Objective of the workshop

The theme of the 2017 workshop is “Making fiscal decentralization work for inclusive growth in Asia”. Given the current economic context around the world, inclusive growth is a hugely important topic and has been made a key national policy objective in many countries. It is also promoted by international organizations – especially the OECD – as well as the ADB, the IMF, the World Bank, and the UN. The OECD has been a leading promoter of inclusive growth policies, and frameworks for analysis.

Since subnational governments are involved in so many aspects of policymaking, it is natural to investigate how and to what extent subnational governments can play a role for inclusive growth. However, there remains surprisingly little research on the links between inclusive growth and fiscal decentralization. The OECD and the KIPF held a workshop on this theme in Paris in May, involving experts from OECD member countries. However, achieving inclusive growth is arguably even more important for developing and emerging countries, because the inclusiveness of economic growth also affects economic growth trajectories and the pace of convergence. Without sufficiently inclusive economic growth, it can be hard for a converging economy to sustain economic growth.

The concepts of inclusive growth and fiscal decentralization are both very broad. Yet for individual countries, there are likely to be pressing challenges and important issues related to inclusive growth and fiscal decentralization. We invite papers and presentations that deal with such topics. Bringing such diverse issues together and having them discussed by experts in relevant academic and policy fields will give us an opportunity for new perspectives and sharing of information on the relationship between inclusive growth and fiscal decentralization.
Monday, December 18, 2017

09:00 – 09:20  Registration

09:20 – 09:25  Welcoming Remarks

Hyung-Soo Park, President, Korea Institute of Public Finance, Korea

09:25 – 09:40  Activities of OECD Network on Fiscal Relations and the motivation of RoNFRA

Junghun Kim, Chair, The OECD Network on Fiscal Relations across Levels of Government / Vice President, Korea Institute of Public Finance, Korea

Session I

Fiscal Decentralization and Inclusive Growth:
An Overview and Challenges

09:40 – 11:10

Moderator  Jón Blöndal  Head of Division for Budget Policy, OECD Governance Directorate

Fiscal Decentralization and Inclusive Growth: an Overview

Speaker  Junghun Kim  Vice President, Korea Institute of Public Finance, Korea

Discussant  Masayoshi Hayashi  Professor, Graduate School of Economics, University of Tokyo, Japan

Promoting Productivity in a Decentralized Environment

Speaker  Sean Dougherty  Senior Advisor, OECD Network on Fiscal Relations

Discussant  Christine Wong  Director, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia

A Global View on Subnational Governments in Asia:
structure and finance

Speaker  Isabelle Chatry  Project Manager, Subnational Finance, Centre for Entrepreneurship, OECD

Discussant  Hanif Rahemtulla  Senior Public Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank

11:10 – 11:30  Group Photo and Coffee Break
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## Public Policy for a Modernizing China: the Challenge of Providing Universal Access to Education under Fiscal Decentralization

**Moderator**
Randall Crane  
Professor in Urban Planning, UCLA, USA

**Speaker**
Christine Wong  
Director, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia

**Discussant**
Jocelyn C. Cuaresma  
Associate Professor and College Secretary, National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines

## Inclusive Growth and Decentralization in Japan: Current State and Challenges

**Speaker**
Masayoshi Hayashi  
Professor, School of Economics, University of Tokyo, Japan

**Discussant**
Duangmanee Laovakul  
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Economics, Thammasat University, Thailand

## Inclusive Growth and Decentralization in Korea

**Speaker**
Hyun-A Kim  
Senior Economist, Korea Institute of Public Finance, Korea

**Discussant**
Peter Vujanovic  
Former Head of Indonesia Desk, OECD Economics Department

13:00 – 14:15  
Lunch (Hotel Shilla, host: KIPF)
### Inclusive Growth & Fiscal Decentralization in Asia: Issues & Policy Response (2)

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**15:45 – 16:15** Coffee Break
**Session IV**

**Inclusive Growth & Fiscal Decentralization in Asia:**

**Issues & Policy Response (3)**

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18:30 – 20:00 Dinner (Hotel Shilla, host; KIPF)
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**Session V**  
**09:00 – 11:00**  

**Inclusive Growth, Decentralization and Development Agendas**  
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Roundtable: The Future of Fiscal Decentralization in Asia

11:00 – 12:00

Moderator  Junghun Kim  Vice President, Korea Institute of Public Finance, Korea

Panel  Experts and Country representatives

12:00 – 13:30  Lunch (Hotel Shilla, host: KIPF)