

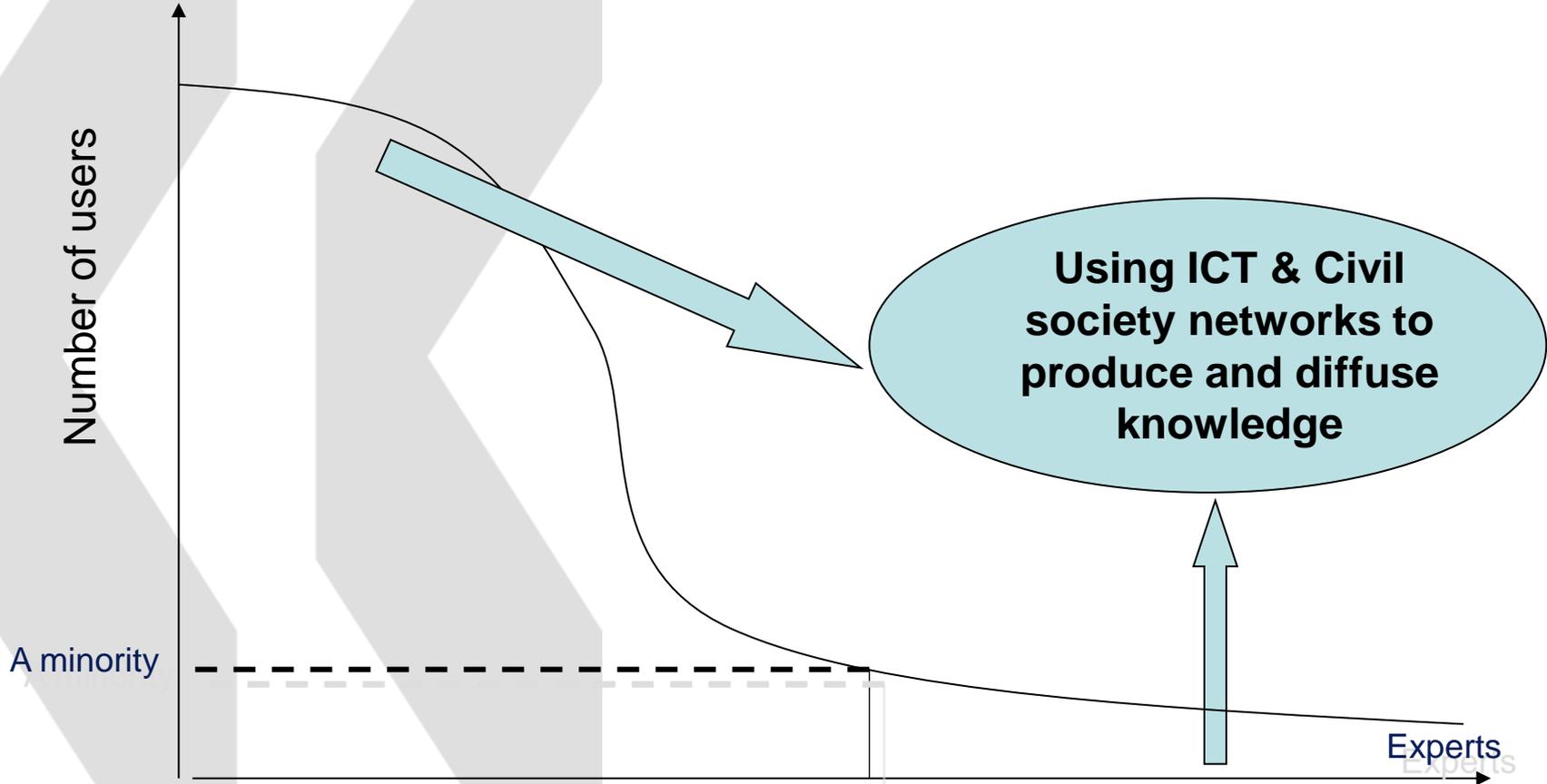
OECD Global Project on Measuring the Progress of Societies

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- **A new approach**
 - From output to welfare
 - From “information providers” to “knowledge builders”
 - From top-down to bottom-up
 - From “Statistique” to “Sociestique”
- **Four pillars**
 - Statistical research
 - Development of ICT tools to help in transforming statistics into knowledge
 - Advocacy and institutional building
 - Development of a global infrastructure about progress
- **Time frame: 2007 - 2011**

Building knowledge



Information about societal progress

The Istanbul Declaration, 2007

- A **culture of evidence-based decision making** has to be promoted at all levels of government
- We affirm **our commitment to measuring and fostering the progress of societies** in all their dimensions and to supporting initiatives at the country level.
- We **urge statistical offices, public and private organisations, and academic experts** to work alongside representatives of their communities to produce high-quality, fact-based information that can be used by all of society to form a shared view of societal well-being and its evolution over time.

Implementation 2008-2009

- Official launch of the Global Project
- Implementation of programmes of work and production of expected deliverables
- Meeting of regional and thematic working groups
- Establishments of national roundtables on measuring progress
- Establish criteria for approving sets of measures of progress
- **3RD OECD WORLD FORUM ON MEASURING PROGRESS AND EVALUATION OF RESULTS (October 2009)**

Key Outputs 2008-2009

- **Develop best practices to measure progress**
 - Taxonomy of societal progress dimensions
 - Handbook on Measuring Progress
 - Guidelines on how to measure particular dimensions of progress
 - Launch the Journal of the Progress of Societies
- **Promote the establishment of national roundtables for measuring progress**
 - Global Project web site and development of the other communication tools
 - Regional working groups in Africa, Arab Region, Asia, Pacific, Latin America, OECD, Russia
 - Regional and thematic conferences with experts, policy makers, civil society, etc
 - Guidelines on how to build progress roundtables at local and national levels

Key Outputs 2008-2009 (cont'd)

- **Provide assistance on initiatives to measure progress**

- Training materials and courses (roundtables)

- Report on what makes a set of key indicators successful

- Survey module to measure what citizens know about the progress of their society

- Knowledge base on ICT tools

- Guidelines on how to design websites to communicate indicators sets

- Release and promotion of ICT tools to communicate data and indicators

- **Measuring the world's progress**

- Launch **Wiki-Progress**: global platform to help everyone around the world understand and debate if the world itself or a particular region is making progress by means of statistical indicators

Expected Impacts

- **Improvement statistical capacity**

A better measurement of economic, social and environmental outcomes, of their interrelation and shared data to advocate necessary reforms and evaluate their impact on societal welfare

- **Improvement of citizen's numeracy**

Improve citizens knowledge giving them the opportunity to improve their decision making processes and to become more aware of the risks and challenges of today`s world

- **Improvement of international policy making**

Through the development of a world progress monitoring system, valid for developed, emerging and developing countries, based on democratic consensus and able to link international and national policies

- **Better assessment of societal progress** not simply based on the economic point of view, but with the appropriate emphasis on social, cultural an environmental dimensions

Governance structure

- **Global Office**

Relationships key partners at a global level; Co-ordination of regional groups and of thematic task teams; Serving as secretariat to the Project Board; Communication and advocacy services; Organising the World Forum events

- **Project Board**

Monitoring of activities undertaken by the Global project; Biennial programme of work; Recommendation on the distribution of work among the participating organisations; Information exchange about the activities undertaken and planned by each organisation in the areas related to the Global project; Review and evaluate actions; Guidance to the Global office in performing its tasks

- **Working Groups**

- **Regional Co-ordinators**

- **Thematic Task Teams**

Thank you!