

**OECD HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON THE KNOWLEDGE TRIANGLE: ENHANCING
THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
TO INNOVATION**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

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I am delighted to welcome you all on behalf of the Education and Skills Directorate.

I will be brief because we have a great deal to discuss in the next two days.

This is an extremely important project about how to generate synergies between higher education, research and innovation. This sounds so logical and obvious that we might wonder why we need to work on it. But in fact, it turns out to be really challenging and much harder than it sounds! Which is why we are all here today.

One of the great advantages of the OECD is that we can join forces and work together across Directorates and Committees to address challenges like this and I would like to express a special thank you to Norway for encouraging us to do this by championing this project and for the funding you have provided.

Another lesson we have learned over the years at OECD is that designing good policies is not enough. Good policies aren't actually very good and won't deliver better results if things don't work on the ground.

This is why we need to listen to all of you here today and tomorrow. Your insights can help to strengthen our collective understanding of the challenges and also help us to help you shape policies that will deliver better outcomes for all of us. As our SG likes to say -- we're all in this together!

Thank you