for Ecological Planning, and former Minister for the Ecological Transition of France.

The WGI, which was created 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 indicator framework for self-assessment.
- **Foster continuity on governance** between World Water Fora.



Previous meetings

- [18th meeting](#): 5-6 July 2023 – Paris, France (hybrid)
- [17th Meeting](#): 19-20 September 2022 – The Hague, Netherlands (hybrid)
- [16th Meeting](#): 20 January 2022 – Online
- [15th Meeting](#): 27 -28 September 2021 – Online
- [14th Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2020 – Online
- [13th Meeting](#): 9-10 January 2020 – Paris, France
- [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

About the OECD Water Governance Programme

The OECD Water Governance Programme advises governments at all levels on how to design and implement water reforms. It relies on multi-stakeholder engagement and bottom-up processes through the OECD Water Governance Initiative, a global policy forum in support of good water governance. Since its creation in 2009, the Programme has delivered policy standards and evidence-based analyses including benchmarks, country dialogues and policy recommendations.

For more information, visit our website: oecd.org/water/regional

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