



FIRST MEETING OF THE OECD MEMBER-LEAD TEAM ON WATER
SUPPLY AND SANITATION

Draft Agenda

VENUE

OECD Headquarters

2 rue André Pascal, Paris, France

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Participants: OECD member-country representatives from Environment and Development, IFIs, EU Water Initiative, the European Commission, possibly government representatives from beneficiary countries

Objectives of the meeting: To establish the Member-lead Team, elect a chair, and agree on a programme of work.

Starting time 10 am

Thursday, 22 March

1	BACKGROUND
10:00 – 10:30	<p>The secretariat will briefly introduce participants to some background on work on water in the OECD. This Task Team will be responsible for managing the work under output area (2) of the OECD horizontal project on water [see ENV/EPOC/GSP (2006)16].</p> <p>Brendan Gillespie, Head of Environment and Globalisation Division in the OECD Environment Directorate. He will briefly provide some background to the work of the Team, i.e., the 2006 Conference of Environment and Development Ministers and the OECD horizontal water project.</p> <p>Helen Mountford, Head of Climate Change and Natural Resources Division in the OECD Environment Directorate. She will briefly introduce participants to work on water pricing and the financing of water supply and sanitation infrastructure under the OECD programme of work;</p> <p>Hans Christiansen, Principle Administrator at the OECD Directorate for Financial Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs. He will briefly introduce work on Private investor participation in Water Infrastructure, planned under the OECD work programme.</p> <p>Presentations will be followed by a short questions and answers session.</p> <p>Background documents: COM/ENV/EPOC/DCD/DAC (2006) 10</p>
2	ROLE OF THE TEAM
10:30 – 10:45	<p>The OECD Secretariat will introduce participants to the general functioning of Member-lead Teams.</p> <p>René Paris, Principle Administrator at the OECD Development Cooperation Directorate. He will briefly explain the different ways in which Task Teams function at the OECD. He will also refer to the Paris declaration on Aid effectiveness to provide further background to the work of the Team.</p> <p>Presentation followed by a short questions and answers session.</p>

3	THEMATIC FOCUS OF THE TEAM
10:45 – 12:00	<p>This session will seek to present and discuss the thematic focus of the Member-lead Team, i.e. the financing of water supply and sanitation in developing countries. An introduction to the challenge of financing water supply and sanitation in developing countries and some of the assistance measures that development institutions can provide will be given in a few presentations.</p> <p>Alexis Bonnel, AFD, "The challenge of financing water supply and sanitation – Experience from field operations".</p> <p>Johan Holmberg, Chair of the EUWIF Finance Working Group, "The challenge of financing water – Insights from the EUWIF and its actions to support financing for water". The Finance Working Group has been pooling experience on this issue for some time now and is actively supporting sector-wide approaches in a number of developing countries.</p> <p>Peter Börkey, Head of Water Programme, Environment and Globalisation Division at OECD Environment Directorate, "OECD experience with supporting strategic financial planning for water supply and sanitation in the countries of the former Soviet Union and China". The OECD has developed a strategic financial planning tool called FEASIBLE, that it has been using in its work in the CIS countries.</p> <p>Presentations will be followed by discussion.</p> <p>Background documents: Policy Brief "FEASIBLE Financing Strategies for Environmentally Related Infrastructure"</p> <p>Executive summary of Georgia Financing Strategy</p>
12:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
4	POSSIBLE WORK PROGRAMME
14:00 – 17:00	<p>This session will focus on discussing the work programme of the Member-lead Team. The OECD Secretariat will provide an overview of the outputs that it is committed to producing in this area under its current work programme, which includes a synthesis report and 2-3 demonstration projects on the development of financing strategies for water supply and sanitation in Africa. Member countries will be invited to present their views and possible proposals.</p> <p>Peter Börkey, OECD, Planned OECD work to support strategic financial planning in developing countries.</p> <p>The presentation will be followed by a discussion.</p>
5	CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS
17:00 – 18:00	This session will allow to wrap-up the discussions and to identify the next steps.