

Agenda
Training course on
Measuring the Progress of Societies
Statistics, Knowledge and Policy: Understanding Societal Change
October 25th - 27th 2008, Amman (Jordan)

October 25th, 2008	
9.00 - 9:30	<p>Welcome <i>Representative from AITRS & Jon Hall, Global Project, OECD</i></p> <p><u>Introduction and Presentation of the Course</u> <i>Barbara Iasiello, Global Project, OECD</i></p>
9:30 - 11:00	<p><u>Opening Session</u> What Evidence Do We Need to Understand Social Change? <i>Daniel Byk, STATEC- Luxembourg</i> <i>Jon Hall</i></p>
11.00 - 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 - 12:30	<p><u>Measuring Progress in Practice: the Australian Experience</u> <i>Jon Hall</i></p>
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:00	Group exercise: recording 1 minute presentation
15:00 - 18:00	<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? <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) <u>New Measures to Understand Societal Changes</u> <i>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) <u>Why Measure the Progress of Societies?</u> <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>

October 26 th , 2008	
9:00 - 10:00	<p><u>The Main Approaches in Measuring Progress and Measuring Well-being</u> <i>Jon Hall and Barbara Iasiello</i></p> <p>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.</p>
10:00 - 11:30 (including Coffee break)	<p>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.</p>
11:30 - 12:30	<p>Presentation of the results of the group exercise</p>
12:30 – 14:30	<p>Rules and Good Practices in Communicating Statistics <i>Daniel Byk, MEDSTAT II Lot 2</i></p>
14:30 – 16:00 (including Coffee)	<p>Groups work on case studies</p>
16:00	<p>Dead Sea Trip</p>
October 27 th , 2008	
9:00 – 10:30	<p><u>The use of ICT tools for presenting statistics</u> <i>Thierry Paccoud</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Preparation of a press conference Participants will work with data and dynamic visualization tools to tell stories to different audience.</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Press conference simulation</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p>Lunch</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p>Debriefing and Comments <i>Daniel Byk and Thierry Paccoud</i></p>
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Report back by the groups on their project – Briefing to experts.</p>
16:00 – 17:00(coffee)	<p>How Will You Take this Forward When you Go Home? <i>Jon & Daniel</i></p>