

Second meeting of the Steering Committee of the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment

17 December 2018, 09:00 – 17:00

OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

Launched in November 2017 by the OECD and UCLG, with the support of the French Development Agency and UNCDF, the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment is celebrating its first year.

The objectives of the Observatory are to:

- Ensure standardised, reliable and transparent access to data on subnational government structure, finance and investment, to develop new measures for better assessing the fiscal space of subnational governments, and to identify new indicators linked to multi-level governance
- Support international dialogue and decision-making on multi-level governance and subnational finance
- Serve as a capacity-building tool for subnational governance and finance

This second meeting of the Steering Committee will provide participants the opportunity to discuss:

- The outcomes of the first year of cooperation between the partners and members of the Steering Committee.
- The methodological guide for gathering and analysing data and information, including the challenges that were encountered in that process, and how to deal with them
- Progress in data collection and information gathering for 100+ countries
- A preliminary comparative analysis of the dataset and next steps for the analysis
- The first iterations of the database and visualisation tools for the web platform
- Next steps for the project, including the conference and report launch event scheduled for 17 June 2019 at the OECD Headquarters in Paris.

UNCDF and AFD will explain how they are supporting the work of the World Observatory, and we will welcome the Council of Europe Development Bank and the DeLoG network as active partners of the World Observatory.

Your participation as members of the Steering Committee is essential for the next steps of the initiative.

Agenda

09:00– 09:30 Welcome refreshments

09:30 – 09:50 Welcome remarks and introduction by the OECD and UCLG

- Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD.
- Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG

09:50 – 10:30 Presentation of participants and summary of progress review one year after the last Steering Committee meeting

- “Tour de table” of participants including quick presentations from initial partners (AFD and UNCDF) and new partners (Council of Europe Development bank, Decentralisation and Local Governance Network (DeLog)
- Summary of progress review one year after the last Steering Committee meeting
 - Tasks of the World Observatory and results accomplished so far
 - Outreach and network development
 - Activities carried out to promote and disseminate the World Observatory initiative

10:30 – 11:00 Group photo – Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Methodological developments and implementation challenges

- Presentation of the methodological guide and the different tools prepared
- Feedback from Barcelona methodological workshop and data collection
- Discussion on country profiles

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00– 15:30 Preliminary findings and dissemination tools

- Preliminary findings:
 - First highlights from aggregate results collected so far
 - Draft outline of the final publication (structure, scope of analysis)
- Dissemination tools:
 - Accessing statistical database through a dedicated interactive web site: data extraction and visualisation tools.
- Discussions

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45-16h45 Next steps and final international conference

- Organising the final conference in 17 June 2019
- Summary of next steps
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16:45 – 17:00 Wrap up and conclusions

- Joaquim Oliveira Martins, Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
- Emilia Saiz, Secretary General, UCLG

Background information

Participants and registration

Participation in the meeting is by invitation only. Delegates from Countries' Permanent Delegations are also welcome to attend the meeting.

Participants' details should be sent to Nikolina Jonsson (Nikolina.JONSSON@oecd.org) and Charles Victor (Charles.VICTOR@oecd.org) along with any logistical questions you may have, noting any dietary restrictions.

Please provide:

Name SURNAME
Job title (optional)
Organisation
Email address

Meeting information

The meeting will be held in Room D of the Conference centre.

Badge and security

Security arrangements are tight around the OECD complex. Participants will need to be registered for the meeting to obtain access to the conference centre (security badge). There is an initial security check outside the Conference Centre where participants must show a QR pass (sent out by email to registered participants and can be in either printed form or on a smart phone). There is a second formal security entrance inside the Centre where you will be given a badge.

On arrival, you need to register at the Reception desk to obtain your visitor's badge. Please bring an ID with you.

You need to plan around 15 minutes to go through the security measures at the entrance. For security reasons, you must wear your visitor's badge at all times.

Interpretation

Interpretation in English and French will be provided during the meeting.

Lunch

All participants in the meeting are invited to the lunch, which will be organised in the Restaurant des Nations, at the OECD.

Access to OECD

The entrance is located at:
2, rue André Pascal – 75016 Paris

Transport:

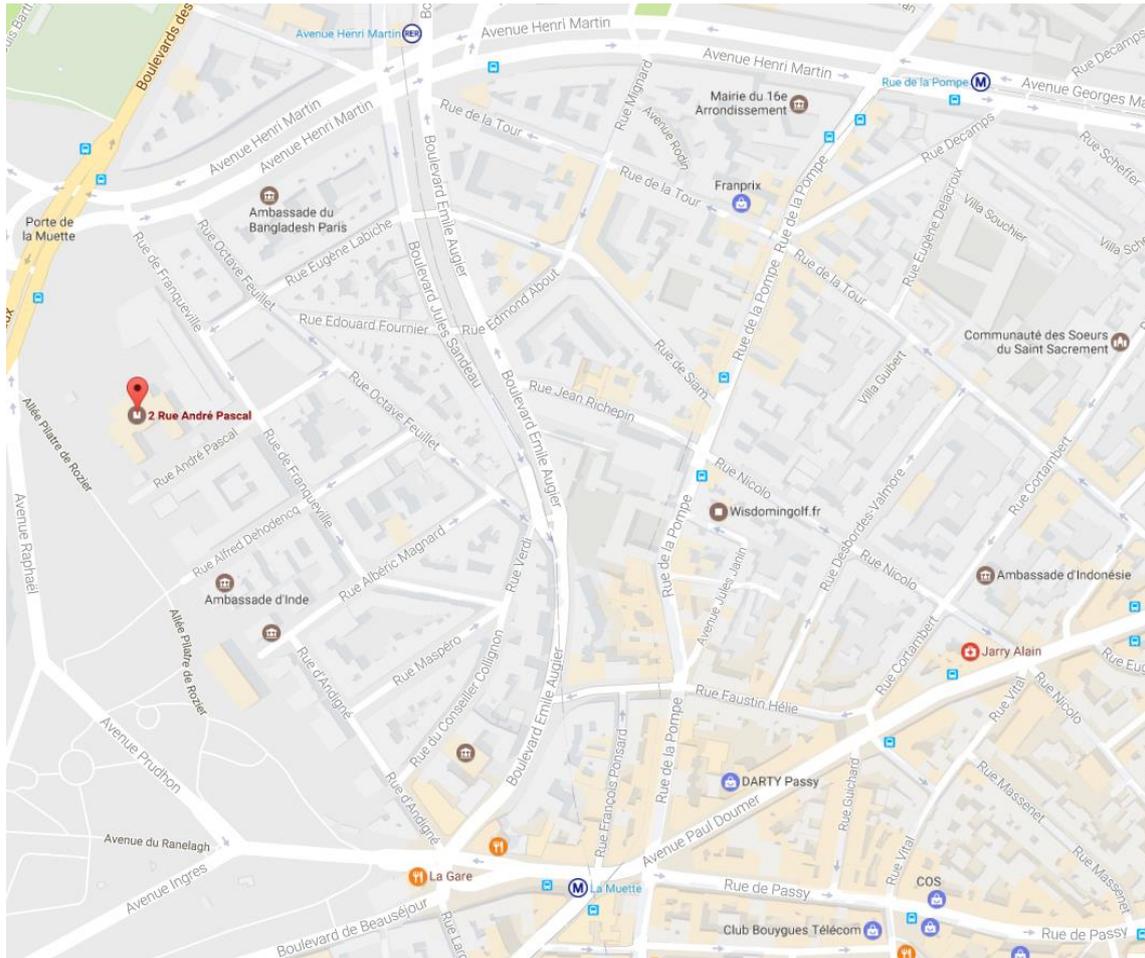
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- Line 9, La Muette station (9 minutes by foot)
- RER C, Avenue Henri Martin (7 minutes by foot) or Boulainvilliers station (11 minutes by foot)

Bus routes 22, 32, 52, 63, PC1 Stations

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