First meeting of the Steering Committee

17 November 2017

09:00-09:30
- Participants Welcome: coffee and croissants

09:30-10:00
**Item 1. Opening remarks by the Chairs**
- Opening remarks by OECD and UCLG

10:00-11:15
**Item 2. Setting the Observatory vision, strategy and objectives**
- Rationale for the Observatory: first steps, vision, strategy
- Tour de Table on the objectives and needs
- The Observatory's governance, role of the OECD and UCLG, role of other partners

*Key questions for discussion:*
- What are the needs? What do you expect from such an initiative with regard the objectives and task proposed?
- What would be your top 3 priorities?
- What could be the respective role of partners?
- What should the role of the Steering Committee be?

11:15-11:45
*Group Photo and Coffee break – 11:15-11:45*

11:45-12:45
**Item 3. Updating the OECD/UCLG pilot study: Subnational Governments around the World**
- Key highlights of the 2016 pilot study
- Subnational governments around the World 2018 edition: countries covered, challenges
- Tour de table:
  - Feedback on the key findings of the 2016 study
  - 2018 edition:
    - Including new countries to improve geographic coverage; improving data quality for some countries
    - Enhancing national and regional networks and strengthening their capacities
    - Roadmap, allocation of responsibilities and financing for the update

*Key questions for discussion:*
- How can members of the Steering Committee help (i) providing guidelines, advice, (ii) fine-tune existing indicators and (iii) support overall analysis?
- How to best use and communicate the outcomes of this initiative?
• How can members of the Steering Committee collaborate to facilitate, improve and standardise data collection, in order to develop shared guidelines applicable to different countries?
• How to involve regional or national experts in the data collection and analysis? How to strengthen their capacities in developing common methodologies and approaches?
• How to support data development in countries where this is lacking?

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**Item 4. Looking ahead: incorporating new indicators and enhancing synergies with other observatories and networks**

• Strengthening existing indicators (including more targeted methodologies for federal vs. unitary countries)
• Adding new indicators and designing indicators of multi-level governance of public investment
• Enhancing synergies with other observatories and networks
• Roadmap, allocation of responsibilities and financing for the extension
• Tour de Table

**Key questions for discussion:**

- Which indicators to add in the 2018 edition? Which indicators are appropriate for high, middle, and low income countries?
- How to capture more qualitative information, notably on the breakdown of responsibilities, intergovernmental relations and multilevel governance, etc.?
- How to strengthen links with existing networks and observatories?

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**Wrap-up and next steps**

• Official launch of the Steering Committee
• Toward a 2018 Observatory High-level Conference: initial thoughts

| 16:20 – 16:30               |

**Item 5. Concluding remarks**

• Concluding remarks by OECD and UCLG

| End of the meeting          |
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