



# POLICIES TO IMPROVE WATER SECURITY FROM STEWARDSHIP TO WATER SECURITY

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# From stewardship to water security

## Messages heard on Day 1

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- Stewardship
  - Voluntary action
  - Corporate and industry level
  - Promotes water efficiency
- One next step towards water security
  - Cross-sector
  - Benefits at basin level
  - Ambition that reflects policy objectives and/or community needs
  - Scale up



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## Policy issues

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- Competing demands for water
- Prices (affordability, competitiveness)
- Harmful subsidies
- Policy coherence
- Scale



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## Policy options

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- Competing demands for water
  - Reformed WUAs (France)
  - Multi-purpose infrastructures (France)
- Prices
  - Voucher for WSS (Chile)
  - Recycling revenues to invest in water efficiency
- Harmful subsidies
  - Tarifa 9 (Mexico)
- Policy coherence
  - National (energy) vs local (agriculture)(Brazil)
- Scale
  - Water Pact (Brazil)



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## The political economy of reform

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- Barriers to water policy reforms
  - No clear case for change
  - Vague understanding of winners and losers
  - Lack of references
- National policy dialogues
  - A political process
  - Informed by international good practice
  - Fuelled by economic analysis