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“OECD New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) and the SDGs”

To manage global risks and deal with emerging policy challenges, a universal, integrated and transformative agenda is needed. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is supporting a new approach to economic growth, one that places people’s well-being first and ensures that enhanced growth does not harm the environment. For that, a change in mind-set, policies and ultimately economies is needed.

The OECD is responding to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) drawing on the cumulative experience of OECD member and partner countries in various interconnected policy areas. With the New Approaches to Economic Challenges (NAEC) Initiative the OECD has learned lessons from the financial economic crisis and is increasingly thinking about uncertainty, spillovers, systemic risks and network effects to help get a better grip on rising global interconnectedness. Policy linkages, trade-offs and complementarities are being better appreciated and economic, social and environmental challenges are being tackled in integrated and coherent ways to achieve multiple goals simultaneously.

This panel will discuss OECD approaches to inclusive and sustainable growth and discusses how this work could help its Members and Partner Countries to achieve the SDGs.