

Innovation for Inclusive Growth

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This is the fifth newsletter of the OECD project “Innovation for Inclusive Growth”. The newsletters provide information on the project’s progress, events and releases.

Global Forum on Development, 2 July 2014, Paris – France



The **OECD Global Forum on Development** was held on **2 July 2014** at the OECD Headquarters in Paris. The forum gathered about 400 participants: representatives of governments from OECD and non-member countries at different stages of development, private sector, international organisations, academia, foundations, and OECD experts.

In his welcoming remarks the Secretary General of the OECD, Angel Gurría emphasised the importance of focusing on inclusive innovations as not all types of innovation are equally suitable to reach marginalised social groups. He also underlined that so far, the role that innovation can play for inclusiveness has been largely neglected. **One of the Forum’s sessions focused specifically on the topics of the “Innovation for Inclusive Growth” project.** A summary record of the discussion can be found [here](#). Further information about the Forum is available on the [event’s webpage](#).



Advisory Group Meeting, 3 July 2014, Paris – France

The **Advisory Group of the Innovation for inclusive Growth project** met on 3 July 2014 to discuss the forthcoming publication (described below) and upcoming events, in particular the launch event for the publication. Discussions focused on the [issue of scaling up inclusive innovations](#) and the specific case of [inclusive innovations in education](#), the relationship between [innovation and inclusive growth](#) and the impact of [innovation on regional inclusiveness](#). [Colombia](#), [Israel](#) and [Korea](#) shared national policy perspectives on those questions.

The [summary record](#) of the Advisory Group meeting provides further information and is available on the [Advisory Group meeting’s webpage](#) as well as other documents.

Upcoming: Publication Release

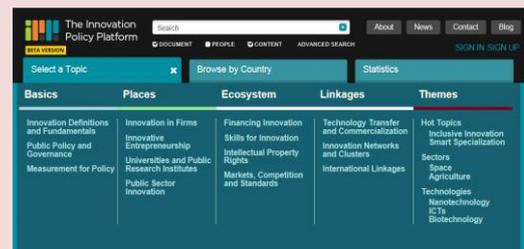
In early 2015, the project will release a publication that will focus on the main policy insights gathered. The publication will be organised in two parts reflecting two central themes:

- What are the **impacts of innovation and innovation policies on inclusive growth**, and how can innovation policies **contribute** to achieving more inclusive growth?
- “Inclusive innovations” (innovations for the poor) have the potential to fast-track inclusive development at a low cost, but they often struggle to reach sufficient scale for large impacts. What are the **requirements for scaling up inclusive innovations**, and what **policies can support** their development?

The 2015-16 Project Phase

The OECD will start a new project phase in 2015 – 2016 which will expand the analysis of questions regarding **innovation and inclusive growth to advanced economies and a wider group of emerging and developing countries**. Main aspects of future work will involve the following:

- **Developing specific country policy analyses** that would apply the framework the project developed and discuss in more detail how innovation policies impact inclusiveness and what can be done to improve impacts without compromising contributions to growth;
- Facilitating interactive policy discussions and learning with the creation of **community of practice space on the OECD-World Bank Innovation Policy Platform**.



Feedback and Contact

The OECD **welcomes contributions on the two central questions of its forthcoming publication**, including policy case studies, academic papers and relevant publications and reports, to inform the forthcoming publications. Suggestions regarding the 2015-16 phase of the project are also welcome.

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