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Strong Momentum



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- A large number of local, national, regional, and international initiatives
 - In all countries of the world: Australia, Bhutan, China, European Union, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Morocco, United Kingdom
 - At international level: OECD, UNDP, UN Regional Commissions
 - At regional and local levels
 - All levels of society





Convergence in our understanding of well-being



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- A common understanding of the issue
- A common language for discussion
- A core set of similar well-being domains
 - with national priorities reflected in
 - domains
 - measures





Progress in measurement in some domains ...

- Material conditions
 - OECD Wealth Guidelines
 - Inequalities in Household National Accounts

- Quality of Life
 - OECD Guidelines on Subjective Well-being
 - UN Time Use Survey Guidelines and Classification
 - Washington/Budapest Groups on non-fatal health outcomes

- Environmental sustainability
 - SEEA (System of Economic and Environmental Accounting)





Challenges in others...



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- Conceptual (and measurement) challenges in some areas
 - Governance
 - Social capital/social cohesion
 - Built environment and mobility
- Measurement challenges even where concepts are clearer
 - GDP and prices
 - Sustainability/Dynamics (here and now; there and then)
 - Social mobility
 - Mental health
- Timeliness





Level of analysis matters



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- Spatial
 - Global
 - National
 - Regional
 - Local
 - City
- Population groups
 - Gender
 - Life course
 - Minorities





More research needed...



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- “No cottage industry has developed to explain differences in performances in measuring other outcomes [than GDP]” – J. Stiglitz
- Need to think more deeply about causal mechanisms. Eg: “Structural models for linking outcomes with life course events and experiences” – R. Layard
- An international research agenda on this is crucial to moving from measurement to informing decision-making





...to promote change

- Creating awareness and knowledge
- Impact on behaviours and decision-making process
 - Citizens and civil society
 - New business models
 - Policy-makers





Need for regular stocktaking.



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➤ Measurement and research

- Need for periodic assessment of where we stand and where progress is needed

➤ Policy

- Sharing experiences on “what works” (e.g. Chile)
- Frameworks for managing trade-offs and synergies (e.g. Bhutan)
- Introducing well-being measures into cost-benefit analysis and program evaluation (e.g. United Kingdom Green Book)





...and continued consultation

- All actors in society must be involved
 - Legitimacy/ accountability
 - Quality of information

- Who are the actors?
 - Citizens
 - Civil society
 - Business sector
 - Organised labour
 - Academics (several disciplines must be involved)
 - Policy makers

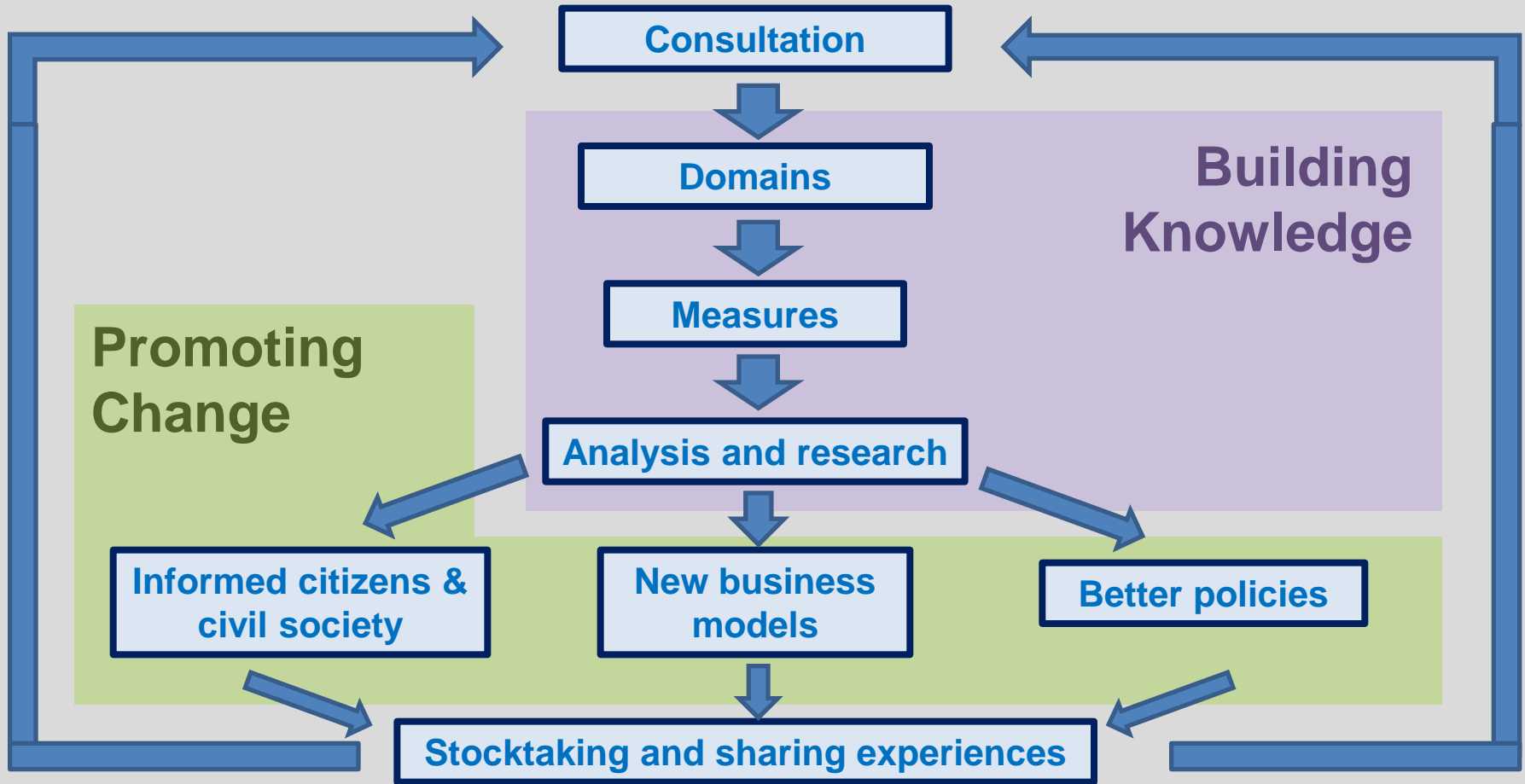




A virtuous cycle



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What's next?

Upcoming international agenda on goals setting

Bringing together well-being, the post-2015 development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

- Holistic approach to development
- Goals, measures, and targets need to reflect this and country realities





What's next (process)?



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- This presentation will be posted for comments on www.oecdindia.in until 30 November 2012 and then released
- Summaries of individual sessions will be placed on the website and included in Forum proceedings
- The entire forum has been recorded and can be accessed on the website
- Joint concluding statement issued by OECD and Government of India
- **Next OECD World Forum in 2015**





Thank you and Farewell



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- Thank you to
 - Government of India
 - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
 - Speakers
 - Delegates
 - Participants
 - The logistics team, interpreters and organisers

- See you all in 2015!

