

OECD Development Centre

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We, Members of the OECD Development Centre, welcome the Centre's significant achievements since our 2012 High-level Meeting (HLM). The Centre has supported its Members and partners in identifying innovative solutions to development challenges, through rigorous analyses and inclusive policy dialogue.

While development models and trajectories vary across countries, each nation's prosperity is increasingly related to the global landscape. In this respect, we recognise the importance of the Centre's flagships (the 3 Regional Economic Outlooks and the *Perspectives on Global Development*) as useful tools to monitor development trends and identify policy experiences that work. **We encourage the Development Centre to strengthen its cooperation with Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean and its partnership with regional institutions, and to continue exploring the implications of the evolving global landscape for development.**

We welcome the Centre's contributions to the implementation of the OECD Strategy on Development, notably through its Multi-dimensional Country Reviews, Policy Dialogues on "Global Value Chains, Production Transformation and Development" and on "Natural Resource-based Development" and the work on migration. **We look forward to the results of the Multi-dimensional country reviews, the Policy Dialogue Networks and the initiative on migration and development and see them reflected in the overall development narrative of the OECD.**

As highlighted in its Membership Strategy, Members actively participate in the Centre's work programme and look forward to engaging with and welcoming new members in the near future. Members also encourage OECD countries non-Members of DEV, to join the Development Centre. **We call on the Secretariat to continue to actively reach out to these countries and implement the agreed Membership Strategy.**

The Centre is also a key OECD platform for engaging non-government stakeholders in the development debate. We recognise the value of the Centre's networks of private enterprises and foundations and commend the latter's contribution to the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation. **We encourage the Development Centre to continue its role as a convenor of different development stakeholders in OECD, emerging and developing economies and as a broker between traditional and new development actors.**

The Development Centre's agenda going forward: combining structural transformation and social cohesion at global, regional, national and local level

The 2014 HLM was a timely opportunity to exchange views on strategies to tackle the pressing development challenges we face, including boosting productivity to promoting inclusive societies where progress benefits all. The outcomes of the 2014 HLM **confirmed the usefulness of engaging in policy dialogue and knowledge sharing and the relevance of the themes that have forged the Development Centre's 2012-14 Programme of Work.**

The emergence of new engines of growth and the shift in the world's economic centre of economic gravity towards the East and the South, have positively contributed to improving the living

conditions in the developing world. The evolution of the “Shifting Wealth” process will have a crucial impact on national efforts to promote sustainable development. In this respect, the uncertain recovery and the slowdown in the rate of growth of some emerging-market economies are a source of concern. **We encourage the Development Centre to continue and deepen its analysis of the implications of shifting wealth for development, including in relation to the movement of capital, people and ideas and the reforms to promote competitive economies and inclusive societies.**

Fostering productivity and the emergence of new sources of growth is a common priority for us all. In this respect, due attention should be given to identifying the drivers and policy options available to promote structural transformation that creates decent jobs, increases knowledge content of production and promotes a sustainable use of natural resources. **We call on the Development Centre to help identify the binding constraints to development through multi-dimensional analysis at the country-level, while supporting knowledge sharing among countries facing similar structural challenges.**

Many countries, at different income levels, are struggling to promote more balanced and inclusive development. Strong growth has not necessarily been inclusive nor has it systematically led to improving people’s well-being. Widening inequalities of income and opportunities across people and locations are a source of concern. Poor people, emerging “middle-classes” and in particular the youth are often vulnerable, lack access to social protection and to decent employment opportunities. **We encourage the Development Centre to deepen our understanding of the drivers of human well-being, beyond income, and the set of policy options that can promote social cohesion, notably with respect to youth inclusion, gender equality and social protection systems and to pay special attention at the interaction between social outcomes, production structures and territorial development.**

Going forward, we, the Members of the Development Centre, endorse its strategic orientations and the proposed work streams. **We look ahead to a successful conclusion of the current programme of work and implementation of the 2015-16 one.**

We thank partner countries and institutions that attended the 2014 High Level Meeting for their active engagement. **We look forward to reconvening in 2015 according to the roadmap to be endorsed by the Development Centre’s Governing Board.**