

OECD NETWORK OF SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT

CONTENTS:

OECD online platform for Schools of Government.....	page 2
2014 OECD Survey of Schools of Government.....	page 2-3
Network meeting on "Promoting Public Sector innovation"	page 3
List of Network participants.....	page 3
Upcoming Events of Network Participants.....	page 3-4

Dear Network participants,

*We would like to inform you of the latest activities of the
OECD Network of Schools of Government.*

OECD ONLINE PLATFORM FOR SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT

We have launched an **electronic interactive platform for the OECD Network of Schools of Government**. This platform is a dedicated space for all Network participants, which has been created to enable you to:

- **Interact and share** experiences and information on topics pertaining to governance, public administration and public policy;
- **Access materials** developed by the OECD and other members of the Network, categorised by topic;
- **Learn about forthcoming events** at the OECD and participating schools;
- **Participate** in discussions and consultation on governance and policy topics;
- **Identify partners** for joint research or other projects.

We encourage you to make full use of this resource, both by using the available materials, but also by sharing your ideas and work, as well as participating in ongoing discussions and using interactive tools provided by the platform. To upload your materials, please go to the “Network members’ space” link (on the left-hand side of the page). The upcoming meeting of the Network will feature a presentation of the platform and allow you to ask any questions you may have.

You can customize the platform's space. It will also be updated on an ongoing basis, and you will be able to set up electronic notifications when new materials or information have been posted.

The platform is available at

https://community.oecd.org/community/network_schools_government. To obtain your *login information*, please follow the instructions in the attached document. If you experience any technical difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Makeda Yohannes at Makeda.Yohannes@oecd.org. You will also find attached a user guide for navigating the platform.

2014 OECD SURVEY ON SCHOOLS OF GOVERNMENT

We have developed a **2014 OECD Survey on Schools of Government**, which will allow gaining a better understanding of the practices of each member school and better focus our subsequent work, by collecting information in order to provide **comparative benchmarks on the operations, functions and scope of activities** of schools of government across OECD and partner countries.

The survey is available at <https://webnet.oecd.org/Survey> and is divided into two parts:

1. **Core questions:** A set of 27 questions which will be discussed at the upcoming Network Meeting in November. We would be very grateful if you could complete the priority questions by **31 October 2014**.

2. **In-depth questions:** A set of 57 questions that aim to provide a more in-depth perspective on the topics touched upon by the core questions, which can be completed by **20 December 2014**.

You will receive an individualised email with your login and password information. We thank you in advance for participating in the survey and look forward to receiving your responses.

NETWORK MEETING ON “Promoting Public Sector Innovation: Role of Schools of Government”

We would also like to remind you to register for the upcoming Network meeting on *“Promoting Public Sector Innovation: Role of Schools of Government”* on 13-14 November in Paris by contacting Makeda Yohannes at Makeda.Yohannes@oecd.org. Please find attached the latest agenda.

Please also note that this meeting will take place back-to-back with the conference on *“Innovating the Public Sector: From Ideas to Impact”* on 12-13 November in Paris, which will bring together public sector practitioners, researchers, civil society and businesses to discuss how innovation can help solve today’s complex challenges and may provide a basis for discussion at the Network meeting. You can register for this conference at: webnet.oecd.org

LIST OF NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

Please also find attached a list of current schools included in the distribution list. This list will be posted on the OECD website and will be updated on an ongoing basis. If you would like to be removed from this list, please notify the Secretariat by **25 October 2014**.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

We are pleased to share with you the announcements of upcoming events of our partners, which you will find below. This list is also available on the new electronic platform.

- **NOPOOR Mid-Term Conference**
20 November 2014, Brussels, Belgium

The EU-funded research project NOPOOR - Enhancing Knowledge for Renewed Policies against Poverty is set up to generate new knowledge on the nature and extent of poverty in developing countries. More than 100 scientists from all over the world (including some of our researchers) are exploring new areas and innovative methods to improve living conditions in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The project brings new knowledge to policymakers around the globe and complements the EU’s agenda with consultations, guidance notes and policy briefs. The inclusive research design takes in important poverty

alleviation stakeholders — donors and beneficiaries, civil society and researchers, development practitioners and media.

For more information on this event please visit the following webpage: www.nopoor.eu.

- **6th Annual Conference of the GIFT-MENA Network**
10-12 February 2015, Marrakech, Morocco

The GIFT-MENA network is a South born cooperation initiative that brings together capacity development stakeholders from the Arab world and the Euro-Mediterranean zone and works to foster dialogue on issues of civil service reform and capacity development. It also encourages experience-sharing and cooperation among its members and with international centres of excellence and the donor community.

For more information on this event please visit the following webpage: www.gift-mena.org

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments concerning any of the above.

We thank you for your ongoing participation and look forward to welcoming you in November!

Best regards,
OECD Secretariat

www.oecd.org/gov/global-network-schools-of-government
[OECD Network of Schools of Government Portal](#)