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Using Degree of Urbanisation around the World

26 June 2023 | Hybrid: Paris and Online

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Using Degree of Urbanisation around the World: Challenges and Opportunities

■ Background

The majority of the OECD population resides in settlements (cities, towns or villages). Yet settlements contain more than just housing. Most settlements provide employment opportunities along with important services such as schools, banks and hospitals. This workshop looks at the efforts countries are making to apply the international definition of Degree of Urbanisation, using geographically detailed Census data to define clusters or settlements of population.

Cross-country comparisons by Degree of Urbanisation hold tremendous value for policy. Differences across regions and countries can inform policy makers about which services are over or underprovided locally, affecting land use decisions and both public and private investments in services and housing. Public transportation and road networks– which are clearly influenced by policies– play important roles in the territorial landscape.

■ Key topics

This knowledge-sharing seminar will feature presentations by statistical agency officials who will talk about their motivations for building population grids, applying and using the Degree of Urbanisation definitions, along with some obstacles encountered. For example:

- How are policy makers using (or planning to use) Degree of Urbanisation maps and indicators? Is the information being used by businesses and/or academics?

- What technical resources did they employ to make the data accessible? What software can be used to make interactive visualisations?

- What indicators can be computed by Degree of Urbanisation? Are there plans to add new indicators? Are there impediments to doing so?

- Were there difficulties in computing or using the Degree of Urbanisation definitions (especially compared to other national definitions)?

■ Venue

Chateau Room E, OECD Headquarters, Paris

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Agenda
[Central European Time]

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9.00-9.30		**Casual introductions (in person)**
9.30-9.40		**Opening remarks (hybrid workshop begins)**
		Nadim Ahmad – Deputy Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
9.40-10.40		**Population grids and applications of Degree of Urbanisation**
	MODERATOR	**Martijn Brons** – Project Officer, European Commission (EU)
9.40-10.00	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Minhee Yun** – Assistant Director, KOSTAT (South Korea)
10.00-10.20	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Karl Majorhazi** – Senior Analyst, Stats NZ (New Zealand)
10.20-10.40	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Birkan Ergüç** – Head of GIS Group, Turkish Statistical Institute, TÜİK (Türkiye)
10.40-11.00	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Lewis Dijkstra** – Team Lead, JRC (EU)
11.00-11.20		**Coffee break**
11.20-11.40	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Teodora Brandmueller** – Team Leader, Eurostat (EU)
11.40-12.40		**Asia-Pacific and Europe panel discussion**
	MODERATOR	**Lewis Dijkstra** – Team Lead, JRC (EU)
		Birkan Ergüç – Head of GIS Group, Turkish Statistical Institute, TÜİK (Türkiye)
		Karl Majorhazi – Senior Analyst, Stats NZ (New Zealand)
		Teodora Brandmueller – Team Lead, Eurostat (EU)
		Youngshil Park – Deputy Director, KOSTAT (South Korea)
12.40- 14.10	**Lunch, OECD headquarters**	
14.10-14.30		**Population grids for environmental monitoring**
	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Maria do Carmo Dias Bueno** – Coordinator, Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística (Brazil)
14.30-15.30		**Building and using population grids for policy analysis [Spanish]**
	MODERATOR	**Ana Moreno Monroy** – Head of Unit, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
14.30-14.50	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Camila Caballero** – Geographer, Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas – INE (Chile)
14.50-15.10	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Carlos Alberto Duran** – Coordinator, Geostatistical Research and Development Group, Departamento Administrativo Nacional de Estadística – DANE (Colombia)
15.10-15.30	STATISTICAL EXPERT	**Armando Esparza Juárez** – Director de Coordinación e Integración de la Información – Administración del Territorio (Mexico)
15.30-16.00		**Coffee break**
16.00-17.00		**Population grids and SDG indicators – Americas panel discussion [Spanish]**
	MODERATOR	**Marcos Diaz Ramirez** – Economist, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD
17.00-17.30		**Closing remarks**

■ About the workshop

This is the first of two workshops in the EC-OECD series on regional typologies and the relevance of cities and smaller settlements such as towns and villages. The second workshop, tentatively scheduled for November, will address transport provision and access to services within and across settlements.

The outcomes of the workshops will underpin an OECD summary report on international applications of the Degree of Urbanisation. As such, the work will be relevant for policy makers at all levels of government interested in using the international definition in their countries.

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