

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the first Indices of Social Development (ISD) newsletter. This newsletter will frequently inform you about activities, events and data updates.

- On March 16 www.IndSocDev.org was successfully launched. Arjan de Haan, Irene van Staveren and Ellen Webbink presented the Indices of Social Development Database. The presentation was followed by a discussion and comments from Carrie Turk (World Bank), Andy Norton (ODI), Christopher Garroway (OECD Development Centre) and the audience. Roberto Foa followed the launch from Boston through a Skype connection. The ISD-team would like to thank everybody present at the launch for their comments and compliments. You can watch videos of the launch here: <http://www.indsocdev.org/launch.html>
- Roberto Foa has written the '[Indices of Social Development Handbook](#)' on the intellectual and theoretical background of ISD. The handbook also answers the most common questions raised.
- ISD is now on Twitter, follow us to receive latest news: @IndSocDev

Conferences:

- On 12 and 13 May, Ellen Webbink attended the [Open Data for Development Camp](#) in Amsterdam. Thanks to useful comments of users and developers, the ISD-team will try to make the data more user friendly.

Irene van Staveren will present a paper with ISD-data on the [International Association for Feminist Economics annual conference in China June 24-26, 2011](#).

On September 6-8th, 2011, she will present a paper on the [2011 Conference of the HDCA, "Innovation, Development & Human Capabilities" in The Hague](#).

- ISD is planning to host a research conference at the end of this year. Read more in the next newsletter.
- ISD would like to know what you think about the Indices. You can send comments or (working) papers to isd@iss.nl

Best regards,

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