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Call for Submissions

Special sessions: Innovation in Science and Innovation Indicators

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Session Theme: Every ten years the National Experts on Science and Technology Indicators Working Party at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) convenes a stocktaking of science and innovation indicators and proposes a research agenda for the ensuing decade. NARSC members submitted several papers for consideration to the 2026 OECD Blue Sky Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation Data and Indicators that will be held in Paris in September. This session will provide a reprise of these papers summarizing the state of the art with respect to place-based innovation policy and welcomes other submissions addressing the measurement and/or analysis of phenomena related to science and innovation. Relevant topics include but are not limited to:

- Patenting, trademarks, design patents, or other forms of intellectual property protection;
- Measuring environmental innovation;
- Describing or analyzing local innovation ecosystems;
- Human capital associated with science, innovation, or knowledge-intensive industries;
- Measuring innovation in the periphery;
- Regional implications of the development or use of artificial intelligence.

All methodological approaches to understanding emerging phenomena are welcome including case studies, descriptive analyses, econometric analyses, and meta-analyses.

If interested, please submit your abstract online on the NARSC submission portal (<http://www.narsc.org/newsite/conference/online-abstractsession-submission/>) and then email us the title, abstract, submission ID (e.g., P54321), author information, and contact details by **July 15, 2026**.

We look forward to sessions that advance our understanding of the geography of innovation.

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