

# **17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative**

## **AGENDA**

**19-20 September 2022**  
**Hotel NH, The Hague, Netherlands**

Organised by the OECD 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 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; and
- **Foster continuity on governance** between World Water Forums.

## Objectives of the 17<sup>th</sup> WGI Meeting

- Update delegates on the WGI's contribution to global agendas.
- Share knowledge and experience on the latest water governance research and policy reforms.
- Discuss the 2022-2024 WGI Strategy and Programme of Work.
- Contribute to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, in particular its track on local governments.

## Meeting format and working languages

- The meeting will be hybrid. Delegates are welcome to join the meeting in person or online.
- The working language will be English.

## Previous meetings of the WGI

[16<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 20 January 2022 – Online

[15<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 27 -28 September 2021 – Online

[14<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2020 – Online

[13<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 9-10 January 2020 – Paris, France

[12<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 20-21 June 2019 – Berlin, Germany

[11<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 12-13 November 2018 – Zaragoza, Spain

[10<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 20-21 November 2017 – Vienna, Austria

[9<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 3-4 July 2017 – Paris, France

[8<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 12-13 January 2017 – Rabat, Morocco

[7<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 23-24 June 2016 – The Hague, Netherlands

[6<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 2-3 November 2015 – Paris, France

[5<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 26 May 2015 – Edinburgh, United Kingdom

[4<sup>th</sup> Meeting](#): 24-25 November 2014 – Paris, France

[3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting](#): 28-29 April 2014 – Madrid, Spain

[2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting](#): 7-8 November 2013 – Paris, France

[1<sup>st</sup> Meeting](#): 27-28 March 2013 – Paris, France

**Monday 19 September 2022**  
**NH Hotel, The Hague, Netherlands**

9:00 - 9:30 Registration and coffee

**9:30 - 10:15 Opening Remarks**

- Peter Glas, outgoing Chair, OECD WGI
- Aziza Akhmouch, Head of the Cities Division, OECD
- Barbara Pompili, incoming Chair, OECD WGI

**10:15 - 11:15 Update on WGI contributions to global agendas and water governance research**

- Outcomes of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (21-26 March 2022, Dakar, Senegal) by ASTEE
- Outcomes of World Water Week (23 August-1 Sept. 2022, Stockholm, Sweden) by SIWI
- Outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> High-Level International Conference on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” (6-9 June 2022, Dushanbe, Tajikistan) by INBO
- Outcomes of water-related sessions at COP26 (31 October-13 November 2021) by OECD
- Tour de table on WGI members’ events and research

11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break and family photo

**11:45 - 13:00 WGI Strategy and Programme of Work 2022-24**

- Key proposals from the Strategy Paper – Oriana Romano, OECD Secretariat
- Discussion
- Ways forward – WGI Steering Committee

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

**14:00 - 15:30 Breakout groups discussion on the WGI 2022-24 Strategy and Programme of Work**

- Quick overview of proposed priorities and content
- Focus on the methodology and who does what
- Agreement on outputs and expected outcomes for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (2024)

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

**16:00 - 17:30 Ways forward for the WGI 2022-2024 Strategy and Programme of Work**

Following the discussions in breakout sessions, groups will report back to the plenary.

- Key take-away messages on priorities, methodology, and outputs
- Group discussion
- Conclusions and next steps

17:30 - 19:30 Cocktail

**Tuesday 20 September 2022**  
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**9:30 - 10:30**

**High-level panel: WGI for the United Nations 2023 Water Conference**

The High level panel will discuss the role of the WGI in fostering a territorial approach to water governance as contribution to the United Nations 2023 Water Conference.

- Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for Water, Netherlands
- Aziza Akhmouch, Head of Division, OECD
- Jean-Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary-General, UCLG-Africa
- Ed Anker, Chair, Association of Dutch Municipalities

**10:30 - 11:15**

**Tour de table on WGI members' relevant work for the UN Conference**

WGI members will be invited to share recent examples of good water governance projects, initiatives or research.

**11:15 - 11:45**

Coffee break

**11:45 - 13:30**

**Implementing the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Action Plan of Mayors and Local Governments for Water Security**

This session will allow participants to brainstorm in breakout groups on how the WGI can contribute to the UN 2023 Water Conference, and in particular its local track through engaging Mayors and sub-national governments in raising the profile of their water policies.

- Breakout groups on priorities, methodology, who does what
- Reporting back to plenary
- Conclusion and next steps

**13:30 - 14:30**

Lunch