

DRAFT AGENDA

EPOC DIALOGUE WITH STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS

Wednesday 22 May 2002 - Room 1
15h00 - 18h00

OECD Headquarters, 2 rue André-Pascal
75016 Paris (Metro: La Muette - Line 9)

1.	15h00 - 15h15	Welcome and Introductions
2.	15h15 - 17h15 <i>OECD (2001 publication), Environmentally Related Taxes in OECD Countries: Issues and Strategies</i>	Special Session on Environmental Taxes
3.	17h15 - 17h50 <i>ENV/EPOC(2002)1 ENV/EPOC(2002)1/ANN1 SG/SD(2002)1/REV1 SG/SD(2002)2/FINAL SG/SD(2002)10</i>	Other Issues on the EPOC Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment Programme of Work and Budget 2003-2004• Indicators to Measure Decoupling of Environmental Pressure from Economic Growth• Incorporation of the social dimension in the OECD work on sustainable development, at and after the WSSD
4.	17h50 - 18h00	Concluding Comments

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

1. The Chair of the Environment Policy Committee (EPOC), Mrs. Helena Cizkova of the Czech Republic, will open the dialogue. A representative of each of the three groups of stakeholders will then be invited to introduce their colleagues.

Item 2: Special Session on Environmental Taxes

2. Following discussions at the last stakeholder dialogue (7 November 2001), it was agreed that a substantive session on environmentally related taxes would take place during this dialogue. The discussion will start with a brief introduction by the OECD Secretariat on OECD recent work on environmentally related taxes, based largely on the 2001 publication *Environmentally Related Taxes in OECD Countries: Issues and Strategies*. This will be followed by short (5-10 minute) introductory presentations by one representative each from the three stakeholder groups.

- **OECD Secretariat presentation:** Jean-Philippe Barde and Nils-Axel Braathen, National Policies Division, OECD Environment Directorate
- **Environmental NGOs presentation:** Yannis Paleocrassas, Elliniki Etairia (Greek environmental NGO), former EU Environment Commissioner and former Finance Minister of Greece.
- **BIAC presentation:** Han Kogels, Head, Indirect Taxation, Shell International.
- **TUAC presentation:** Lucien Royer, Senior Policy Advisor, Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD.

Following the introductory statements, the discussion will be opened to all participants.

Item 3: Other Issues on the EPOC Agenda

3. A representative of **BIAC** will introduce the item on the “Environment Programme of Work and Budget, 2003-2004”, a representative from **environmental NGOs** will introduce the item on “Indicators to Measure Decoupling of Environmental Pressure from Economic Growth”, and a representative of **TUAC** will introduce the item on “incorporation of the social dimension in the OECD work on sustainable development, at and after the WSSD”. Following each introduction, representatives from the other stakeholder groups will be invited to provide brief comments or reactions if they wish, before opening discussion to all participants.

Item 4: Concluding Comments

4. Stakeholders will be invited to offer their brief concluding comments. The Chair of EPOC will indicate how the results of this meeting will be reported back to the meeting of EPOC.