

The second OECD World Forum in more detail

The second World Forum will be an opportunity to learn more about the key facts, and policies surrounding the most important economic, social and environmental issues of our time. Keynote speakers, plenary sessions, parallel sessions, and technical workshops will allow participants to identify and discuss key measurement and policy issues. Issues relevant to developed, emerging and developing countries will be discussed. Results from regional events will be presented in the World Forum for further discussion.

The conference will be built around five broad themes, with each session relating to one or more themes.

Overarching sessions include:

- Measuring Progress: Does it Make a Difference for Policy making and Democracy?
- What is Progress?
- People's Perceptions vs. Reality: What impacts on Policies and Democracy?

1. Key Outcomes for Our Future: Measuring to Make Progress. What do we know, and what do we need to know, to track and foster progress in key dimensions of life?

- Progress in Democracy and Human Rights
- Power to the Planet: Energy for the Future
- Water: safety and sufficiency
- Biodiversity
- Human Capital: the Largest Share of a Nation's Wealth
- Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Meeting the World's Health Challenges
- Social Outcomes of Learning
- Financial Security and Stability
- Culture and Creativity

2. Mega-trends. What threats and opportunities do major societal changes mean for making progress in the 21st century?

- Climate Change
- Growing Old, Growing Young: Demographic Challenges
- Globalisation and Local Progress
- Surfing the Future: New Technology for Next Generation
- Skills on the Move: How Migration Affects National Progress
- The Gender Gap: Difference or Discrimination

3. Fostering Progress - the role of people and communities

- Tackling Global Problems: The Role of Foundations
- Statistical Offices: Information Brokers or Knowledge Builders?
- Citizens with vision: the Impact of Social Entrepreneurship
- Corporate Social Responsibility (The Role of Private Sector)
- Fostering Progress: The Role of Non-Profit Organisations
- Measuring Progress: Achieving Progress (The Role of International Organisations)

4. Making Progress in a Complex World. How can we better understand the links between things we do, the ways in which we organise ourselves, and our progress?

- Good Public Governance for Whom?
- Measuring Happiness and Making Policy
- Measuring and Improving Government's Performance
- Competitiveness, Innovation and Economic Growth
- How to Build a Knowledge Economy and How to Know When You Have One?

5. Turning statistics into knowledge and knowledge into policy: how can we strengthen the role of evidence in decision making throughout society?

- Evidence-Based Policy Making: Just a Myth or a Must?
- Building Statistical Capacity to Monitor the Progress of Societies
- Comprehensive Indicator Systems
- Turning Statistics into Knowledge
- Developing Countries: Better Statistics, Better Policy