

Knowledge and Innovation for Inclusive Growth

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This is the fourth newsletter of the OECD project "Knowledge and Innovation for Inclusive Growth". The newsletters provide information on the project's progress, events and releases.

Symposium on Innovation and Inclusive Growth, 20th – 21st March 2014



The **Symposium on Innovation and Inclusive Growth** took place in Paris on **20th – 21st March 2014**. The symposium gathered **more than 60 participants from over 18 countries**, as diverse as China, Colombia, India, Madagascar, South Africa, the UK, the USA, etc... **Over 25 organisations were represented**, including **international organisations** (the World Bank, the UNFAO...), **government representatives** (Colombia, Madagascar, South Africa...), **universities** (Cambridge, Jawaharlal Nehru...), research institutes (India CSIR, etc.), **private firms, NGOs and development agencies** (the Inter-American Development Bank, the European



Investment Bank...). **Participants discussed various subjects** relating to innovation and inclusive growth, including the issue of scaling-up of inclusive innovation initiatives, the relationship between innovation and inequality and the geographical dimension of innovation and inclusive growth. **Speakers' presentations can be accessed on the [event's webpage](#)**, as well as the **[summary record](#) of the Symposium which provides a synthesis of different debates**. Professor Bitran's presentation on innovation to overcome the digital divide **is available on [YouTube](#)**. **Background documents are available on the Symposium's webpage**, including an **[overview of the background studies](#) conducted for the project**.

Advisory Group Meeting, 19th March 2014

The **Advisory Group of the Innovation for inclusive Growth project** met on 19 March 2014 to discuss the next steps of the project and upcoming events and meetings. **Country experiences from [Colombia](#), [China](#), [India](#) and [South Africa](#)** were also discussed as was ongoing work **conducted by the OECD** including a study of **[inclusive innovation for education](#)**. The Group decided to organise a **high-level conference for the release of the final publication** in January 2015 in New Delhi, India. Professor Mashelkar kindly offered support in organising this event. Collaboration with the MEIDE conference organised by UNU-MERIT is also envisaged. The **summary record** of the Advisory Group meeting provides further information and is available on the **[Advisory Group meeting's webpage](#)**.

Upcoming events: Global Forum on Development, 2nd July 2014, Paris – France

The **OECD Global Forum on Development** will be held on 2nd July 2014 at the OECD Headquarters in Paris. **One of the Forum sessions will focus specifically on the Innovation for Inclusive Growth project**. It will gather representatives of governments from OECD and non-OECD member countries, private sector, academia, foundations, and OECD experts.

The purpose of the Forum is to create a space for debate and exchange on "**Innovating for Development: Structural Challenges for post-2015**". This forum will explore the role of innovation in tackling lagging productivity and development challenges more generally. The discussions and presentations will be delivered by renowned experts and leading policy-maker to promote an exchange of lessons learned and contributes to shaping the international development agenda for the post-2015 world. A **preliminary agenda** will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Workshop on Innovation and inclusive Growth, 26th March 2014, Barranquilla - Colombia

A **workshop on innovation and inclusive growth dedicated to Colombia's experience** was held in Barranquilla, Colombia on 26 March 2014. Particularly, it focused on **Colombia's initiative for social innovation** as well as on **regional initiatives in this context**. The workshop gathered stakeholders from various background including the private sector, business associations, academia and policymakers. Different levels of government, both national and regional, were represented.

Feedback

The OECD is interested in research that relates to the activities of this project and **welcomes experts' participation at the 2 July 2014 event**. The OECD will also circulate a series of background studies for comments. These will inform the final publication to the Advisory Group and experts by June 2014 for feedback.

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