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Retrospective: OECD WEEK – Investing in the Future: People, Planet, Prosperity
2-4 June 2015

The OECD Forum 2015 took place at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris on 2-3 June 2015, organising around the five cross-cutting themes, including the importance of investment in sustainable growth paths while addressing inequalities, fostering innovation, helping the transition towards low-carbon economies and financing the Sustainable Development Goals. These topics then fed into the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting (3-4 June 2015), which brought together OECD Members and Partner countries as well as several international organisations, to discuss policies that can help unlock stronger, fairer and greener growth.

Ministers welcomed the joint OECD, IEA, ITF and NEA forthcoming report on Aligning policies for the transition to a low-carbon economy, which identifies the misalignments between climate change objectives and policy and regulatory frameworks across a range of policy domains (investment, taxation, innovation and skills, trade, and adaptation) and activities at the heart of climate policy (electricity, urban mobility and rural land use). A 200 second explanatory video is also available.

Ministers also welcomed the upcoming report Towards Green Growth? Tracking Progress, which focuses on the progress made since the 2011 Green Growth Strategy and asked the OECD to continue supporting countries’ efforts to better target green growth policies and to further mainstream this work across the Organisation.

Recent Publications

Towards Green Growth? Tracking Progress – Key Findings and Recommendations
Discussed during the OECD Ministerial Meeting on June 4, 2015, this document highlights the key findings and recommendations from the forthcoming July publication of Towards Green Growth? Tracking Progress

Aligning Policies for a Low Carbon Economy – A Synthesis
This is a synthesis report of the initial diagnosis of where and how existing policy and regulatory frameworks may not be aligned with a low-carbon economy.

>> Green Growth Studies and Green Growth Papers are available for online reading in the OECD iLibrary.
Save the date: The Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum:

The Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum (GGSD Forum) is an annual OECD initiative aimed at providing a dedicated space for multi-disciplinary dialogue on green growth and sustainable development, bringing together experts from different policy fields and disciplines. It encourages discussion, facilitates the exchange of knowledge and exploitation of potential synergies while addressing a topic of global relevance in order to identify knowledge gaps and promote initiatives to address them.

The 2015 GGSD Forum will carry the theme Enabling the Next Industrial Revolution: The role of systems thinking and innovation policy in promoting green growth. It will examine how to foster the “next industrial revolution” by harnessing the potential of systems innovation policies that support green growth.

Systems innovation is a horizontal policy approach that mobilises technology, market mechanisms, regulations and social innovations to solve complex societal problems in a set of interacting or interdependent components. They are characterised by disrupting or complementary types of knowledge and technical capabilities, fundamental changes in consumer practices and markets as well as novel types of infrastructures, institutional rules and skill sets.

This Forum will focus on the following three areas:

- Capturing innovation complementarities;
- Emerging technologies and firm dynamics; and
- The role of new sources of data (including “big data”).

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Other key events

- **11 June, 2015:** High-level officials from the Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Region, members of the Development Bank of Latin America (CACF) and representatives from UNIDO will meet with OECD officials to discuss the feedback and progress made since the joint pilot study on monitoring green growth indicators in the LAC region, published in 2014.

- **25-27 June, 2015:** The 4th OECD Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia will be held in Hai Phong, Viet Nam. The event is part of the Knowledge Sharing Platform on Urban Green Growth in Dynamic Asia and will specifically focus on Green Growth in Port Cities. To confirm your attendance, please contact Mr. Loïc Daudey.

- **1-3 July, 2015:** The International Tax Dialogue (ITD) is organising its two-yearly global at the OECD Conference Centre, on the topic of Tax and the Environment. The ITD is a joint initiative of the EC, IDB, IMF, OECD, World Bank and CIAT. You can find more information on the ITD and the conference at www.itdweb.org. If you would like to attend the ITD conference, we invite you to register online and reserve your accommodation as soon as possible as July is a high tourist season in Paris.

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