

Innovation Indicators for Latin America Workshop

OECD Conference Center Room 16

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Agenda

9:00- 9:30	Registration
9:30-10:30	Introductory Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The OECD Innovation Strategy (Fred Gault, Innovation Strategy Management Team)✓ Measuring Innovation Performance (Alessandra Colecchia, OECD/STI)✓ The Latin America Innovation Project (Jeff Dayton-Johnson, OECD/DEV)✓ The Latin America Innovation Index (Nils Fonstad, INSEAD)
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12:45	Session 1: Composite Indicators: Rationale, Construction and Use [Chair: Jeff Dayton-Johnson, OECD/DEV]
	The European Innovation Scoreboard: Evolution and Lessons Learnt Hugo Hollanders, UNU-MERIT The NESTA Experience: the UK Absorptive Capacity Index Sami Mahroum, OECD/STI
	Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ What are the strengths and weaknesses of composite indicators? How can weaknesses be addressed?✓ How do policy-makers view composite indicators? What matters for their impact?✓ What lessons can be learned from existing indices?
12 :45-13:45	Lunch Break

13:45-15:30	<p>Session 2: Building an Innovation Index for Latin America [Chair: Fred Gault, International Development Research Centre, Canada]</p>
	<p>S&T Indicators in Latin America: an Overview Diana Suárez, RICYT</p> <p>Innovation Indicators for Latin America: Some Comments Juan Carlos Navarro, IDB</p>
	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Is there anything different about innovation in Latin America? Which features of national innovation systems in Latin America should be taken into account when building such an index? ✓ How can the Global Innovation Index be adapted to become a reference indicator of innovation in Latin America? ✓ Are there particular challenges regarding data availability/quality? How can they be addressed?
15:30– 15:45	Coffee break
15:45– 17:15	<p>Session 3: Methodological Issues [Chair: Fred Gault, International Development Research Centre, Canada]</p>
	<p>Methodological Issues in Building Composite Indicators Andrea Saltelli, European Commission, Joint Research Centre</p>
	<p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the main methodological challenges and their solutions? How should these be implemented in practice considering simplicity as a key objective for the indicator? ✓ Are there methodological issues that matter specifically for the Global Innovation Index which contains more variables than other indices and has a different mix of qualitative and quantitative variables?
17:15-17:45	<p>Wrap up: Next Steps for the Project Jeff Dayton-Johnson, OECD/DEV</p>