RAG Feedback

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Introduction

- ⌘ RAG Terms of Reference
  - ⌃ Comment on papers and ideas in order for the team to understand what is required to develop these for use in policy and evaluation
- ⌘ Recommendations of Coimbra meeting
  - ⌃ Translate language of project to 'systems of innovation' model in order to connect with policy makers
  - ⌃ More integration of the work packages
  - ⌃ Role play to bridge theory and application
- ⌘ Background documents
  - ⌃ May 2008 reports
  - ⌃ Barbados presentations

Overall Comments

- Based on Barbados presentations, project is making excellent progress
  - Logical framework for understanding inequality and distribution (or lack thereof)
  - Innovative ideas on accountability, governance and public participation
  - More data from the case studies which provide considerable insight
  - Huge effort to address the theory to policy application, including the consideration of 'systems of innovation' and how the approach could be improved

Workpackage One

- Definition of social cohesion vs knowledge economy policy "paradigm" highly important in the debate around economic equality and the distributional effects of new technology – are SCPP and KEPP useful for analysing policy in small developing economies?

- May be important to define how countries can move from KEPP to SCPP

  - What are the key policy changes required which will result in maximum beneficial change within a reasonable time frame?

Workpackage Two

- The concepts of 'ethical recruitment' could be highly important in geopolitics (as important as trade negotiations?)
- Perhaps too soon to evaluate further
- Looking forward to the release of the four thematic papers (final outputs) and the three policy briefs
  - Recommendations on institution building important to developing countries
  - Is there a dissemination plan (for the outputs)?

Workpackage Three

- Insights into accountability systems that work are interesting
- Need to define rights (in the context of human rights?) within the constitutional environment of countries
    - Hence derives mechanisms for inclusion and participation

Workpackage Four

- The PRIME paper was really clear and useful
  - Raise general education levels and eliminate absolute poverty as key issues before distributional effects can be ensured
- Case studies could be used in the final synthesis to illustrate issues of
  - Policy
  - Human resources and mobility
  - Accountability
  - Governance

Workpackage Zero

- Mostly still to happen
- Really looking forward to the results of the discussions with the policy makers