



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

The OECD Well-being and Inclusive Growth Agenda: An Overview

Martine Durand
10:00-11:30 AM
Thursday, November 6, 2014
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by November 4, 2014 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Since the release in 2009 of the Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi report commissioned by the then French President Nicholas Sarkozy, the issue of the measurement of well-being has moved to the centre stage of the policy agenda in many OECD countries. The OECD has been at the heart of this debate through its extensive research program on the measurement of well-being.

In this seminar, Martine Durand, Chief Statistician at the OECD, will provide an overview of her organization's work in this area, including the OECD Better Life Initiative, the guidelines on measuring subjective well-being, and the series of OECD World Forums on the progress of societies. Particular attention will be given to the OECD's current project on inclusive growth, which links the well-being measurement agenda to policy and earlier this year resulted in the publication of the report *All on Board: Making Inclusive Growth Happen*, available at <http://www.oecd.org/inclusive-growth/All-on-Board-Making-Inclusive-Growth-Happen.pdf>. Ms. Durand will present this project's new composite measure of inclusive growth, which, using an equivalent income approach, incorporates income inequality, unemployment and life expectancy as well as income into a single well-being metric.

Martine Durand is Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician at the OECD and earlier served at Deputy Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs. She currently oversees all of the OECD's statistical activities and is responsible for providing strategic orientation for the organization's statistical policy. She is also responsible for OECD work on the measurement of well-being and the progress of societies. She graduated in mathematics, statistics and economics from the Paris VI University, Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Administration Economique, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.