

Knowledge and Innovation for Inclusive Growth

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This is the second newsletter of the OECD project “Knowledge and Innovation for Inclusive Growth”. It will be followed by a series of newsletters that will provide information on the project’s progress, events and releases.

Meeting of the Advisory Group in Istanbul of 24 October 2013

The Advisory Group of the Project composed of representatives from the project’s partner countries and delegates from the OECD’s Committee for Scientific and Technology Policy (CSTP) met on 24 October 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The meeting allowed sharing of participating countries’ relevant policy experiences. Presentations focused on a variety of issues related to inclusiveness – including regional, industrial and social inclusiveness as well as regarding the latter different groups that were excluded and the role science, technology and innovation played.

One session discussed specifically on the experiences of South Africa, India and Colombia with regards to “inclusive innovation” policies. The perspective of an international aid agency, GIZ, on support for inclusive innovation initiatives was also provided. Another session discussed the broader question of innovation and its relationship to inequality. This also involved specific discussions of industrial and territorial inclusiveness. The session provided insights from Korea, China, Indonesia and Turkey.

The agenda of the meeting, presentations as well as feedback provided by participants prior to the meeting are available on the project webpage at <http://oe.cd/inclusive> ([direct link](#))

Decisions regarding Next Steps

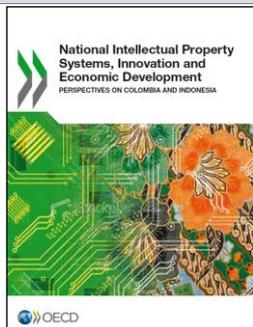
The Advisory Group defined the following priorities for the project: In order to facilitate a process aimed at developing a common understanding across countries of shared and country-specific issues on innovation and inclusive growth. This is why the project group will discuss a conceptual framework that articulates the various concepts involved and their relationships, in particular, for the following three themes:

1. Inclusive innovation policies for the poor and lower-income groups
2. The potential of bottom-up approaches to innovation, and
3. Innovation policies, growth and inequality.

There was agreement among the group that country experiences should be at the core of the project to address the variety of policy questions raised both during its meeting and as part of the scoping questionnaire. The conceptual framework will facilitate this exchange of experiences.

A working paper version of the framework and related working papers reflecting OECD analyses will be prepared by March 2014 and circulated for feedback. The topics discussed will reflect the priority areas identified by the Advisory Group ([link to meeting summary and conclusions](#)).

Upcoming Events



A presentation of the new publication “National Intellectual Property Systems, Innovation and Economic Development – with perspectives on Colombia and Indonesia” will take place at the OECD in Paris on 13 January 2014. The findings will also be presented in Colombia and Indonesia in February and March 2014. Further information about the project and the launch event itself can be found at the project page: <http://oe.cd/IP-studies> ([Paris meeting agenda](#)).

The project will, in collaboration with the Growth Dialogue, organize a meeting on 20-21 March 2014 in Paris. Its objective is to identify key policy principles by bringing together leading experts and policy makers from advanced, emerging and developing economies to discuss the critical challenges that need to be addressed for innovation to support inclusive growth. The event’s draft agenda will be circulated shortly.

Feedback

The OECD is interested in finding out about research that relates to the objectives of this project and feedback and welcomes experts’ participation at the 20-21 March 2014 Meeting.