

# OECD-World Bank Conference: Challenges and Policies for Promoting Inclusive Growth

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## Thursday 24 March 2011

Chair: **Carlos Braga** (Special Representative and Director, EXT, Europe, The World Bank)

**9:00-9:15** Welcome remarks by **Pier Carlo Padoan** (OECD Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist)

### **9:15-10:30 Pro-competition structural reforms and more inclusive growth**

In its *Going for Growth* publication, the OECD takes stock of structural reform in the Organisation's member countries and in the EE5 countries (for the first time in 2011). Product-market competition reforms appear to be important priorities for growth, especially so in lower income countries. *What are the main policy challenges in this area, for developed and developing countries – including appropriate complementary inclusive policies - to ensure that the benefits from competition and growth are more widely shared?*

*Speaker:* **Robert D. Willig** (Princeton University)

*Discussants:* **Jorgen Elmeskov** (OECD-ECO) and **Federico Giammusso** (Economic Counsellor, Italian Delegation to the OECD)

**10:30-11:00** Coffee break

### **11:00-12:15 Innovation policies to promote more inclusive growth**

The OECD's *Innovation Strategy* deals with policy options for boosting innovation in support of productivity enhancement and economic growth. *What do we know about the most cost-effective policy instruments to encourage innovation and to contribute toward more inclusive growth? How should countries set up their innovation infrastructure to make most productive use of their available talent?*

*Speakers:* **Morris Teubal** (Hebrew University) and **Yevgeny Kuznetsov** (WB-PRMED, World Bank)

*Discussants:* **Dirk Pilat** (OECD-STI) and **Sarquis J.B. Sarquis** (Economic Counsellor, Brazilian Delegation to the OECD)

### **12:15-13:30 Making green sources of growth more inclusive**

The OECD's *Green Growth Strategy* focuses on policy options for making a cleaner low-carbon economy compatible with growth by looking at ways to spur eco-innovation and by addressing other key issues related to a transition to a greener economy such as jobs and skills, investment, taxation, trade and development. *What are the policy levers linking environment, technology and growth to facilitate the transition to a greener economy, and what are the differing priorities for developed and developing countries? What are the implications of the green growth agenda for more inclusive growth, and what is the need for complementary policies to help achieve more inclusive growth*

*Speaker:* **Sjak Smulders** (Tilburg University)

*Discussants:* **Mallika Ishwaran** (Deputy Director, Environment and Growth Economics, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, United Kingdom) and **Simon Upton** (OECD-ENV)

**13:30-15:00** Lunch and discussion - **Shifting Wealth** – *Speaker, Andrew Mold*, OECD Development Centre

Chair: **Pier Carlo Padoan** (OECD Deputy Secretary-General and Chief Economist)

### **15:00-16:15 Financial deepening and inclusive growth**

Many countries are working towards enhancing financial sector regulation, which may come at the expense of reducing financial intermediation to riskier and underserved segments of the economy (start-up businesses and lower-income individuals). *What are the most cost-effective policy instruments to promote financial deepening and more inclusive growth while preserving financial stability?*

*Speaker:* **Ross Levine** (Brown University)

*Discussants:* **Asli Demirguc-Kunt** (Chief Economist, FPD, The World Bank) and **Christian de Boissieu** (Chairman, Council of Economic Analysis, Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

**16:15-17:30 The political economy of inclusive growth**

A better understanding of the political roots of social exclusion, how rents are generated and shared, and the incentives facing elites in promoting or blocking social inclusion, is critical for the design of more effective inclusive growth policies. *What do we know about the dynamics underlying centralized bargaining versus individualized competitive clientelistic allocation of rents, and what are the implications for improved policymaking?*

*Speaker:* **Mushtaq Khan** (University of London)

*Discussants:* **Yevgeny Kuznetsov** (WB-PRMED, World Bank) and **William Tompson** (OECD-GOV)

**17:30-18:30** Keynote speech: **François Bourguignon** (Paris School of Economics)

**18:30-19:30** Cocktail for invited presenters

## Friday 25 March 2011

Chair: **Sanjeev Gupta** (Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF)

**9:00-10:15 Fiscal policy, budget consolidation and inclusive long-term growth**

The global crisis has wreaked havoc in the public finances of several countries, where substantial fiscal consolidation will be needed over the medium-to-longer term. *How can the impact of consolidation on growth be minimised? How can fiscal institutions be strengthened in support of consolidation? With the need to service higher deficits, how can the efficiency and inclusiveness of non-debt-servicing pro-growth expenditures be enhanced?*

*Speaker:* **Eugene Steuerle** (Urban Institute)

*Discussants:* **Gordon Boissonneault** (Finance Counsellor, Canadian Delegation to the OECD) and **Eduardo Ley** (WB-PRMED, World Bank)

**10:15-11:30 Labour market flexibility and customized service delivery for inclusive growth**

With increasingly heterogeneous populations and faster technological change driving both growth and dislocation, support for job seekers and life-long learning requires public-private co-development of bundles of complementary, customized services (work, family, health, education, training and job search, housing, income). *What are best policy practices to link customized service delivery with growth, how can linkages with more inclusive growth be enhanced, and what are the main policy challenges?*

*Speaker:* **Charles Sabel** (Columbia University)

*Discussants:* **Jean-Eric Aubert** (Senior Consultant) and **Rory O'Donnell** (National Economic and Social Council, Ireland)

## 11:30-13:00 Policy debate: How to make growth more inclusive?

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**11:30-13:00** Strong growth is not incompatible with social cohesion. *What is the current thinking among policy practitioners regarding the most important inclusive policies complementary to growth, and the implications for policymaking?*

*Speakers:*

- **Otaviano Canuto** (Vice President, PREM Network, The World Bank)
- **Kyung Wook Hur** (Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the OECD and former First Vice-Minister of Strategy and Finance of the Republic of Korea)
- **Ajay Shah** (Professor, National Institute for Public Finance and Policy, India)
- **Bill White** (Chairman, Economic and Development Review Committee, OECD)