

# OECD Regional Approaches

## AFRICA (NEPAD)

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ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC  
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## AFRICA

### Support for the Objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

#### OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 – COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

<b>Output results 2008:</b>	Challenges paper followed by a seminar on South Africa
<b>Directorate:</b>	ECO
<b>Description:</b>	First EDRC policy seminar for South Africa, and launch of the final publication on South Africa, 2008
<b>Events:</b>	EDRC Policy Seminar (Q1 2008, OECD Headquarters); launch of publication in South Africa, Q2 2008.
<b>Publications:</b>	Title unknown yet, Q2 2008
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#### OUTPUT AREA 2.1.2 - EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

<b>Output results 2007:</b>	Review on education policies in South Africa: background report, field visits and draft report.
<b>Output results 2008:</b>	Final report
<b>Directorate:</b>	EDU
<b>Description:</b>	On request of the Government of South Africa, the Secretariat undertakes a review of the education system in 2007. The field visit of OECD experts will take place in October 2007. The final report will be published in Q1 2008.
<b>Events:</b>	Field visit South Africa, October 2007
<b>Publications:</b>	Review of education policies in South Africa, Q1 2008.
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#### OUTPUT AREA 2.3.3 - ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY (CHEMICALS)

<b>Output results 2007/08:</b>	Guidelines and global relations events related to testing and assessment of chemicals and manufactured nanomaterials and Mutual Acceptance of Data
<b>Directorate:</b>	ENV
<b>Description:</b>	South Africa is a full adherent to the Council Decisions related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals. It takes parts in the work related to Test Guidelines and Good Laboratory Practice and Mutual Acceptance of Data as a full Member.

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#### OUTPUT AREA 2.1.1 - LIFELONG LEARNING, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES

**Output results 2007-08:** Pilot studies on prevalence statistics on children with disabilities in Ethiopia.

**Directorate:** EDU/CERI

**Description:**

The activity began in 2006 to gather prevalence data on students with disabilities in Ethiopia. These data serve as basis for the development of education and health services for children with disabilities as progress towards through the UNESCO's Education for All (EFA) initiative. Involvement with the World Bank will ensure funds and mainstreaming of research outcomes into education and health sector development plans funded by the World Bank.

**Publications:** Report on pilot study on prevalence statistics on children with disabilities in Ethiopia. (Q3 2007)

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#### OUTPUT AREA 2.2.2 - MIGRATION POLICIES

**Output results 2007/ 2008:** Monitoring of trends and migration policies: Analytical reports.

**Directorate:** ELS

**Description:**

In accordance with the Mandate of the OECD Working Party on Migration and under its auspices, the activity relates to the monitoring of trends and migration policies, and aims at providing comparative analyses and information to Member countries in order to help them in the elaboration of their migration policies and in international co-operation for migration and development.

Subject to additional grants.

**Events:** Analytical Report on Migration from North and Sub-Saharan Africa towards OECD Member countries (Q3 2007 and Q3 2008).

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#### OUTPUT AREA 3.2.1 - AGRICULTURAL POLICY REFORM

**Output results 2007:** Non-Member Reviews and Policy Evaluations

**Directorate:** TAD

**Description:**

With financial support from France and in partnership with IFAD and various organisations in Africa, this exploratory project aims to improve the policy-related analytical capacity of Ministries of Agriculture in selected African countries. This first exploratory phase of the project will last until mid-2007, focusing on three case studies (Cameroon, Ghana, Mali)

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A synthesis report will be prepared in the second half of 2007 for discussion at the Committee for Agriculture (COAG), and possibly DAC, as well as the 2007 Global Forum on Agriculture.

Subject to support from COAG, IFAD and the African partners and voluntary funding from Member countries and international donors, a second phase to build on this initial investment is envisaged.

- Events:**
- Missions – Mali (11-17 February 2007) and Ghana (first half 2007)
  - Three country case studies – completed July 2007
  - Two country round tables – Mali, Ghana (Cameroon already completed)
  - Project steering group (OECD, IFAD, France), African governmental partners
- Publications**
- Synthesis report – COAG/Global Forum discussion in Nov 2007 (possible DAC discussion - tbc)
  - Phase II prospectus – end 07 (tbc)
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### OUTPUT AREA 3.3.1 - TAX POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

- Output results 2007/08:**
- Updates to the OECD Model Tax Convention and expansion of its use (Q2 2008)
  - Updates and Extension of Transfer Pricing Guidelines (Q4, 2008)
  - Annual Report on Current Tax Reform Issues (Q4 2008)

**Directorate:** CTPA

**Description:**

Increasing interest in the tax treaty and transfer pricing areas have led to four events being organised in the Southern and North African regions on these issues in 2007. These will be followed up by similar events in 2008. Dialogue in these areas is aimed at enabling African countries to protect their tax base and ensure that double taxation is not a deterrent to FDI.

- Events:**
- Tax Treaty Issues South Africa 14-18 May 2007
  - Transfer Pricing South Africa 3-7 September 2007
  - Developing tax Treaty policies Egypt 26-30 November 2007
  - Tax treaty Issues Tanzania 10-14 December 2007

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### OUTPUT AREA 3.3.2 – INTERNATIONAL TAX CO-OPERATION

- Output results 2007/08:**
- A report updating the factual assessment of the progress made towards a level playing field (Q4 2007)
  - Practical recommendations, good practices and strategies for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of exchange of information (Q4 2007).
  - Annual reports on the outcomes of the International Tax Dialogue (Q4).

**Directorate:** CTPA

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### Description:

While Africa is not directly involved in this work in 2007, the work on unfair tax competition is assuming increasing importance in the regions. A successful event on the exchange of information in South Africa in 2006 will be followed up in 2008.

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.1 - INVESTMENT

<b>Output results 2007:</b>	- Pilot country self-evaluations and peer dialogues of investment policy action plans, through country submissions and a regional meeting based on the Policy Framework for Investment.
<b>Output results 2008:</b>	- Investment policy action plans, including country submissions, a regional expert meeting, NEPAD-OECD report to Ministers.

**Directorate:** DAF

### Description:

#### *NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative*

The aims to improve the capacity of African countries to identify and implement concrete policy reforms that strengthen the investment environment, thereby attracting more and better investment in support of sustainable growth and poverty reduction. The activities are centred on roundtables with the outcomes aimed at producing impact on policy development and capacity building within the African region. In 2007 the focus is on:

- How the OECD's Policy Framework on Investment can be used to strengthen African countries' capacity to implement the investment climate content of African Peer Review Mechanism Action Plans.
- Taking stock of the lessons learnt in the area of investment climate reform from the experience so far with the APRM process
- Based on the new OECD Principles on Private Sector Participation in Infrastructure, developing and testing guidance on how best to make operational the Principles in an African country context in the water and sanitation sector.

**Events:** NEPAD-OECD Africa Investment Initiative roundtable, Zambia, November 2007

**Publications** Investment for Development: Investment Policy Co-operation with non-OECD Economies, Annual Report

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.2 - ANTI-CORRUPTION

**Output results 2007:** Stock-Taking Report of business integrity measures and anti-bribery legislation, policies and practices in selected African countries.

**Output results 2008:** Development of a regional anti-bribery course of action.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

*Anti-Bribery and Business Integrity Initiative for Africa*

The OECD, in partnership with the African Development Bank, will support interested African countries in strengthening their frameworks and practices to curb bribery. This will be done with reference to the international instruments, primarily the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions and the UN Convention Against Corruption. Aimed to improve the investment and business environments in African countries, the Initiative could also be a channel for dialogue between major African economies and the OECD Working Group on Bribery.

The priorities of the Initiative will be:

- to review business integrity measures and anti-bribery policies in selected African countries for the purpose of assisting African countries in the identification of reform priorities at both regional and country levels; and
- to facilitate and foster exchange of experience among countries of the region and with interested Members of the Working Group on Bribery.

The activities for 2008 are subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.

**Events:**

- Regional technical workshop; Q3 2007
- Task Force meeting; Q2 2008

**Publications**

- Anti-Bribery and Business Integrity Policies in Africa, Q3 2008.

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.3 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**Output results 2007:** Privatisation and Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises: Case studies in selected African countries and a sub-regional survey and policy workshop on corporate governance of SOEs.

**Output results 2008:** Privatisation and Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises: More case studies and a sub-regional policy workshop and synthesis report on corporate governance of state-owned enterprises to identify policy lessons and good practices for the region.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

This project will include in-depth analysis of the corporate governance of SOEs in selected African economies, benchmarking them against the *OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises*. The case studies of SOEs will identify priorities for improvement and discuss challenges in their implementation. Sub-regional workshops will be used to present and discuss the case studies, other countries' experiences, and benchmark current frameworks and practices at the sub-regional level. These workshops could include the presentation and discussion of country reviews of the governance of SOEs performed by other organisations and based on the Guidelines, (e.g. World Bank reviews). The workshops will be used to present policy papers identifying priorities for reforms and elaborating proposals on how to improve the corporate governance of SOEs in the sub-region. These policy papers will be based on the case

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studies, available country reviews and discussion in the two sub-regional workshops. They will also identify relevant areas for technical assistance.

**Events:** To be determined  
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### OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

**Output results 2007/08:** Promoting open and efficient bond markets and public debt policies in Africa

**Directorate:** DAF/FIN

**Description:**

The OECD developed a policy platform for African debt managers, debt market regulators, central bankers and other financial policy makers to discuss the policy issues involved in the development of African public debt management and government securities markets. A key objective is to increase institutional capacity in African countries to manage their public debt, including the related development of government securities markets via sharing and learning from OECD country cases and best practices. This work has been developed on a global, regional and country basis, with support of a substantial voluntary contribution from SIDA (Swedish International Development Agency)

**Events:**

- OECD Regional Workshop on African Debt Management and Bond markets, organised by National Treasury of South Africa, OECD, Bond Exchange of South Africa, Johannesburg, 24-26 April 2007
- Second OECD Forum on African Public Debt Management, Amsterdam, December 2007

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**Output results 2007/08:** Seven guidance and information notes for tax administrations on tax compliance and taxpayer service delivery issues (Q4 2008)

**Directorate:** CTPA

**Description:**

South Africa has direct involvement in the developing work on Tax administration in the OECD through its role as a Member of the Bureau of the Forum on Tax Administration. Discussions are currently underway for the development of a South African Revenue Service tax centre to operate in partnership with the OECD and other interested international organisations and serve the needs of the region as a whole. It is anticipated that this will be inaugurated in 2008. The centre will focus on capacity development and also on key issues such as tax and governance and events for 2008 will be planned in the second half of 2007.

**Events:** Auditing Multinational Enterprises, South Africa, 4-8 June 2007

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**OUTPUT AREA 5.1.2 - PEER REVIEWS AND AID EFFECTIVENESS**

**Output results 2007:** Supporting the implementation of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness

**Output results 2008:** Accra Agenda for Action on Aid Effectiveness

**Directorate:** DCD

**Description:**

The *Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness* (PD) was agreed in the Second High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Paris, March 2005, by over 100 representatives from donor countries/agencies and developing partner countries.

The PD includes five principles on aid effectiveness: Ownership, Alignment, Harmonisation, Managing for Development Results, Mutual Accountability and 56 commitments made by donors and partners. It is also agreed to monitor the progress of implementation of the PD at country level by twelve indicators.

The next High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness will take place in Accra, Ghana, in September 2008, to take stock of the overall progress and challenges of the PD. The Accra Agenda for Action is expected to be produced with a broader participation of developing partner countries in the next High-Level Forum.

**Events:**

- International Roundtable on Management for Development Results (Hanoi, Vietnam, February 2007,)
- Third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (Accra, Ghana, September 2008)

**Publications**

- 2006 Baseline Monitoring Survey Report on the Paris Declaration (March 2007)
- 2008 First Monitoring Survey Report on the Paris Declaration (September 2008)
- Progress Report to the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra, Ghana (September 2008)

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**OUTPUT AREA 5.1.2 – PEER REVIEWS AND AID EFFECTIVENESS**

**Output results 2007:** Analytical and organisational preparations of the Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in conjunction with UNECA and NEPAD.

**Output results 2008:** Collaborative work with African institutions, international development agencies, NEPAD and OECD carried out in a phased approach to monitoring Mutual Review action frontiers and benchmarks

**Directorate:** DCD

**Description:**

In early 2004 the OECD Council endorsed the ECA/OECD-DAC Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness in the context of NEPAD, an innovative biennial consultation mechanism engaging African leaders and policy makers and their OECD counterparts in an ongoing, constructive dialogue on development progress in Africa. The objective of the Mutual Review process is to enable both communities to jointly assess their respective commitments to development and partnership on the continent. It will monitor performance and identify good practice among African countries as regards political governance,

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economic governance and capacity-building and among OECD countries as regards ODA supply, aid effectiveness including capacity-building, and policy coherence.

Work in 2007 will focus on preparing data and analysis and drafting texts for the 2008 Mutual Review Report. This will require *inter alia* close, continuous collaboration with relevant OECD Directorates and the Development Cluster, as well as a number of international institutions, fora and civil society organisations conducting research and analysis in the broad array of policy areas covered in the Mutual Review. Sustained co-ordination with UNECA, the OECD's partner institution in producing the Report, will also be needed.

<b>Events:</b>	To be decided
<b>Publications</b>	2007 Mutual Review of Development Effectiveness
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### OUTPUT AREA 5.1.6 - DEVELOPMENT ANALYSIS AND POLICIES

<b>Output results 2007/08:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>African Economic Outlook</i></li><li>- Policy insights from the outcomes of the <i>African Economic Outlook</i></li></ul>
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**Directorate:** DEV

**Description:**

- The *African Economic Outlook* (AEO) is the flagship publication of the OECD Development Centre on Africa. It is published jointly with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and devotes to identifying best practices and providing comparative data and analysis on the economic, political and social trends of 31 African countries, including a focus on a key theme analysed from a cross-country perspective.
- The AEO brings together the AfDB and OECD expertise in development issues and feeds continually the international dialogue on Africa. It is also used as a reference by the African Institutions, such as the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM), contributing to OECD activities of support to NEPAD's objectives.
- While the focus topic of the 2008 AEO is still under discussion with the AfDB, the 2007 edition of the report will concentrate on the "Access to Drinking Water and Sanitation in Africa".
- The AEO will be launched in Shanghai on 13 May 2007 at the AfDB Annual Meetings and in Paris on 14 May 2007 at the OECD Forum by the OECD Secretary General, and published on 15 May 2007.
- A series of dissemination activities and conference events is planned both in Africa and OECD countries. A non-exhaustive list is provided
- The collaboration with the AfDB – which will assume the leadership of the project in September 2007 – the sound network of local experts for consultancy, the constant dialogue with African stakeholders and the involvement of AfDB country and sector economists in the peer review mechanism highlight the fact that the report is deeply rooted in African realities.

The OECD Development Centre will therefore foster collaboration such institutions.

<b>Events:</b>	The <i>African Economic Outlook</i> will be launched and presented at the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- "Club Diallo Telli", African Diaspora: Presentation (Paris, May 2007)</li><li>- Meeting with African ambassadors to France: Presentation (Paris, 11 May 2007)</li><li>- African Development Bank Annual Meetings: Launch (Shanghai, 13 May 2007)</li><li>- OECD Forum: Launch (Paris, 14 May 2007)</li></ul>
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- LINK conference: Presentation (Beijing, 15 May 2007)
- African Forum Partnership Meeting: Presentation (Berlin, 23 May 2007)
- World Bank ABCDE: Presentation (Bled, 17-18 May 2007)
- Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Presentation (Jerusalem, 25 May 2007)
- UN DESA: Presentation (New York, May 2007)
- World Bank and IMF: Presentation (Washington DC, May 2007)
- Istituto Affari Internazionali: Presentation (Rome, 1 June 2007)
- Istituto per gli Studi di politica Internazionali: Presentation (Milan, 4 June 2007)
- Agence Française de Développement: Workshop on AEO forecast model (Paris, 4 June 2007)
- Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry: Seventh International Forum on African Perspectives : Presentation to the public (Paris, 5 June 2007)
- Aspen Institute : Presentation (Geneva, August 2007)
- Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento (IPAD): Presentation (Lisbon, September 2007)

Dates of the following meetings are currently under discussion:

- Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA): Presentation (Brussels)
- Danish Institute of International Studies (Copenhagen)
- European Union / European Commission (Brussels)
- Finnish Institute of International Studies (Helsinki)
- INSEAD (Fontainebleau)
- Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI) (Bergen)
- Chatham House (London)
- DFID (London)
- Standard Chartered (London)
- EC Delegations in Africa
- South Africa Institute of International Affairs (Johannesburg)

Various meetings and lectures during 2008.

### **Publications**

- Two issues of the *African Economic Outlook*
  - o AEO 2006/07 (May 2007)
  - o AEO 2007/08 (Q2 2008)
- Several Policy Insights

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**OUTPUT AREA 6.2.2 - STATISTICAL RESEARCH, COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION**

**Output results 2007:**

**South Africa:**

- National Accounts
  - o Annual National Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Quarterly National Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Financial Accounts Database and Publication
  - o General Government Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Research on measurement issues
  - o Extension to the BRICS
- Short-term Economic Statistics
  - o Main Economic Indicators Database and Publication
  - o Unit labour cost indexes database
  - o Original release data and revisions database
  - o Research on measurement issues
  - o Extension to the BRICS
- Annual labour force statistics database and publication

**Output results 2008:**

- National Accounts
  - o Annual National Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Quarterly National Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Financial Accounts Database and Publication
  - o General Government Accounts Database and Publication
  - o Research on measurement issues
  - o Extension to the BRICS
- Non-observed economy
- Short-term Economic Statistics
  - o Main Economic Indicators Database and Publication
  - o Unit labour cost indexes database
  - o Original release data and revisions database
  - o Research on measurement issues
- International Trade and Balance of Payments Statistics
  - o International Trade database and publication
  - o Balance of Payments database and publication
  - o Research on measurement issues
- Annual labour force statistics database and publication

**Directorate:**

**STD**

**Description:**

STD does not have a programme of activities specifically aimed at one Non-Member Economy over 2007-08. Almost all of the Directorate's statistical activities for NMEs are aimed at the BRICS as a group. All five BRICS are regular observers at the OECD Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) and its two subsidiary bodies. They are also invited to participate all other regular and *ad hoc* meetings of the Statistics Directorate.

The focus of STD activities with these NMEs is their engagement in the development of international statistical guidelines and recommendations and issues related to international statistical co-ordination through their participation of CSTAT, the Committee's two subsidiary bodies and other regular and *ad hoc* forums organised by the Directorate. The Directorate is also involved in the expanding the on-going collection of key short-term and annual statistics for the BRICS, together with relevant metadata outlining concepts, classifications used and collection and compilation methodologies. Major limitations in this work are data availability and their comparability with similar data collected for OECD Member countries.

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- Events:**
- OECD Committee on Statistics, Geneva, 13-14 June 2007; and Paris, June 2008
  - Working Party on National Accounts, Paris, 1-5 October 2007; and Paris, October 2008
  - Working Party on Financial Statistics, Paris, 1-2 October 2007; and Paris, October 2008
  - 11th and 12th NBS-OECD National Accounts Workshop, Beijing, November 2007; Paris, November 2008
  - Short-term Economic Statistics Working Party (STESWP), Paris, 25-27 June 2007; and Paris, June 2008
  - Second World Forum, Istanbul, 27-30 June 2007
  - 8th International Trade Statistics Experts Meeting, Paris, 10-13 September 2007; Paris, September 2008
  - Expert Group on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange, Geneva, May 2007; Paris, May 2008

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