



**The Director**  
Environment Directorate

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the **OECD Global Forum on Environment: Making Water Reform Happen**, which will be held on **25-26 October 2011** at the OECD Headquarters in Paris. The Forum will provide an opportunity for OECD member and non-member countries to share experiences of water policy reform aimed at ensuring access to sufficient quantities of adequate quality water to meet human, productive, and ecosystem needs – a fundamental policy goal for all countries. The discussion and debate at the Forum will be driven by case studies of reform in the water sector from both OECD member and non-member countries. The aim will be to identify the key challenges of implementing water policy reform and how these challenges can be addressed. The Forum will bring together senior policymakers and experts as well as a range of stakeholders from international organizations, business and civil society.

Please find attached a preliminary agenda of the Forum and the registration form. Additional information is available at: <http://www.oecd.org/environment/gfenv>. Should you have any questions regarding the organisation of the Forum, please send inquiries to [water@oecd.org](mailto:water@oecd.org).

Yours sincerely,

Simon Upton

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OECD Headquarters, Paris**

*Draft Agenda*

<b>Tuesday 25 October</b>	
8:30	Registration and welcome coffee
9:30 – 9:45	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Mr. Angel Gurría</b>, Secretary-General, OECD</li> </ul>
9:45 – 12:00	<b>High Level Panel on Key Reform Challenges</b>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Framing the Reform Challenges</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Keynote speech: <b>“The Future Challenges for Water” Ms. Helen Mountford</b>, Environment Directorate, OECD</li> <li>➤ Keynote speech: <b>“The Political Economy of Water Reform” Professor John Briscoe</b>, Harvard University</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 17:15	<b>Water Reform at the National Level:</b> case studies from India, Australia, South Africa, and Israel
17:15 – 17:30	Launch of OECD publications by <b>Mr. Angel Gurría</b> , Secretary-General, OECD
17:30 – 18:00	Keynote speech: <b>HRH Prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands</b> , Chair of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation
18:00	Buffet dinner and cocktail
<b>Wednesday 26 October</b>	
9:30 – 12:30	<b>Water, Agriculture, Energy and Environment Linkages:</b> case studies from Chile, France, the USA, Colombia, and the business community
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break

14:00 – 17:00	<b>Meeting the Water Supply and Sanitation Challenge:</b> case studies from Uganda, the UK, Armenia, and Brazil
17:00 – 17:30	Concluding remarks: “The Road to Marseille, Rio and Beyond”, <b>Loïc Fauchon</b> , President of the World Water Council