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13th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative

9-10 January 2020, OECD Headquarters, Paris, France

On 9-10 January 2020, the [OECD Water Governance Initiative](#) (WGI), held its [13th meeting](#) at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, France. The meeting gathered 80+ practitioners, policymakers and representatives from major stakeholder groups. The [agenda](#), [list of participants](#), [presentations](#), and [pictures](#) from the event are accessible online.

SUMMARY AND KEY OUTCOMES:

The report

The session on **Localising and Measuring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** presented the [OECD Action Plan on SDGs](#) and the [OECD Programme on A Territorial Approach to the SDGs](#), which documents how cities and regions use the SDGs to improve their plans, strategies and policies, and measures their distance to SDGs targets. During the session, delegates were updated on the measurement of official development assistance to the water and sanitation sector for target 6.a.1. Delegates were provided with practical examples of how countries are measuring progress towards SDG 6, with presentations by representatives from the Israeli, Dutch and Peruvian delegations.

Delegates discussed the Programme on [Water Security for Sustainable Development in Africa](#), focusing on the proposed Survey to analyse Water Governance in African Cities. Findings were shared on the challenges of urbanisation in Africa, including the [Africapolis](#) database which aims to map new urbanisation dynamics in the region. Evidence was presented from the [African Economic Outlook 2016](#) on the rural-urban divide in terms of access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

In the session on **Water Governance in Asia**, delegates discussed the progress of the collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to produce the 2020 Asian Water Development Outlook, and introduced a survey to 40+ countries in the region on water governance. Key findings were presented from relevant works on water governance taking place in Asia, including the [Multi-Dimensional review of Thailand](#), as a practical example of the application of the [OECD Water Governance Indicator Framework](#). The work on [integrated urban policies](#) and [disaster risk management](#) in the Asian region, and their potential to improve water resources management, was discussed by delegates.

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