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# Let's Talk About Water Water Policy in the Age of Big Data: A Panel and Film Event

# 21 September 2015, OECD Headquarters, Paris

Technological advances in water data exchange promise to make unprecedented quantities of information available to inform water management from both operational and policy perspectives. CUAHSI, a US-based university consortium focusing on water research, has assembled a panel of experts to discuss this opportunity with OECD. What information do economists need? How can these data sources be adapted to meet these needs?

#### Programme

15h45-16h: Introductory remarks by Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary General

<u>16h-17h20</u>: Showing of the documentary "**Last Call at the Oasis**" (80 min), an award-winning film by Jessica Yu that exposes defects in current water management policy and water infrastructure through a series of stories

<u>17h20-17h30</u>: Remarks by NASA scientist Dr. Jay Famiglietti (via Skype)



#### 17h30-18h: Panel discussion

Dr. David Maidment Hussein M. Alharthy Centennial Chair in Civil Engineering and Director of the Center for Research in Water Resources at the University of Texas at Austin

> **Mr. Henk Ovink** Special envoy for International Water Affairs for the Netherlands







**Dr. Richard Hooper** President of the Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science, Inc., in Boston, MA USA

**Dr. Barb Ryan** Secretariat Director of the Intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations in Geneva, Switzerland

#### 18h-19h30: Cocktail

### Registration

To attend, kindly proceed with your online registration here by 21 August 2015

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