The International Conference on Innovation and Inclusive Growth, jointly organised by the OECD, the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the World Bank and UNU-MERIT was attended by more than 200 participants. It provided an opportunity to discuss the various policy issues regarding inclusive innovation with policy practitioners and experts. The agenda, the biographies of speakers and their presentations with their perspectives on the question of how innovation can best serve inclusive development can be found on the conference website.

A report on Malaysia’s National Intellectual Property System will be released by September 2015. A study of Kazakhstan’s IP system will be conducted in 2015-16. News and the related documents are available on the project website.

The Advisory Group of the Innovation for Inclusive Growth met in February and March 2015 to discuss priorities for the 2015-16 project phase. The February meeting focused on novel approaches for innovation to support development, while the March meeting discussed the proposed framework for analysing how innovation affects inequalities and what innovation policies can do to support it. Advisory Group members provided feedback on the proposed project framework and shared country perspectives. The summary of the Advisory Group meetings is available here.

The Advisory Group will further contribute to building a depositary of policy best practices with country examples of innovation policies aimed at supporting industrial, social or territorial inclusiveness.

A preliminary brochure with insights from the first project phase is available on the project page. The brochure discusses how scaling-up inclusive innovation can support the welfare and entrepreneurship opportunities of lower-income and excluded groups. It also discusses into opportunities created by new economic and technological trends for inclusive innovation, obstacles and specific market failures that inclusive innovations face. The brochure gives a quick overview of policies that can support successful scaling. The full report on Innovation Policies for Inclusive Development will be published in June 2015.

“Innovation Policies for Inclusive Growth” - The Next Project Phase

The project team welcomes comments and contributions to the two project modules for 2015-16: 1. Innovation Policies for Inclusive Growth; 2. Novel Approaches for Innovation to support development.