



What is the Global Forum on Public Governance?

The Global Forum on Public Governance is a biennial OECD event bringing together leading public governance practitioners and experts from member and partner countries to discuss cutting-edge policy reforms. This year's Forum will focus on the theme "Better Governance for Inclusive Growth", and will take place on 21 November 2012 at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris.

Working toward inclusive, open and responsible government can help tackle inequalities and promote economic growth, but the track record of governance reform in both OECD and its partner countries has been uneven and requires further innovation.

The Global Forum will contribute to the development of an OECD good practice framework on "Better Governance for Inclusive Growth", which will promote an integrated perspective on governance challenges and lessons learned for OECD and non-OECD countries.

Under the auspices of the OECD Public Governance Committee, the Global Forum will draw on expertise across the Organisation in the areas of public governance, regulatory policy, regional policy, and development.

In line with the objectives of the OECD Development Strategy endorsed by Ministers in May 2012, the Global Forum also aims to bridge different perspectives and policy communities by identifying strategic partners and opportunities for future collaboration on improving public governance worldwide. Previous Fora were held in Paris (2009, 2004) and Rio de Janeiro (2007).

Provisional Agenda

Opening remarks

High-level panel session:

Towards new economic thinking: role of governance in promoting inclusive growth

What is the role of governance and institutions in promoting inclusive growth and national well-being? How can new approaches to governance help governments tackle inequalities and promote economic development and social inclusion?

Agenda continued overleaf

High-Level Panel Session:

Building effective institutions for inclusive growth: current progress and challenges

What are some of the key governance institutions and mechanisms that can facilitate growth, while ensuring social inclusion and citizen engagement in policy making and budgeting? What is the progress in developing these institutions across the globe? What are some of the key challenges and barriers in building such institutions? What are the barriers, success factors and tools available to governments in these areas to tackle inequalities and ensure inclusiveness of growth? What are the good practices and lessons learned?

Breakout Sessions

Session 1a: Establishing a Professional Public Service

What is the role of professional public service in promoting inclusive growth? What are the capacities necessary within national administrations to advance governance for inclusive growth? What are the key policy and institutional elements necessary for establishing a professional and high-performing public service and administration? What are the key barriers and gaps? Innovative practices and lessons learned?

Session 1b: Openness and Innovation in the Public Sector

What is the role of openness and innovation in promoting responsiveness and inclusion in government decision-making and public service delivery? What is the role of ICT in this area? What are the challenges and key barriers to promoting openness and innovation in the public sector? What can governments do to overcome these barriers? What are the innovative practices in promoting openness and innovation? How can other countries learn from the successes and failures of reform efforts?

Session 2a: Tools for evidence-based and inclusive policy making

What are the tools and evidence available to governments to develop and implement policies that are inclusive and responsive to a wide range of groups of the population? What are lessons learned, innovative practices and challenges in advancing evidence-based policy-making in OECD and its partner countries?

Session 2b: Public Sector Integrity and the Rule of Law

What is the progress across the globe in establishing public sector integrity and the rule of law? What are the key impediments, innovative practices and lessons learned? What steps are governments taking to strengthen integrity and the rule of law across countries? What can OECD do to support countries in this area?

Final Plenary Session

Report on the discussions from the breakout sessions and concrete proposals for a future OECD good practice framework on “Better Governance for Inclusive Growth”.

Please note that the participation in the Global Forum is by invitation only.

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