

Recap on day one :

**Workshop: review of innovation
measurement in South Africa**

Questions from the DG

1. Key questions asked by the DG:
 - What are the important policy questions that should shape our formulation of indicators for innovation measurement?
 - What are the critical gaps in our system of innovation measurement and monitoring?
 - What kind of capacity exists currently, and new capacity needs to be put in place to effectively address the gaps?

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2. There is consensus about a need for monitoring national innovation performance, and a need for a survey of business sector innovation
3. There are many contradictions in our industries and society which innovation measurement must take into account
4. There is a huge government effort to support industry broadly, from which innovation outcomes can be expected
5. We need indicators to monitor national capacity for innovation

6. There is a concern about the scope and methodological rigor:

- How the questionnaires were adapted to accommodate South Africa context
- Inclusiveness of sectors and size of enterprises
- Measurement questions VS policy issues
- Validity of the data
- Sampling method
- Inputs VS outputs
- Timeliness of data
- Issues that matter entrepreneurs

7. We need to take steps to improve analysis of results and policy advisory arising from findings. Evaluate how to replicate the Germany example