

# OECD WORK ON WATER

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# 1) Introduction of the OECD



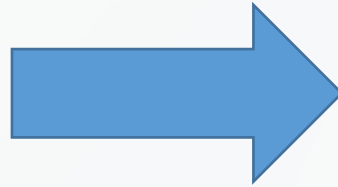
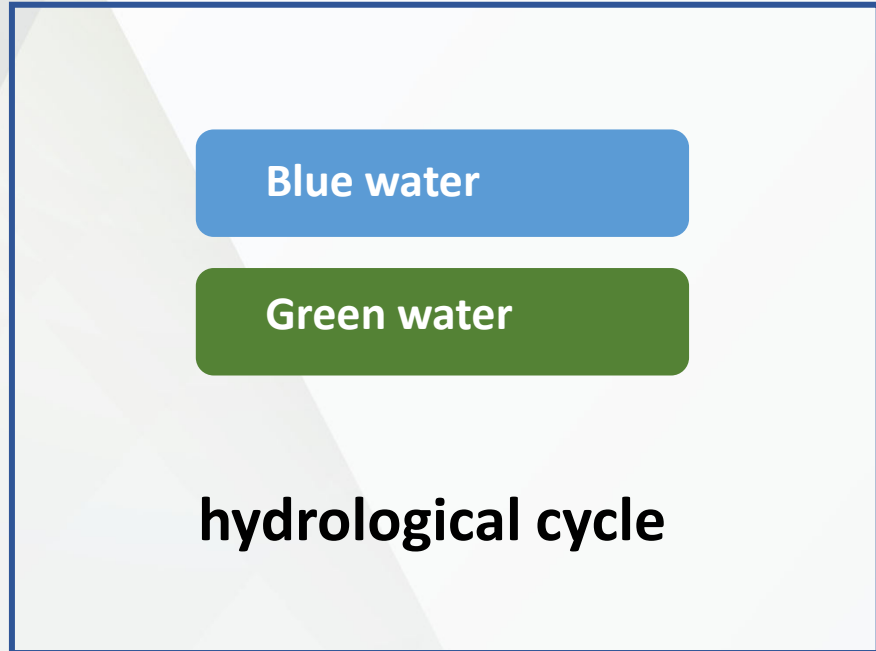
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2) Water, as a global common good

# Water challenges are economic challenges

- By 2050 over 40% of the world's population are likely to be living in river basins **under severe water stress**.
- Overall **water demand** is projected to increase by 55%.
- Surface water quality outside the OECD is expected to deteriorate in the coming decades.
- Increased eutrophication, biodiversity loss and disease.
- Micro-pollutants (medicines, cosmetics, cleaning agents, and biocide residues) are an emerging concern in many countries.

# Water, as a global common good



- **how the hydrological cycle (including green water) connects distant countries?**
- **how climate change has affected the hydrological cycle, which in turn compounds climate change: drier lands are less able to capture and store carbon?**

# The Global Commission on the Economics of Water



Convened by the Government of the Netherlands and facilitated by the OECD.

Launched in May 2022 with a two-year mandate.

Three pillars:

- analytics,
- societal dialogues,
- an action agenda.





3) Building a water-wise community with a shared future:

OECD's Role

# FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE: ROLE OF OECD

**1** A changed paradigm for water, from a resource challenge to an economic challenge

**2** Recognition that multi-level governance and finance are essential to policy success

**3** A body of evidence, insights and tools to support policy design and implementation

# Setting global standards: The OECD Council Recommendation on Water

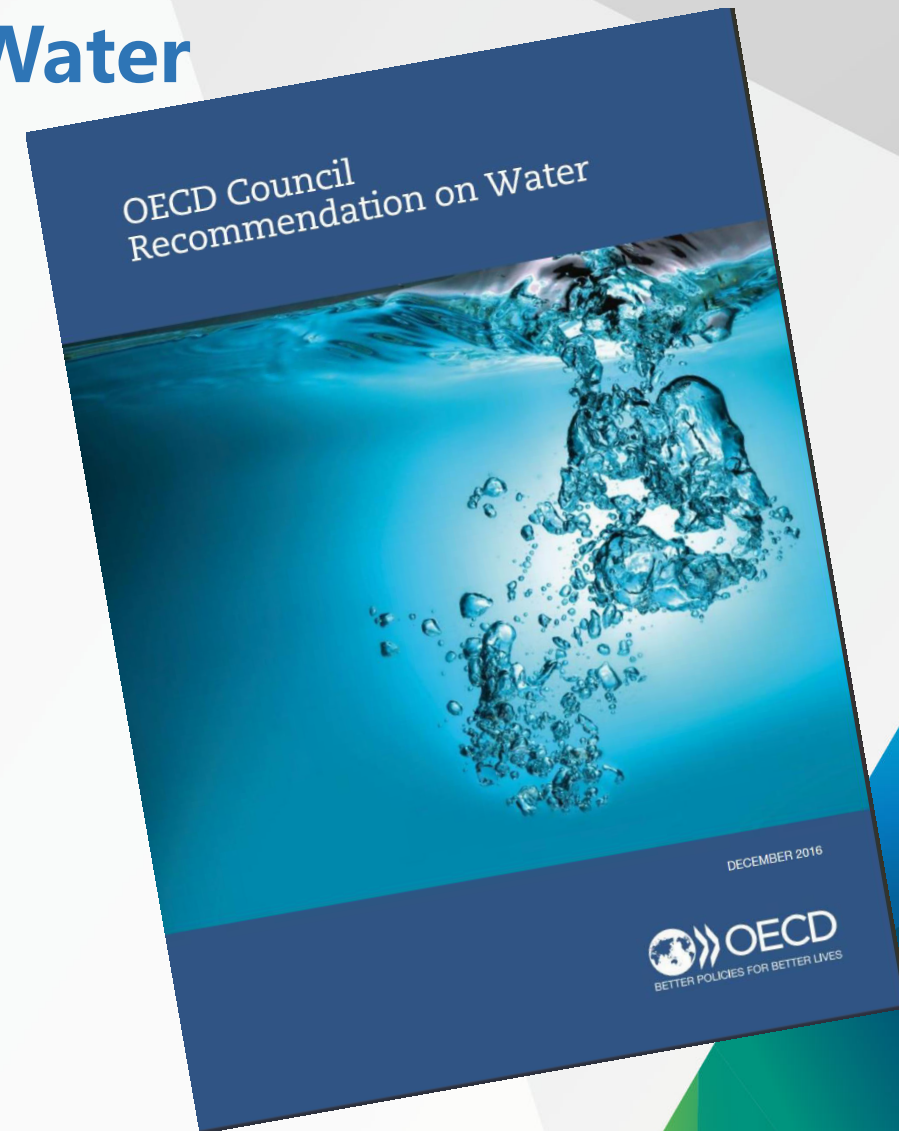
Adopted on 13 December 2016

Topics covers:

- managing water quantity
- improving water quality
- managing water risks and disasters
- ensuring good water governance
- ensuring sustainable finance, investment and pricing for the water and water services.

OECD work continues to seek

- 1) adherence from non-member countries
- 2) develop a toolkit to facilitate the implementation of the Recommendation



**The OECD Toolkit for Water Policies and Governance crystallises country-specific evidence and policy guidance, which can expedite action and convergence towards international good practices for water management.**



# Set up global networks:

- **The Roundtable on financing water**
- **The Water Governance initiative** →

## Objectives of the OECD Water Governance Initiative



Source: <https://www.oecd.org/water/regional/aboutwgi/>.

# Policy areas OECD covered:



### 3) Engagement with China

## National policy dialogues with China

managing water for growth

reform of water allocation mechanisms

regulation of water supply

sanitation services

mitigating water pollution

financing water-related investments



**Thank you!**

