



Ministerial Breakfast, July 2, 2013

Global Innovation Index 2013 Launch: Local innovation clusters in emerging countries

This year's Global Innovation Index report casts light on the Local Dynamics of Innovation, an area which remains under-measured globally. It shows the emergence of original innovation eco-systems, and signals a shift from a usual tendency to try and duplicate previously successful initiatives.

In this breakfast discussion, Ministers and other high-level guests are invited to discuss innovation clusters in emerging and developing countries following some comments from three speakers.

Discussion questions:

- 1) To which extent are innovation clusters in emerging countries different to those in high-income countries?
- 2) How connected are they to other well-established innovation clusters around the world and what are complementarities among clusters at home and abroad?
- 3) Not all attempts to create innovation clusters or 'innovation spaces' at the local level have been successful. What was the role of history, business and, respectively, policy in the development of these clusters? Do clusters need critical mass to succeed?

Welcome remarks: Mr. Francis Gurry, Director General, World Intellectual Property Organization

Discussion comments:

Moderator: Bruno Lanvin, Executive Director, INSEAD European Competitiveness Initiative (GII Editor)

Mr. Li Yingtao, President, Huawei 2012 Labs (Head of Global R&D and Innovation), Huawei, China

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