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## Indicators complementing GDP: Knowledge and action tools for societal progress

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In the current «Beyond GDP» debates that mobilise public scientific institutions, the IWEPS and the Federal Planning Bureau were appointed by their respective governments to develop additional indicators complementing to GDP. These same governments also committed to develop strategies for sustainable development and monitor them with indicators. To carry out their missions, the public scientific experts involved are seeking compasses to guide the development of these indicators and relate them to actions for societal progress.

The objective of this conference is to share experiences and knowledge on this subject. It is composed of three sessions. The first session covers knowledge and action at different policy levels. The second one is devoted to the process and the implementation of the pionner political decisions taken in Wallonia and in the Belgian federal level for the achievement of these indicators of societal progress. The third session gives voice to civil society on the role of indicators to measure the progress of our society in a sustainable development perspective.

**Given the limited number of seats, free registration is required**

**Deadline: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Registration form on line: [www.iweeps.be](http://www.iweeps.be)**



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## Program

8h30 ● 9h00 : **Welcome coffee**

9h00 ● 9h15 : Welcome address by Sébastien Brunet (IWEPS) and Philippe Donnay (Bureau fédéral du Plan)

### Session 1 : Indicators measuring societal progress at different policy levels

Chair : Martine Durand, Director of Statistics and Chief Statistician of the OECD

9h15 ● 9h30 : Introduction by Martine Durand (OECD)

9h30 ● 9h55 : Overview of the various approaches complementing GDP indicators developed by the national statistical institutes, by Claire Plateau, Département des comptes nationaux (INSEE)

9h55 ● 10h20 : Convergence analysis of approaches developed to measure the societal progress, by Rutger Hoekstra, Statistical services and information, Statistiek Pays-Bas (CBS)

10h20 ● 10h40 : **Coffee break**

10h40 ● 11h05 : Human development index and sustainable development indicators in Nord-Pas de Calais : process of construction and uses, by Pierre-Jean Lorens and Grégory Marlier, Direction du Développement Durable, de la Prospective et de l'Évaluation (Conseil Régional Nord-Pas-de-Calais)

11h05 ● 11h30 : Roadmap for monitoring the Post-2015 Agenda, by Lidia Bratanova, Director of the UNECE Statistical Division, UNECE

11h30 ● 11h55 : Conclusions of the session and perspective of indicators measuring the progress of societies according to OECD vision, by Martine Durand (OECD)

11h55 ● 12h30 : **Debate**

12h30 ● 13h35 : **Lunch**

### Session 2 : Process and implementation in Wallonia and at the federal level

Chairs : Sébastien Brunet (IWEPS) and Philippe Donnay (BFP)

13h35 ● 14h25 : Measuring the societal progress in Wallonia

- Institutional framework and governmental decisions to measure societal progress, by Sébastien Brunet (IWEPS) and Natacha Zuinen, Département du développement durable (SPW-SG)

- Conceptual and methodological framework to develop indicators complementing GDP : first results, by Isabelle Reginster and Christine Ruyters (IWEPS)

- Indicators of the Walloon Sustainable Development Strategy and connection with indicators complementing GDP, by Gilles Bertrand and Fanny Heylen, Département du développement durable (SPW-SG)

14h25 ● 15h15 : Measuring the societal progress at the federal level

- Implementation of the act on indicators complementing GDP and evaluation of progress towards sustainable development goals, by Nadine Gouzée and Johan Pauwels, Task Force on Sustainable Development (BFP)

- Indicators complementing GDP and social and environmental satellite accounts of the system of national accounts, by Guy Vandille, Sectoral and environmental accounts and analyses (BFP)

15h15 ● 15h45 : **Debate**

15h45 ● 16h00 : **Coffee break**

### Session 3 : Which indicators to measure the progress of societies?

Animation of the session: Michel Visart, RTBF

16h00 ● 17h00 : Voice of civil society

- Antoinette Brouyaux, Associations 21
- Sabine Denis, Business and Society Belgium
- Christine Mahy, Réseau wallon et Réseau belge de Lutte contre la Pauvreté
- Leida Rijnhout, European Environmental Bureau

17h00 ● 17h15 : Conclusions of the Conference, by Paul Marnette, Minister-President of the Walloon Government

17h15 : **Closing remarks - Cocktail**