

## The OECD at a glance

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For close to 60 years, the OECD has helped forge global standards in areas such as governance, the fight against bribery and corruption, corporate responsibility, development, international investment, taxes, and the environment, to mention a few. Co-operation, dialogue, consensus and peer review drive the OECD as it seeks to fulfil its vision of a stronger, cleaner, fairer world economy and society.

The OECD supports policy makers in identifying challenges and addressing them through appropriate policies. It is also a source of advice on almost all areas of policy making and implementation, and one

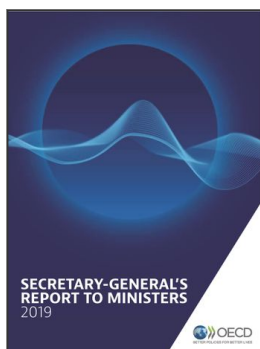
of the world's largest and most trusted sources of comparable statistical data on economics, trade, employment, education, health, social issues, migration, the environment and many other fields. It carries out its mission thanks to more than 200 committees and working groups of national experts and decision makers, and a high-quality permanent Secretariat.

The OECD includes 36 member countries. Colombia has been invited to become a Member and accession discussions with Costa Rica are ongoing.<sup>1</sup> Brazil, the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia and South Africa are OECD key partners. The OECD also collaborates with more than 100 other countries, many of which participate in its committees and have adhered to its standards. Additionally, the OECD hosts the secretariat of several international programmes. ■

1. Since March 2014, the activities related to the accession process of the Russian Federation to the OECD have been postponed for the time being.



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