



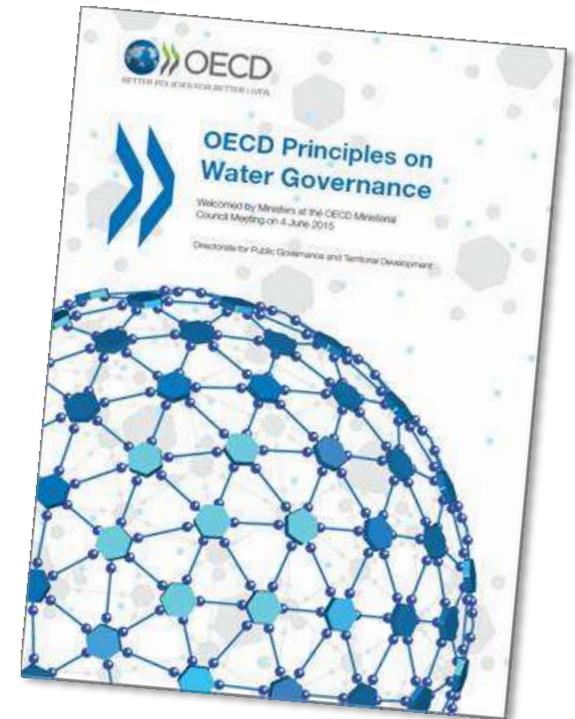
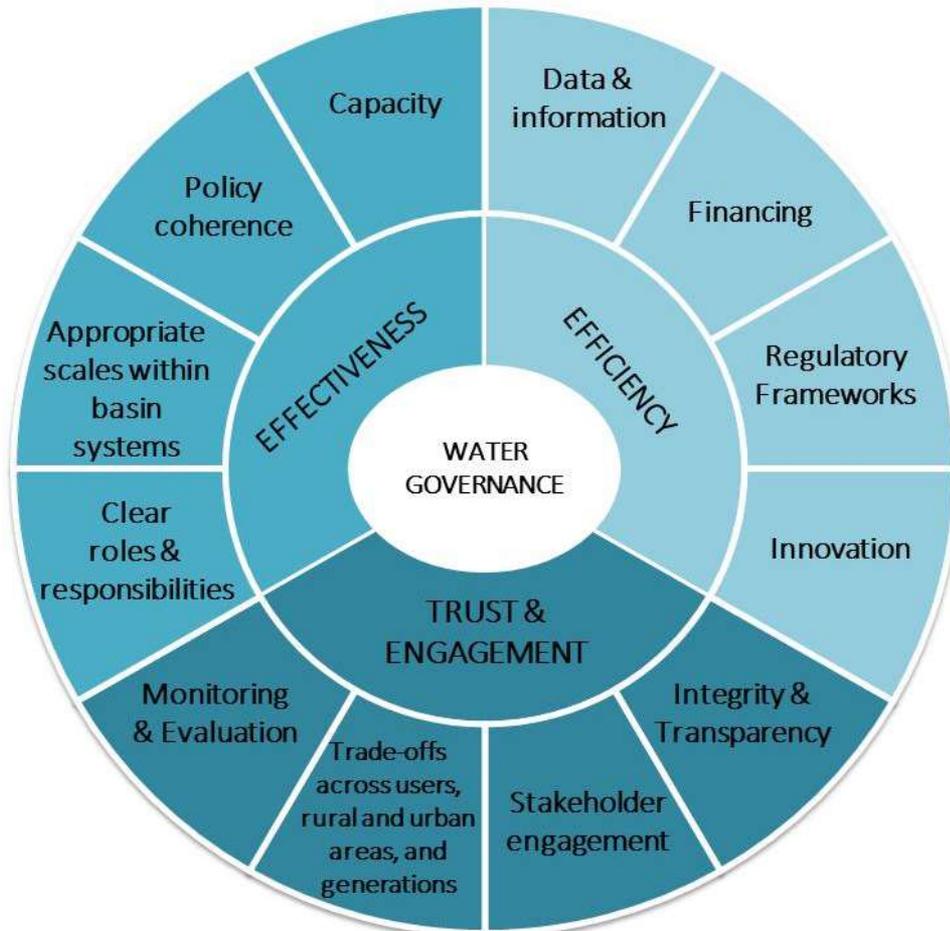
SPECIAL SESSION

TOWARDS A SPECIAL ISSUE OF WATER INTERNATIONAL ON THE OECD PRINCIPLES ON WATER GOVERNANCE

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OECD Principles on Water Governance



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Enhancing the effectiveness of water governance

- 1** Clearly allocate and distinguish roles and responsibilities for water policymaking, policy implementation, operational management and regulation, and foster co-ordination across these responsible authorities
- 2** Manage water at the appropriate scale(s) within integrated basin governance systems to reflect local conditions, and foster co-ordination between the different scales
- 3** Encourage policy coherence through effective cross-sectoral co-ordination, especially between policies for water and the environment, health, energy, agriculture, industry, spatial planning and land use
- 4** Adapt the level of capacity of responsible authorities to the complexity of water challenges to be met, and to the set of competencies required to carry out their duties



Enhancing the *efficiency* of water governance

5 Produce, update, and share timely, consistent, comparable and policy-relevant water and water-related data and information, and use it to guide, assess and improve water policy

6 Ensure that governance arrangements help mobilise water finance and allocate financial resources in an efficient, transparent and timely manner

7 Ensure that sound water management regulatory frameworks are effectively implemented and enforced in pursuit of the public interest

8 Promote the adoption and implementation of innovative water governance practices across responsible authorities, levels of government and relevant stakeholders



Enhancing the trust and engagement in water governance

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Mainstream integrity and transparency practices across water policies, water institutions and water governance frameworks for greater accountability and trust in decision-making

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***Promote* stakeholder engagement for informed and outcome-oriented contributions to water policy design and implementation**

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Encourage water governance frameworks that help manage trade-offs across water users, rural and urban areas, and generations

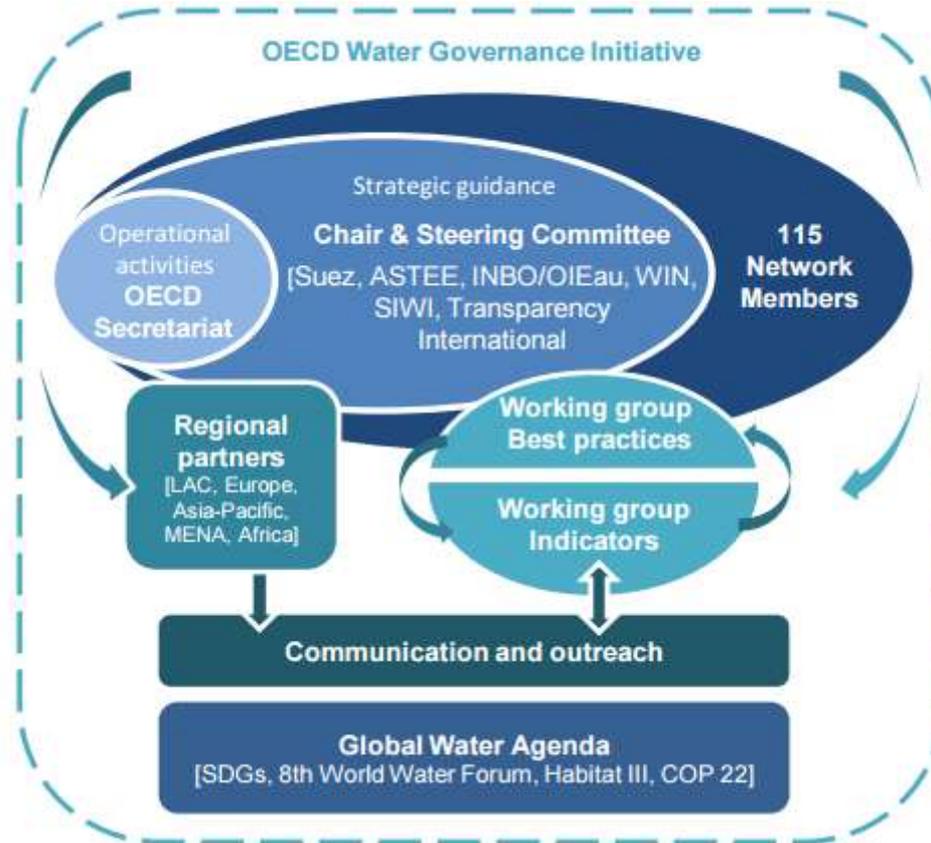
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Promote regular monitoring and evaluation of water policy and governance where appropriate, share the results with the public and make adjustments when needed



A multi-stakeholder and bottom-up process

Structure of the OECD Water Governance Initiative





Outline of the Special Issue (1/2)

- Foreword & Introduction

PART 1 – THEORETICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Addressing the policy implementation gap in water services



- Enabling factors for economic incentives for water governance: reconciling design and implementation



- Stakeholder engagement in water governance as social learning: Lessons from practice





Outline of the Special Issue (2/2)

PART 2 – LESSONS FROM PRACTICE

- Putting the OECD Water Governance Principles to the test: an application to flood protection in the Netherlands



- OECD Principles on Water Governance in Practice: An assessment of existing frameworks in Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and the Americas



- New paradigms for water governance in France





Discussion

- How is water governance evolving at different levels of government, in light of current trends (climate change, fast urbanisation, fiscal consolidation, territorial reforms, etc.)?
- What are the implications for principles of water governance such as effectiveness, efficiency, inclusiveness, and trust?
- How to move forwards on improving water governance through monitoring and evaluation?