

GOVERNMENT AFTER SHOCK

An unconventional event
for unconventional times



On 17-18 November the OECD will be facilitating 'Government After Shock', a global networked event to discuss and make sense of the unfolding shock of the year 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken our understanding of the world and how things should work. The aftershocks of it will undoubtedly ripple through all domains, whether personal, economic, social or political. While no one can say how things will unfold, it is clear that 2020 will mark a fundamental shift. But what will the changes coming out of it be? What should they be?

Government After Shock will run across locations all over the world, combining local conversations with a global conversation about how this shock has played out across different countries and different contexts. Participants will hear from, and help inform, leading authorities and thinkers about the potential implications.

The two-part facilitated event will combine in-person and digital experiences and focus on questions such as:

- ❖ **What do we need to leave behind from this shock?**
What are the things that no longer fit with the world we're heading into, what are the structures and processes that have revealed themselves to be inadequate, unsuited or inappropriate for the emerging world?
- ❖ **What do we want to keep?**
What are the things that are regarded as important to hold on to, and that need to be adapted to new times?
- ❖ **What should we do differently?**
For what things is there now an opportunity for them to do be done differently?

Coordinated by the OECD's Observatory of Public Sector Innovation, *Government After Shock* will be an event to suit today's unsettled context, though one built upon learning from diverse experiences and bringing them together to help identify and consider the implications for governments. The two parts will be:

DAY 1: Government After Shock (Pt I)
Rethinking and rebuilding through innovation - which will be grassroots oriented, and focus on insights from the frontline.

DAY 2: Government After Shock (Pt II)
Collaboration for systemic change beyond crisis - which will bring together contributions from leaders around the world in an open and connected forum.

The goal: *to support each country's capacity to anticipate, understand, and govern complex and changing circumstances, at the same time as promoting international collaboration.*

Joining with affiliates across the world, the OECD will also be working to help collect and curate some of the lessons from the pandemic for governments in the lead-up to the event. Then, coming out of the event, the OECD will provide more formal guidance and reflections for member countries about the implications for government transformation.

To get involved or to learn more, sign up at <https://oe.cd/gov-after-shock>