

Foreword

This review of Mexico’s innovation policy is part of a series of OECD country reviews.¹ It was requested by the Mexican authorities, represented by the National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), and was carried out by the OECD Directorate for Science, Technology and Industry (DSTI) under the auspices of the Committee for Scientific and Technological Policy.² It took place concurrently with another study, *OECD Reviews of Regional Innovation: 15 Mexican States*; the two are complementary and provide Mexico with a coherent package of recommendations for both national and sub-national levels to work together effectively to support sustainable innovation-led economic growth throughout the country.

This study draws on a background report commissioned by the Mexican authorities,³ and on the results of a series of interviews with major stakeholders in Mexico’s innovation system. The review was drafted by Daniel Malkin (consultant to the OECD), and Gernot Hutschenreiter and Michael Keenan (Country Review Unit, DSTI, OECD), with contributions from and under the supervision of Jean Guinet (Head, Country Review Unit, DSTI, OECD).

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1. See www.oecd.org/sti/innovation/reviews.
 2. The review has benefited from a peer review process within the OECD. The two examiners were Luis Sanz, Professor at CSIC (Spain) and Chair of the OECD Committee on Scientific and Technological Policy (CSTP), and Patrick Vock, Director of CEST (Switzerland) and Chair of the CSTP Working Party on Technology and Innovation Policy (TIP).
 3. The background report was prepared by the National Council on Science and Technology (CONACYT) in collaboration with ADIAT. Fausto Alzati co-ordinated the work with the support of Leopoldo Rodríguez Sánchez, Leonardo Rios Guerrero, Efraín Aceves Piña and Fernando Guillén Guzmán, drawing on a draft prepared by Gabriela Dutrénit (coordinator), Mario Capdevielle, Juan Manuel Corona Alcantar, Martín Puchet Anyul, Fernando Santiago and Alexandre Vera-Cruz.
 4. An interim version of the review’s overall assessment and recommendations was presented at the “Forum on Innovation for the Competitiveness of Mexico” organised by CONACYT and NAFIN in Mexico City on 12 January 2009.



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