

## **Comments on "Reducing inequalities and strengthening social cohesion through inclusive growth: a roadmap for action"**

- I like "Our Vision" part of the paper. It nicely summarizes what is inclusive growth and why it is important. By contrast, I do not like Roadmap for Action much. The following comments are mostly on policy proposals discussed in Roadmap for Action.
- What kind of policies are effective for achieving policy goals are often very different in countries with different income level, population size, human resources, and economic, political, and social institutions. Some policy proposals in the paper could be ineffective or even harmful depending on country characteristics. Further, many policy recommendations in the paper are not feasible in developing countries given limited financial and human resources of their policy actors. The paper should narrow target countries for proposals to be more useful.
- The authors discuss too many issues in a short paper. I agree that cross-country policy coordinations and global rule-making are important, but given the difficulty of achieving international cooperations and the size of the paper, it would be better to focus only on national policies. Given the size of the paper, policy recommendations in the paper would be too concrete. It would be better to spend more pages discussing what kind of broad policies should be adopted and why they are important for achieving goals.
- The fourth pillar on page 7 states that "Economic inequalities harm well-being, empowerment, and social cohesion." The statement would generally be correct, but in many instances, perceptions of unequal opportunities and unfairness rather than economic inequalities seem to be more important. Policies correcting unequal opportunities and unfairness would be more important than policies lowering inequalities per se.
- On page 9, the authors correctly argue that the main drivers of economic and social trends, globalization and technical innovation, are influenced by policies on international trade, financial transactions, intellectual property protection etc. How to design these policies could be as critical as social policies and redistributive policies for inequalities, social cohesion, and thus inclusive growth, but Roadmap for Action does not discuss these policies.