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## Development Centre prepares for 50 Years



The Development Centre's 50th Anniversary is a window onto the political and economic changes that have accompanied the Centre's history. It is also the opportunity to reflect on key development issues that will shape the direction of the Centre in the years to come.

As the economic centre of gravity moves towards the south and the East, the Centre has served as a gateway for mutual learning among both OECD members and non-member countries. Growing interdependence among the world's economies has paralleled the Centre's expanding membership, which currently comprises 42 countries, including 17 members from non-OECD countries.

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## Revenue Statistics in Latin America Released with Interactive Website

Revenue Statistics in Latin America presented in January 2012 in Santiago, Chile with ECLAC and CIAT



Revenue Statistics in Latin America is a joint publication by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)) [Centre for Tax Policy and Administration](#), the [OECD Development Centre](#), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean ([ECLAC](#)) and the Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations ([CIAT](#)).

Its aim is to provide internationally comparable data on tax levels and tax structures for a selection of Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries. The model is the OECD Revenue Statistics database which is a fundamental reference, backed by a well-established methodology, for OECD member countries. By extending this OECD methodology to LAC countries Revenue Statistics in Latin America enables meaningful cross-country comparisons about tax levels and structures not only between LAC economies, but also between them and their industrialised peers.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

**27** Annual Meeting of [DeFiNe \(the OECD Development Finance Network\)](#) at OECD Headquarters, Paris. Contact: [DeFiNe@oecd.org](mailto:DeFiNe@oecd.org)

**28-29** [Global Forum on Development](#) to identify priorities and best practices to make public expenditure more effective and efficient for development and provide feedback on [OECD Strategy on Development](#).

**29** OECD-EDFI Joint Policy Dialogue on "Rethinking Growth Strategies in a Shifting World: How to Mobilize the Private Sector?" OECD Headquarters, Paris.

**29** [EmNet \(Emerging Markets Network\)](#) Quarterly meeting on global prospects and rethinking global risks. OECD Headquarters, Paris.

MARCH

**1** [First High-Level Meeting](#) to bring together leading actors to discuss ways to build competitive economies and cohesive societies in a more interconnected world and provide insight on the Centre and the [OECD Strategy on Development](#). OECD Headquarters, Paris.

**1** The Development Centre is co-organising, with the [Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland](#) and the [Government of Kenya](#), a panel discussion on [Empowering women through the transformation of discriminatory social institutions](#) at the 56th session of the [United Nations Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW). UN Headquarters, New York.

## The Megaphone



Wikigender and Wikiprogress start the year off with new sites and new interactive newsletters.

[www.wikigender.org](http://www.wikigender.org)  
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Wikigender has started the year with a brand new site. Visit [www.wikigender.org](http://www.wikigender.org) and get ready to contribute!



We are pleased to announce the launch of an all new interactive Newsletter on [Measuring the Progress of Societies](#). The Newsletter now features articles available directly in [Wikiprogress](#), allowing readers to not only learn about what's happening in the progress community but also to contribute their knowledge.

This 10th issue of the Newsletter on Measuring the Progress of Societies includes articles that look at: the latest on measuring progress in terms of gender equality; how spending on family policies can affect child well-being; the significance of social cohesion, and some of the elements beyond economic aspects that determine people's sense of well-being.

### Latin American Economic Outlook 2012 Data available

The latest data for the 2012 edition of the Latin American Economic Outlook: Transforming the State for Development has just been made live at [www.latameconomy.org](http://www.latameconomy.org).



## The Wire



**Xinhua News agency - [Entrevista: Los desafíos de América Latina para enfrentar la crisis Fiscales fils externa, dés funcionario OCDE](#)** The challenges for the Latin American region are mostly in the tax field and its ability to respond to external shocks.



**Listín Diario - [Cepal cree necesario más ingresos fiscales en región](#)** Greater mobilisation of domestic resources is essential to enable countries to successfully face the challenges of development and achieve higher standards of living for all residents.

APRIL

**19-21** [African Conference on Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies](#), organised in collaboration with the [High Commission of Planning of Morocco](#) (HCP), the [OECD Statistics Directorate](#), [PARIS21](#), the [African Development Bank](#) (AfDB) and the [United Nations Economic Commission for Africa](#) (UNECA), Rabat, Morocco. [Dev.Emea@oecd.org](mailto:Dev.Emea@oecd.org)

**23-24** DevCom Seminar on "[Communicating Results of Aid](#)" jointly organised with the [Inter-American Development Bank](#) (IDB), Washington D.C. For more information: [Dev.Contact@oecd.org](mailto:Dev.Contact@oecd.org)

MAY

**8** Presentation of the [Latin American Economic Outlook 2012](#), in collaboration with the [China Academy for Social Sciences](#) (CASS). [Dev.Americas@oecd.org](mailto:Dev.Americas@oecd.org) for more information.

### DID YOU KNOW?



More than half of rural working youth in Africa pursue non-farm activities.



The difference between the OECD average tax to GDP ratio and that for a group of 12 LAC countries fell by 4 percentage points to 15% in 2009.



Women and girls comprise 43 percent of the agricultural workforce in developing countries but only make up 15 percent of land holders.

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**La Jornada - Reporte Económico** Economic report on Latin  
American tax statistics from 1990 to 2009



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