



OECD GLOBAL FORUM ON PRODUCTIVITY

Productivity growth drives long-term living standards, and boosting economic growth in the future will increasingly depend upon improvements in multi-factor productivity. However, productivity has slowed in many OECD countries, raising concerns about prospects for the future.

Against this backdrop, it is not surprising that many countries have established Productivity Commissions or possess entities that serve a similar role, in some cases as units within Central Banks or Ministries or as bodies with broader mandates but with a strong focus on productivity.

These separate efforts could benefit from closer international co-operation to facilitate the sharing of experiences and best practices, enhance links with the global research community and foster dialogue with business and labour representatives.

To address these needs, the OECD in collaboration with an initial group of 16 member countries has created a Global Forum on Productivity to:

- Strengthen the governance of institutions devoted to enhancing productivity and improve the design and implementation of such policies while taking into account specific national contexts.
- Maintain a sufficient data infrastructure to facilitate the ongoing analysis of policy and structural factors driving productivity and construction of scenario analyses.
- Facilitate the ex-ante identification of productivity-enhancing policies and the ex-post evaluation of structural reform episodes in member countries, to further inform work on productivity by OECD committees.
- Provide a dedicated community website to facilitate information sharing, diffusion of policy-oriented research findings and analysis of productivity on an ongoing basis.
- Propose and co-ordinate research programmes in different areas related to productivity to extend and supplement work done at the OECD notably by encouraging research collaboration with national experts.
- Organise international conferences and high-level policy forums connecting policy-makers, academics and other stakeholders as well as co-sponsor thematic workshops organised by member countries.

The 2016 Annual Conference of the Global Forum on Productivity will be hosted by the Portuguese Government on 7-8 July in Lisbon.

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