

# Building a fairer future: The role of social policy <sup>[1]</sup>

OECD Ministerial Meeting and Policy Forum on Social Policy, Paris, June 2-3, 2011

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## AVAILABILITY

OECD meeting website (links to communique and all documents and statements) <sup>[2]</sup>

### About the meetings:

At a meeting in Paris on 2-3 May 2011, Ministers exchanged views on the serious short- and long-term challenges citizens are facing today and on what they could do to address them.

### Session 1: Social policies for the recovery <sup>[3]</sup>

They discussed the social impact of the global economic crisis and compared approaches to adapt social policy to support the recovery.

### Session 2: Doing better for families <sup>[3]</sup>

Under the broad umbrella of family policies, they discussed good practices in removing barriers to family formation, enhancing the well-being of children, promoting gender equality in employment, and innovative approaches to improve service delivery for vulnerable families.

- Issues paper for discussion <sup>[4]</sup>
- Background document <sup>[5]</sup>
- Doing better for families report <sup>[6]</sup>

### Session 3: Intergenerational Solidarity <sup>[7]</sup>

The final session focused on social policy strategies to balance the needs of different generations, the fiscal and social impact of pension reforms, and caring for children, adults with long-term health conditions and /or disabilities, and for an increasing number of vulnerable older persons.

### Policy forum: Tackling inequality <sup>[8]</sup>

Prior to the social ministerial meeting, a Policy Forum on Tackling Inequality, open to the media, was held on the morning of 2 May 2011 to discuss the trend of high and increasing income inequality in many OECD countries as well as policy approaches to counter this trend.

**Region:** International <sup>[9]</sup>

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