



**Beyond the 2011 round of the ICP:
Recommendations of the ICP 2011 evaluation and the way forward**

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The 2011 International Comparison Program (ICP) concluded in 2014 with the publication of the final results of the round. The results received wide media coverage and stirred a strong debate among the user community because of the finding that the world has become more equal than previously thought. In 2014, the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) commissioned an evaluation of the ICP 2011 that covers all aspects of the program from governance to methodology. The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the feedback received from users and producers since the results of the ICP 2011 were released as well as the preliminary recommendations from the ICP 2011 evaluation. The paper briefly reviews ICP interim activities currently underway. It concludes with a proposal to conduct more frequent ICP benchmarks in the future in order to provide more consistent and timely PPP time series.

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