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Training course on **Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Understanding Societal Change**

September 16th -19th 2008, Siena (Italy)

September 16 th , 2008	
3:00pm to 3:45pm	<p>Welcome <i>Angelo Riccaboni, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Siena</i></p> <p>Introduction and Presentation of the Course PPT <i>Enrico Giovannini, Chief Statistician, OECD</i> <i>Barbara Iasiello, Global Project, OECD</i></p>
3:45pm to 4:30pm	<p>Opening Session</p> <p>What Evidence Do We Need to Understand Social Change? PPT <i>Daniel Byk, STATEC - Luxembourg</i> <i>Jon Hall, Global Project, OECD</i></p>
4:30pm to 5:00pm	Coffee break
5:00pm to 7:00pm	<p>Groups will work on projects over the next two days and report back on the final day. Division in three groups and brief presentations of subjects that they will work on:</p> <p>1) How Can We Improve the Credibility of Evidence? PPT <i>Daniel Byk</i> Citizens are continuously subjected to "information bombardment" but "information is not knowledge". How can we encourage the use of information in decision-making?</p> <p>2) New Measures to Understand Societal Change <i>Enrico Giovannini and Barbara Iasiello</i> What are the ten most important measures to understand your society? And what information would we like to have that isn't already available?</p> <p>3) Why Measure the Progress of Societies? PPT <i>Jon Hall</i> Why would we want to measure the progress of our society, and how would one go about setting up an initiative to do that?</p>

September 17 th , 2008	
9:00am to 10:30am	Turning Statistics into Knowledge: New ICT Tools PPT1 PPT2 <i>Jim Ridgway, Durham University, UK</i>
10:30am to 11:00am	Coffee break
11:00am to 1:00pm	Group exercise: groups will work with data and dynamic visualization tools to tell stories to different audiences.
1:00pm to 2:30pm	Lunch
2:30pm to 3:30pm	Communicating Statistics – With Whom and How PPT Including a Case Study from Luxembourg <i>Daniel Byk</i> <i>Serge Allegrezza, Director General, STATEC - Luxembourg</i>
3:30pm to 4:00pm	Coffee break
4:00pm to 5:30pm	Press conference simulation: presentation by groups, showing the story they have created to different audiences using dynamic visualization tools.
5:30pm – 7:00pm	Group work on projects
September 18 th , 2008	
9:00 am to 10:00 am	The Main Approaches in Measuring Progress and Measuring Well-being PPT <i>Jon Hall</i> Presentation and discussion on pros and cons of different approaches, including objective and subjective measures, and the ways in which such measures can foster progress and wellbeing.
10:00am to 11:00am	The State of the Art in Indicator Research PPT <i>Filomena Maggino, International Society of Quality of Life Studies (ISQOLS)</i> Methodological issues in developing indicators (the logic and the process): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From concept to measurement (hierarchical design, models of measurement) • Managing complexity (aggregation of indicators, systems of indicators) • Objective and subjective indicators Characteristics of indicators (<i>from statistics to indicators</i>): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of indicators Quality of indicators

11:00am to 11:30am	Coffee break
11:30am to 12:30pm	Group exercise - Each group will define a concept (e.g. wellbeing, quality of life, progress) and select (through provided data) a set of indicators to describe it and paint a picture of the chosen concept in a chosen country or region.
12:30pm to 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm to 2:30pm	Presentation of the results of the group exercise.
2:30pm to 4:00pm	The Dimensions of Deprivation <i>Achille Lemmi, University of Siena</i> <i>Vijay Verma, University of Siena</i>
4:00pm to 4:30pm	Coffee break
4:30pm to 5:30pm	Does Money Buy Happiness: The Easterlin Paradox PPT <i>Stefano Bartolini, University of Siena</i>
5:30pm to 7:00pm	Group work on case studies
September 19th, 2008	
9:30am to 10:00am	Measuring Progress in Practice: the Australian Experience PPT <i>Jon Hall</i>
10:00am to 11:30am	Report back by the groups on their project – Briefing to a Senior Policy Maker and a Statistician.
11:30am to 12:00pm	Coffee break
12:00pm to 12:45pm	How Will You Take this Forward When you Go Home? <i>Enrico Giovannini</i>
12:45pm to 1:00pm	Conclusions
1:00 pm to 2:00pm	Lunch and feedback from participants