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The <u>OECD Water Governance Initiative (WGI)</u> can contribute to the UN 2023 Water Conference in three main ways:

- Commitments and actions: The OECD WGI can mobilise Ministers and Mayors to make
 concrete commitments on implementing good water governance at national and local level at
 the Conference (e.g. through a pact across levels of government). The OECD WGI will promote
 the signature of the <u>Action Plan of Mayors</u>, <u>Local and Regional Governments for Water Security</u>
 by Mayors and local authorities globally.
- Special event on Local and Regional Governments: The OECD is involved in the preparation of the Special Event on Local and Regional Governments with other organisations. The OECD WGI supports a focus on good water governance in cities by fostering a multilevel dialogue where national, regional and local authorities could be engaged alongside sectors beyond water (e.g. energy, waste, built environment ocean...).
- Acceleration Framework on Water Governance: The OECD WGI could provide expertise
 and support the coordination of the Acceleration Framework on Water Governance of the
 Conference.

Additionally, OECD WGI members would be interested in organising a side event for the 10 years of the WGI to share lessons learned from a decade of collaborative work on water governance with stakeholders from all levels of government, international organisations, civil society and academia.