# OBJECTIVES FOR THE WEEK

6th Meeting of the ICP Inter-Agency Coordination Group
September 24-26, 2018
Washington, DC

International Comparison Program

# Week's Objectives

## Output 1: ICP 2017 results

- Great progress since the spring
  - GIU received data for 161/177 (+4 in EU/OECD) part. countries
  - Shifting from crisis mode to quality assurance mode
  - Quality of input price data better than first submission in ICP 2011
- Timeliness risks still persist
  - Outstanding ICP 2017 survey/collection activities
  - Backcasting and annualizing
  - Regional and global validation
  - Regional and global results calculation and assessment
- Working together on quality assurance
  - Data sharing for collective IACG validation

# Week's Objectives

**Output 2: PPP time series bridging 2011 and 2017**

- 2016 updates:
  - Can we link regional interim updates, in particular 2016?
  - If not, how do we incorporate regional interim updates into the PPP time series?
- Extrapolation approach:
  - How do we extrapolate PPPs?
  - Can we use CPI COICOP 12 for HHC?
  - Can we use deflators for other categories?
  - Or alternatively, should growth rates be used?

# STATUS OF GLOBAL ACTIVITIES AND RISKS

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# Outline

- Participating Countries
- Survey Schedule
- Data Submission
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- Research Agenda Progress
- Outstanding Risks
- Progress Reporting
- PPP Uses
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- Outreach
- Upcoming International Conferences
- Dissemination

# Participating Countries

| Region | Interim [Years] | 2017 Cycle |
|---|---|---|
| **Africa** | 47 [2015-16] | 50 |
| **Asia** | 20 [2016] | 22 |
| **CIS** | 8 [2014] | 8 |
| **LAC** | - | 37[3] |
| **Western Asia** | 12 [2012-16] | 12 |
| **Eurostat-OECD** | 47 [Annual] | 49[4] |
| **Special participation[1]** | - | 3 |
| **Dual participation[2]** | (4) | (4) |
| **Total** | **130** | **177** |

[1] Includes Iran that will be linked through the Western Asia comparison, as well as Georgia and Ukraine that will be linked through the Eurostat comparison

[2] Dual participation countries include Egypt, Morocco, Russia and Sudan

[3] Includes Guatemala and Sint Maarten, whose participation status is still unclear

[4] Includes Costa Rica and Colombia in the OECD comparison

# ICP 2017 Survey Schedule

| Regions | 2016 | | | | 2017 | | | | 2018 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Western Asia | H | H | H | H | | H+R +G | C | H+R +M | | R | | |
| Eurostat-OECD | | H | | H | | H+R | M+C | H+G | | H+R | | H |
| Asia | | | | | | H | H | H+M | H+M+ C | H+R+ M+C | H+R+G | G |
| CIS | | | | | | H | H+M +C | H+M +C | | | | R+G |
| Africa | | | | | | | H | H | H | H | H+R+ M+C | H+R+G +M+C |
| LAC | | | | | | | H | H | H | H | H+R+G +M+C | H+R+G +M+C |

**Acronyms:** Household consumption **(H)**, Housing **(R)**, Government **(G)**, Machinery and Equipment **(M)**, Construction **(C),** Preliminary Results **(PR)**, Final Results **(FR)**

# Data Submission: ICP 2017

| Region | Years | HHC | HOU[1] | GOV | GFCF | EXP | POP/ XR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AFR [50] | 2017-18 | 40[2] | 10 | – | 48 (MEQ)<br>50 (CON) | – | – |
| ASI [22] | 2017-18 | 22 | – | – | 22 | – | 22/22 |
| CIS [8] | 2017 | 8 | – | – | – | – | 8/8 |
| LAC [37] | 2017-18 | 35[3] | – | – | – | – | 37/37 |
| WAS [12] | 2017 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 | – | 10/10 |
| EUO [49] | 2017 | 47[4] | – | – | 49 (MEQ) | – | 49/49 |
| SP [3][5] | 2017 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | – | – |

[1] Housing rentals, not covering housing volume

[2] Data does not include Angola, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar and Nigeria

[3] Data does not include Guatemala and Sint Maarten

[4] Data does not include Colombia and Costa Rica (OECD)

[5] Special Participation; Includes Iran, Georgia and Ukraine

# Data Submission: Interim (2014-16)

| Region | Years | HHC | HOU[1] | GOV | GFCF | EXP | POP/ XR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AFR [47] | 2015-16 | –[2] | – | – | – | – | – |
| ASI [20] | 2016 | 20 | – | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20/20 |
| CIS[3] [8] | 2014 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| LAC [-] | – | – | – | – | – | – | – |
| WAS [12] | 2014-16 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12/12 |
| EUO [47] | 2015-16 | 47 | – | – | – | 47 | 47/47 |

[1] Housing rentals, not covering housing volume
[2] Data collected, but not officially submitted to the Global Unit
[3] Results are already published

# Governance and Coordination Activities

| Meetings Conducted (2018) | Current Meetings (2018) | Upcoming meetings (2019) |
|---|---|---|
| ▪ IACG Principles Meeting, NY, Mar 2018<br>▪ 5th IACG & 2nd Task Forces Meetings, DC, Mar 2018<br>▪ Prep Meeting for the Poverty and PPPs Task Force, DC, May 2018<br>▪ 2nd TAG Meeting, DC, May 2018<br>▪ 1st Task Team on Data Quality Assurance Meeting, DC, Jun 2018 | ▪ 6th IACG, 3rd Task Forces, & 2nd Task Team Meetings, DC, Sept 2018<br>▪ 3rd GB Meeting, Dubai, Oct 2018 | ▪ 4th GB Meeting, NY, Mar 2019<br>▪ 7th IACG & 3rd Task Team Meetings, DC, Apr 2019<br>▪ 3rd TAG and 4th Task Forces Meetings, Paris, May 2019<br>▪ 8th IACG & 4th Task Team Meetings, DC, Sept 2019<br>▪ 4th TAG and 5th Task Forces Meetings, DC, Oct 2019<br>▪ 5th GB Meeting, DC, Oct 2019 |

# Capacity-Building Activities (Q4 2017 onwards)

| ICP Region | Regional/ Sub-Regional Workshops | Country Workshops/ TA Missions | Forthcoming Activities |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Africa** | 4 | 6 | Q1/Q2 2019 – RW |
| **Asia** | 4 | 1 | Oct 2018 – RW<br>Dec 2018 – RW |
| **CIS** | 2 | 1 | Dec 2018 – RW<br>Apr 2019 – RW |
| **LAC** | 1 | 2 | Oct 2018 – SRW<br>Nov 2018 – RW |
| **Western Asia** | 5 | 2 | Q4 2018 – RW<br>Q4 2018 – SRW<br>Q4 2018 – Libya |
| **EU-OECD** | 2 | | |
| **Special Participation*** | | 4 | Oct 2018 – Iran<br>Oct 2018 – Georgia<br>Oct 2018 – Ukraine |

* Includes Iran, Georgia and Ukraine

# Research Agenda Progress (1)

**13 Research Agenda items:**

1. **Compilation of PPP Time Series and the Rolling Survey Approach**
2. **PPPs and Real Expenditures for Dwelling Services**
3. **Productivity Adjustment for Government and Construction Labor**
4. **Fine Tuning Global Linking Procedures**
5. **Quality and Reliability of PPPs**
6. ***Uses of PPPs for National and International Policy Making (Upcoming)***
7. **CPI-ICP Synergies and Sub-National PPPs**
8. PPPs for Exports and Imports
9. PPPs for Construction
10. PPPs for Health and Education
11. ***ICP PPPs and Global Poverty Measurement (Upcoming)***
12. Exploring Innovations in Technology and Data Sources for PPP Measurement
13. Accounting for Product Quality Differences in PPP Measurement

# Research Agenda Progress (2)

## Task Forces Underway

### TF01. PPP Compilation and Computation

- Linking interim regional updates into a global comparison
- Building PPP time series for the interim period
- Fine tuning global linking procedures
- Productivity adjustment for government and construction labor

### TF02. Housing

- PPPs and real expenditures for dwelling services

### TF03. Country Operational Guidelines and Procedures

- Moving towards rolling price surveys
- CPI-ICP synergies to improve spatial and temporal price consistency
- Sub-national PPPs

### TT01. Task Team on Data Quality Assurance for the PPP Time Series

- Quality of data and results

# Research Agenda Progress (3)

## Upcoming Task Forces

**TF04. PPP Uses**

- Uses of PPPs and ICP data for national and international policy making

**TF05. PPPs and Poverty**

- ICP PPPs and global poverty measurement – Post Atkinson Commission

# Outstanding Risks (1)

## TIMETABLE RISKS

- Delay in initiating ICP 2017 survey activities and data submission for selected regions/countries
- Outstanding ICP 2017 activities (special surveys, backcasting and annualizing, regional and global validation, and results calculation and assessment) require time

## QUALITY RISKS

- Delay in initiating global data validation
- Focus on comparability across space and over time

## FUNDING RISKS

- Additional funding to support surveys in Caribbean countries
- Additional funding from Arab Fund – some funding gap persist

# Outstanding Risks (2)

**PARTICIPATION RISKS**

- Uncertainty regarding a few outstanding countries that have not submitted data yet
- Countries migrating from LAC to OECD
- Difficulties in securing the participation of some fragile states

**ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGES**

- More strenuous administrative processes in many agencies related to channeling funding, arranging regional workshops, and attending global meetings

# Progress Reporting

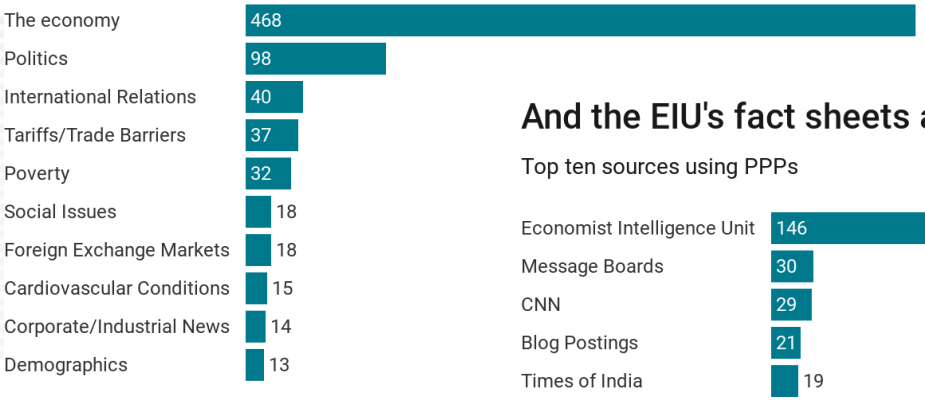
- Report to the Governing Board [Oct 2018]
- Report to the UNSC [Nov 2018]
- Report to donors [Mar 2019]

# A month of PPPs - 500+ articles via *Factiva*

**70 major media news outlets ran 115 PPP articles**

## The Economy dominates PPP mentions

Top ten subjects covered by all PPP occurrences

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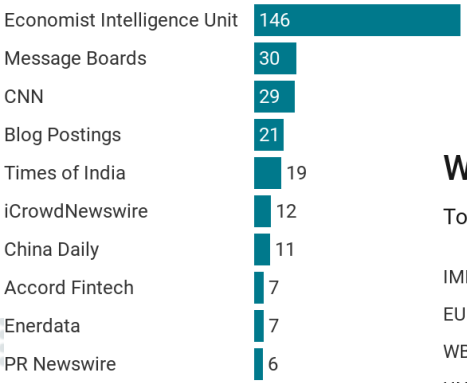
## And the EIU's fact sheets and forecasts lead sources

Top ten sources using PPPs

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## While the IMF is the organisation most mentioned.

Top ten organisations mentioned in PPP articles

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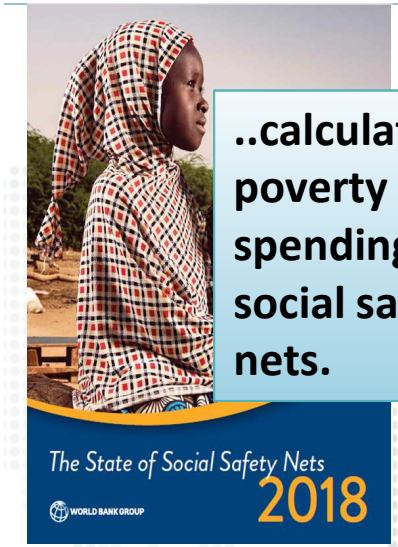
**India, China and the USA dominate coverage ..but 80 other countries feature**

# PPPs feature in…

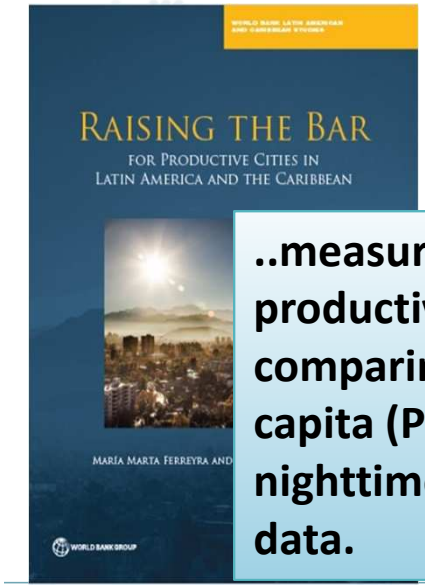
# PPPs inform development by…




..calculating poverty rates and spending on social safety nets.

….valuing unpaid care work as a share of GDP (PPP).

..estimating the impact on GDP per capita (PPP) of dire climate scenarios.

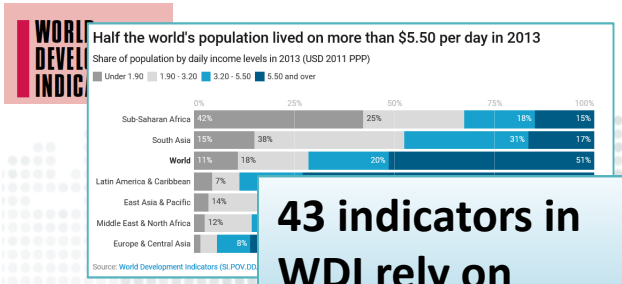



..measuring productivity by comparing GDP per capita (PPP) with nighttime lights data.

…analyzing FDI inflows, migration and travel patterns into ECA.

..comparing growth rates of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE).

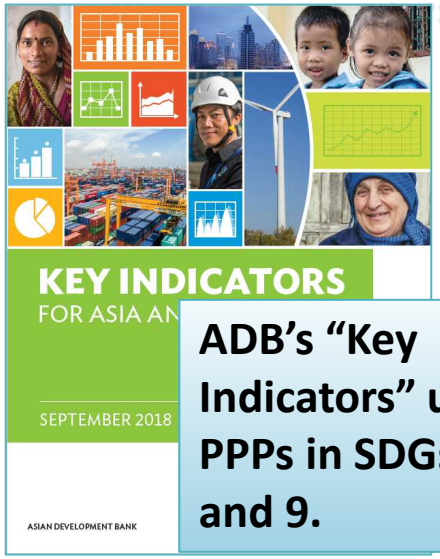
# ..and are crucial to data analyses



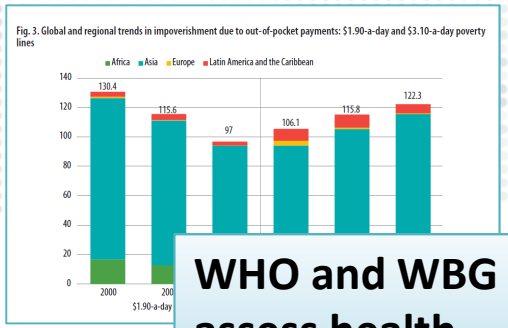

**43 indicators in WDI rely on PPPs.**

**The Global Competitiveness Index uses PPPs in its 10th pillar measure – market size.**

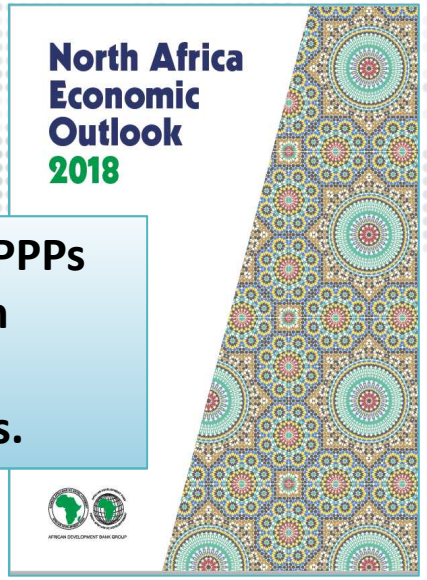
**SDG target 7.3 measures energy intensity with PPPs**




**ADB's "Key Indicators" uses PPPs in SDGs 1, 7 and 9.**




**WHO and WBG assess health cost impacts using PPPs**

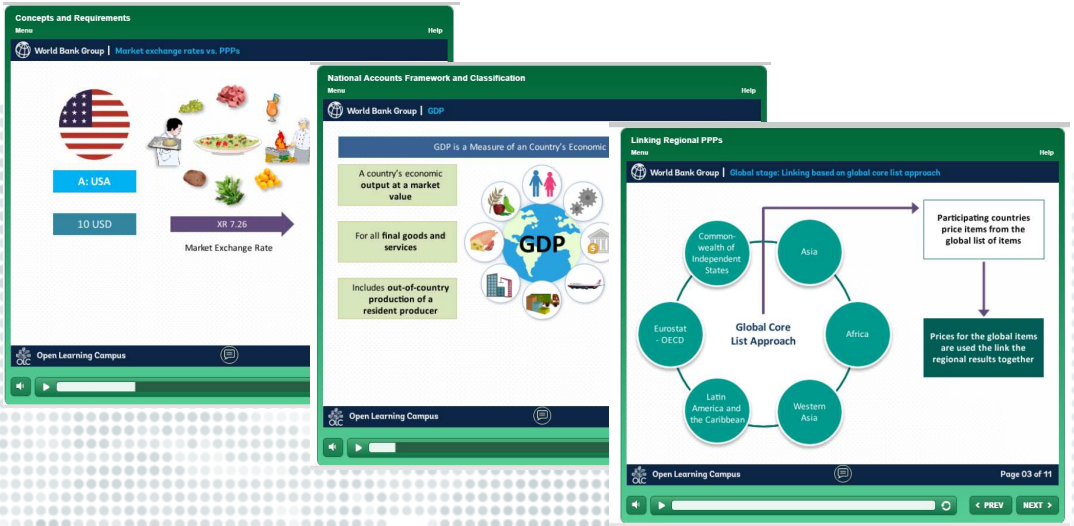



**AfDB uses PPPs to establish poverty headcounts.**

# Knowledge

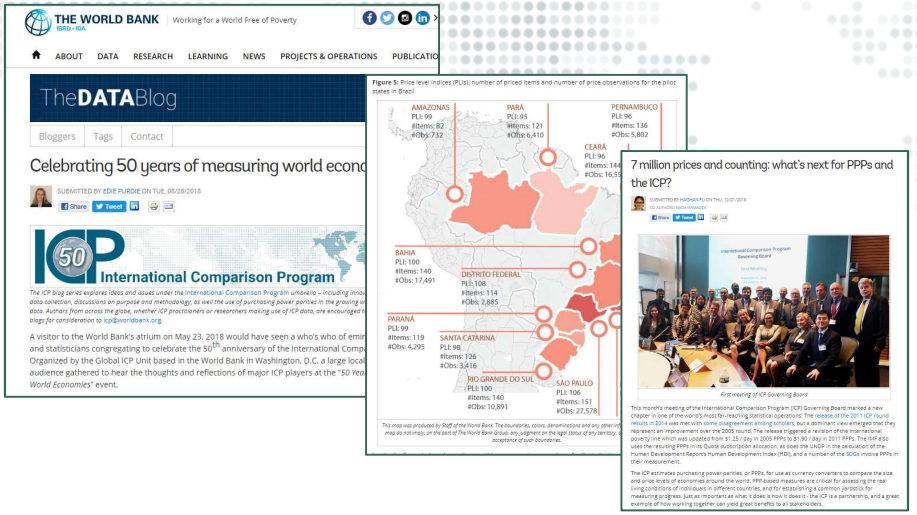
## PPP e-learning

- Launched in March 2018;
- Around 290 enrolled online;
- Used as well in regional and national workshops.




## ICP Blog series

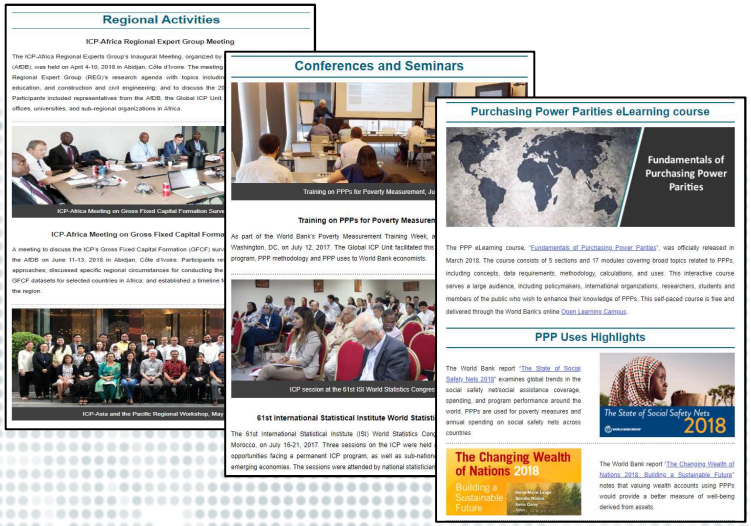
- ICP branded, within *World Bank Data Blog series*;
- Wide audience through social media;
- Invite authors: research, methodology, uses etc.



# Outreach

## ICP Highlights

- Quarterly newsletter
- 1,500 recipients
- National, regional and global activities
- PPP uses




## 50th Anniversary

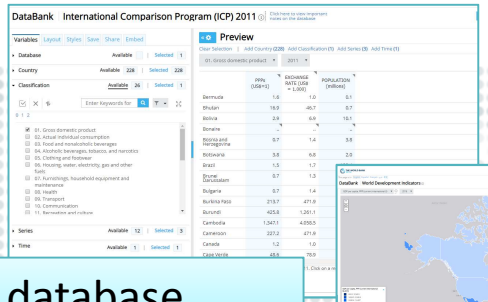
- Events at the United Nations and the World Bank
- Posters, video and blogs
- Wide audience on social media - *#ICP50th*

# Upcoming International Conferences

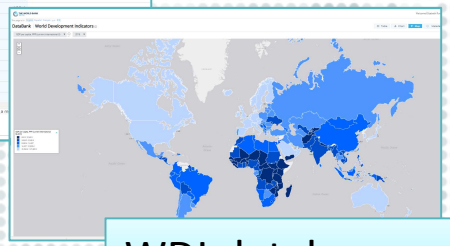
- ICP at the World Bank Booth at the UN World Data Forum, Dubai, Oct 2018
- Conference on International Comparisons “Fifty Years of International Comparison Program: Achievements and Moving Forward”, Beijing, Oct 2018
- Intra-country comparisons of poverty and living conditions: Measuring well-being at local level for public policy with focus on China, Beijing, Dec 2018
- International Comparisons Conference, Groningen, May 2019
- Session on PPP/CPI Synergies within the Ottawa Group meeting, Rio de Janeiro, May 2019
- Session on PPP-based comparisons within the IARIW special conference, Moscow, Sept 2019

# Dissemination

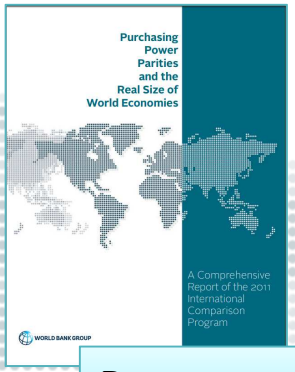
**2011 PPP data available through…**




ICP database

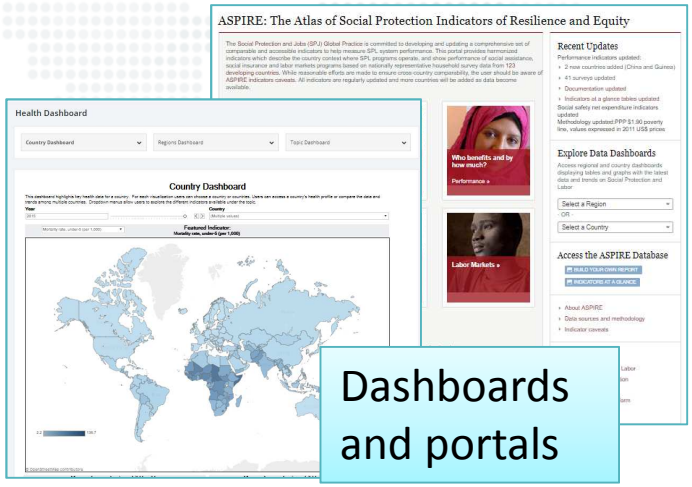


WDI database



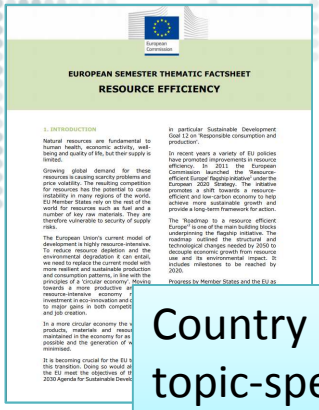

Reports

**New dissemination tools**




Dashboards and portals

Visual analyses




Country and topic-specific profiles

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