



2nd MEETING OF PROVIDERS OF OECD INCOME DISTRIBUTION DATA: DRAFT AGENDA

OECD Conference Centre, Room CC2, 18-19 February 2016

The OECD has a long-standing tradition in the collection and publication of [income distribution data](#). With the increased visibility of OECD work in this field, in 2012 the data collection moved to a more permanent basis, with collection of rolling updates (depending on the frequency of the source data). Such collection is undertaken jointly by the OECD Statistics Directorate and by the Social Policy Division within the OECD Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, and relies on tabulations provided by a network of national contacts points.

The aim of this meeting, which follows a [first one held in February 2013](#), is to reinforce the collaborative relationship between the OECD Secretariat and data providers in member countries, and to identify steps that could be taken to improve the quality and comparability of the data collected.

Draft Agenda

Day one: 18 February 2016	
1. Welcome and work plan	
9.30-9.40	<i>1.1 Introduction</i> Martine Durand (<i>OECD Chief Statistician, Director of OECD Statistics Directorate</i>)
9.40-9.50	<i>1.2 Overview and objectives of the meeting</i> Michael Förster (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>)
2. Data-related issues	
9.50-11.10	<i>2.1 National data issues: key challenges confronted by data-experts in their countries, which can affect the comparability of estimates</i> This includes issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item non-response and data-imputation methods • Lower unit response rates and methods to correct for selective responses • Alignment of income survey data with data from other sources: administrative records, tax data, SNA data Marco Mira d'Ercole (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>): Chair Brian B. Murphy (<i>Statistics Canada</i>): Introduction Discussion
11.10-11.30	Coffee break



11.30-12.45	<p>2.2 IDD data issues: how to improve ex post comparability</p> <p>This includes issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top and bottom coding: in the original data, by statistical agencies, by users • Treatment of negative income components: in the original data, by statistical agencies, by users • Treatment of non-regular receipts, lump-sum transfers, and regular transfers of irregular amount • Meta data: how detailed? how can they best help comparability? <p>Michael Förster (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>): Chair Elena Tosetto (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>): Introduction Paul Alkemade (<i>Luxembourg Income Study</i>): Kick-off Discussion</p>
12.45-14.00	<p>Lunch break</p>
14.00-15.00	<p>2.3 Specific issues arising from transition from wave6 to wave7</p> <p>This includes issues such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall effects from moving from w6 to w7: comparability issues • Effect of inclusion of goods produced for own-consumption on estimates and comparability • Comparability over time and the need of long time-series for analysis • New classification of public, occupational and private transfers: availability, interpretation, comparability • IDD ToR : possible revisions / clarifications <p>Michael Förster (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>): Chair Maxime Ladaique (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>): Introduction Discussion</p>
<p>3. Timeliness</p>	
15.00-16.00	<p>3. Producing more timely indicators of income distribution and poverty</p> <p>Horacio Levy (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>): Introduction & chair Richard Tonkin (<i>Office for National Statistics, United Kingdom</i>) Michaël Sicsic (<i>INSEE, France</i>) Fabrice Murtin (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>) Discussion</p>
16.00-16.30	<p>Coffee break</p>



4. Methodological issues	
16.30-17.30	<p>4.1 <i>The measurement of imputed rents and social transfers in kind in household surveys across the OECD area</i></p> <p>Carlotta Balestra (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>): Introduction & chair.</p> <p>Sarka Sustova (<i>OECD Statistics Directorate and Czech Statistical Office</i>): Results from OECD questionnaire on country practices</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17.30-17.45	<p>4.2 <i>Update on ‘Compare your Income’ and on regional estimates of income distribution and poverty</i></p> <p>Carlotta Balestra (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>)</p>
17.45	End of the first day & cocktail
Day two: 19 February 2016	
4. Methodological issues (continued)	
10.00-11.00	<p>4.3 <i>Reconciling household-survey data and national-accounts data</i></p> <p>Marco Mira d’Ercole (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>): Introduction & chair</p> <p>Facundo Alvaredo (<i>University of Oxford and Paris School of Economics</i>)</p> <p>Jorrit Zwijnenburg (<i>OECD, Statistics Directorate</i>)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-12.30	<p>4.4 <i>Improving the measurement of top incomes in household surveys</i></p> <p>Michael Förster (<i>OECD, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs</i>): Introduction & chair</p> <p>Stephen Jenkins (<i>London School of Economics</i>)</p> <p>Nicolas Ruiz (<i>OECD, Economics Department</i>)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
5. Next steps & conclusions	
12.30-13.00	5. <i>Wrap-up session</i>
13.00	Meeting close