

# International Productivity Monitor

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The activities of the CSLS are motivated by the following general principles:

- 1) in the long run, productivity growth is the key to improved living standards;
- 2) in the short to medium term, elimination of any output gap is the most effective way to raise living standards;
- 3) the equitable sharing of productivity gains among all groups in society is an essential element of the economic growth process;
- 4) increased cooperation among the various groups which make up our society can contribute significantly to better living standards; and
- 5) reliable data are crucial to the monitoring and analysis of living standards and to the development of effective policies to increase living standards.

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