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*Unesco Workshop Principles of
Good Water Governance
At different levels*

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Aims, scope and contributions

Aims:

- Develop Principles of Good Governance at all governance levels

Starting points:

- Water Governance is crucial topic
- Variety of levels should be taken into account

Scope:

- How is Water Governance evolving at different levels?
- What are implications for principles of good governance?

Conveners (the festival of interesting logo's)

- Netherlands National IHP Committee (linking world and nation)
- Co-operative Programme on Water & Climate (CPWC)
- UNESCO-IHE, institute for Water Education
- Netherlands National Commission for UNESCO





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 - Water and water systems
 - Urban and area development
 - Infrastructure and mobility systems
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Governance of Complex Systems

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Ambitions of today

- Evolution of water governance
 - Variety of starting points
 - Different attempts / roads to achieve governance capacities helping to
 - Protect societies from flooding!
 - Supply enough fresh water!
 - Increase knowledge
 - What works?
 - What can be improved?
 - What is good water governance able to meet conflicting aims
 - Equity! everyone has the right to?
 - Legitimacy! what is an acceptable way of working!?
 - Efficiency! what are acceptable cost and is it a market!?
 - Transparency! controllable by whom?
 - Accountability! who is accountable to who?



Joined fascinations

- Governance (focus on complexity)
 - Variety of governments, citizens and private sector
- Multilevel Governance (extended complexity)
 - Global, Continental, National, Regional, Local Governance
- Principles of Good Governance (achieving simplicity)
 - What creates efficiency and transparency and high quality outcomes at the same time
 - Finding clever balances in contrasting demands



Preliminary remarks

- Never forget that government en governance
- Even when you label it as water governance
- Has a live on its own
- Government and governance are living organisms evolving in a multiple level, multiple purpose and multiple actor environment
- Water will never be the only goal and often not the most important one
- Embedding water care in surrounding governance systems is crucial