



Brasilia Multi-stakeholder Pledge to Implement the OECD Principles on Water Governance

Handed to the OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría at the 8th World Water Forum, 21 March 2018

We, organisations and representatives from the public sector, civil society, NGO stakeholder groups, academia, the business community and committed individuals, actively engaged in the OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI) and the Global Coalition for Good Water Governance, strongly believe that good water governance is essential to inclusive economic growth, environmental sustainability and people's well-being. We, in particular:

1. Welcome the achievement of the [OECD Principles on Water Governance](#) as a solid framework to design and implement better water policies across all levels of government, and in a shared responsibility with water stakeholders;
2. Call on governments to strengthen their water policies and set sound incentives and frameworks to catalyse investments needed for improved water governance and management;
3. Look forward to the role of the OECD WGI in continuing to facilitate implementation, knowledge-sharing, bottom-up learning and access to international experience, especially in relation to supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals;
4. Invite more governments and other stakeholders, from developed, developing or emerging economies to endorse the OECD Principles on Water Governance and to join the [Global Coalition for Good Water Governance](#);
5. Welcome the supporting tools as provided by the OECD report “Implementing the OECD Principles on Water Governance: Indicator framework and evolving practices ” released at the 8th World Water Forum;
6. Encourage the use of the OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework as a self-assessment and voluntary tool for multi-stakeholder dialogue by interested cities, basin organisations, regions and countries;
7. Welcome the collection, analysis and online disclosure of evolving water governance practices, illustrating governance gaps and responses in relation to the OECD Principles, for inspiration and bench-learning;
8. Commit to promote and disseminate the OECD indicator framework and evolving practices within our organisations and networks, and to partners and the public at large, as valuable tools to assess, guide and improve water policies and decisions, and to support capacity development;
9. Expect the OECD WGI to engage in capacity development activities for enhanced implementation of the OECD Principles on Water Governance through tailored support to use and improve the indicator framework and learn from evolving practices; and
10. Thank the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee for its leadership and commitment in support of good governance at all levels in the water sector

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