

Meeting of the OECD Council at Ministerial Level

31 May - 1 June 2021



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SHARED VALUES: BUILDING A GREEN AND INCLUSIVE FUTURE

On the occasion of the first part of the 2021 OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, we* have assembled under the leadership of the United States as MCM Chair and with Korea and Luxembourg as Vice Chairs, on 31 May-1 June 2021, to discuss our responses to COVID-19 and our priorities for the recovery under the theme “Shared Values: Building a Green and Inclusive Future”.

In this context, the Council meeting at ministerial level:

- adopted** the Recommendation of the Council on Competitive Neutrality;
- adopted** the revised Recommendation of the Council on Children in the Digital Environment and welcomed the prior adoption by the Council of the revised Recommendation of the Council on Broadband Connectivity;
- launched the OECD International Programme for Action on Climate;
- welcomed the OECD Initiative for Safe International Mobility During the COVID-19 Pandemic including a temporary forum for knowledge sharing and welcomed the Blueprint Framework for Safer International Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic as a voluntary tool for use as appropriate by OECD Members and non-Members;
- welcomed the OECD Housing Policy Toolkit Synthesis Report;
- welcomed the updated OECD Youth Action Plan and the proposal to develop an OECD Recommendation to promote government-wide strategies to support young people;
- welcomed the Progress Report on the Development of an OECD Dashboard to Monitor a Strong, Resilient, Green and Inclusive Post-COVID-19 Recovery;
- welcomed the Secretary-General’s Report to Ministers on Global Relations;
- welcomed the Five-Year Report on the OECD Standard-Setting Review (2016-2021): and
- welcomed efforts to explore how Vocational Education and Training skills might be assessed across different systems.

We welcomed Costa Rica as the 38th Member of the OECD.

We also marked the transition of leadership at the OECD. In this regard, we thanked outgoing Secretary-General Angel Gurría for his outstanding service and accomplishments over the past 15 years. We welcomed incoming Secretary-General Mathias Cormann and look forward to working with him in the coming years.

We agreed to meet again on 7-8 October for the second part of the 2021 Ministerial Council Meeting.

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