

4th Meeting of OECD Water Governance Initiative

The 4th Meeting of the OECD Water Governance Initiative was held from 24 to 25 November 2014, Paris, France.

The 4th meeting was opened by OECD Secretary General, Angel Gurría, and WWC President, Benedito Braga. It gathered around 115 delegates to discuss contributions to the Global Water Agenda and peer-reviewed analytical work on water governance. The meeting also discussed the first draft of OECD Principles on Water Governance and working group sessions allowed to brainstorm on water governance indicators. A tour de table provided experience-sharing on recent water governance reforms, initiatives and events.

Dr. Keizrul Bin Abdullah, Chairperson of NARBO, participated and contributed as follows.

NARBO presented the highlights of the Manila Declaration which was signed on 20 November 2014, for NARBO's 10th anniversary. For the occasion, an event was organized in Manila to introduce NARBO's former Chairperson, Dr. Basuki Hadimoeljono, Director-General for water resources at the Ministry of Public Works of Indonesia and to look back at NARBO's achievements since its inception (e.g. training programmes, benchmarking, knowledge hubs, etc.). Looking at the future, NARBO will focus on strengthening water governance frameworks, in particular in far-East Asia; improving complementarities with other sectors; and sharing experiences between Asia and other regions. The event closed with the Manila Declaration that includes key elements on the contribution of NARBO to the global water community, in particular the Water Governance Initiative.



Dr. Keizrul who delivered a presentation regarding 'Manila Declaration'