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**Annual Meeting of the EAP Task Force
7 - 8 February 2008, Paris
OECD Conference Centre, Meeting Room CC13
Starting on 7 February at 18:00**

Draft Agenda

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| 1. | Opening Remarks and Introduction to the Election of EAP Task Force co-Chairs and Bureau members, followed by a cocktail at the OECD Headquarters, Hall of the Château | |
| 2. | Consultations amongst the members of the EAP Task Force on the election of co-Chairs and the Bureau | |
| 3. | Election of EAP Task Force co-Chairs and Bureau members | |
| 4. | Adoption of the draft Agenda | ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2008)1 |
| 5. | Main outcomes of, and follow-up to, the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference | Oral report |
| 6. | EAP Task Force Programme of work and budget 2008-11 | ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)1 |
| 7. | PPC session: Update on progress since the Belgrade Ministerial Conference and co-operation with the EAP Task Force | Oral report |
| 8. | Dates and location of the next EAP Task Force meeting | |
| 9. | Other business and feedback | |

ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

| <i>Thursday, 7 February from 18:00 to 20:30, Hall of the Château, OECD Headquarters</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1. | 18:00 – 20:30 | Opening of Meeting and Introduction to the Election of EAP Task Force co-Chairs and Bureau members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <p>In the absence of elected co-Chairs, Mr. Brendan Gillespie of the OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat will open the meeting and welcome the participants. As this is the first EAP Task Force meeting after the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial meeting, the first item on the agenda is the election of co-Chairs and a Bureau. Mr. Gillespie will introduce the criteria and procedure for electing co-Chairs and the Bureau.</p> <p>The opening will be followed by a cocktail.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Friday, 8 February from 09:00 to 17:30, OECD Conference Centre, Room CC13</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | 09:00 – 10:00 | Consultations amongst the members of the EAP Task Force on the election of co-Chairs and the Bureau | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <i>Delegates will be invited to hold informal consultations with a view to agreeing upon candidates to serve as co-Chairs and members of the Bureau of the EAP Task Force.</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | 10:00 – 10:30 | Election of EAP Task Force co-Chairs and Bureau members | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | <p>Following previous practice, it is proposed that the Task Force be co-chaired by a representative of donor countries, and a representative of EECCA countries. The European Commission has indicated that it would not continue as a co-Chair of the EAP Task Force after the Belgrade Conference. It is also proposed that 5 Vice-Chairs be elected from EECCA countries and 5 from donor countries. At an informal meeting, the outgoing Bureau suggested that the following <i>criteria</i> could facilitate the election of Bureau members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the EECCA co-Chair and Vice Chairs, it is proposed that two representatives from each of the three sub-regions be elected. • The co-Chair and 5 Vice-Chairs from donor countries should comprise those countries that provide substantial financial support for the Task Force, as well as those that are willing to actively share their transition experience. • In both cases, preference should be given to individuals who have been actively involved in EAP Task Force projects. • It is expected that the EECCA Co-Chair would be at ministerial level (full minister or deputy); the ability to communicate in English would be an important advantage. <p>The members of the out-going Bureau are indicated below:</p> <table> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>Co-Chairs</u></td> <td>Mr. N. Iskakov (Kazakhstan)</td> <td>Ms. S. Blanco (European Commission)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Vice-Chairs</u></td> <td>Ms. R. Davtyan (Armenia)</td> <td>Ms. M. Reneova (Czech Republic)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. R. Sattar-zade (Azerbaijan)</td> <td>Ms. A-B. Ylinen (Finland)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ms. N. Vavilova (Russia) / Ms. N. Golovko (Belarus)</td> <td>Mr. J. Keinhorst (Germany)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr. A. Kurbanov (Tajikistan)</td> <td>Mr. A. Oudeman (the Netherlands)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Ms. O. Marushevska (Ukraine) / Ms. V. Ivanov (Moldova)</td> <td>Ms. E. Nordbo (Norway)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>The EAP Task Force will be invited to elect new co-Chairs and members of the Bureau of the EAP Task Force.</i></p> | <u>Co-Chairs</u> | Mr. N. Iskakov (Kazakhstan) | Ms. S. Blanco (European Commission) | <u>Vice-Chairs</u> | Ms. R. Davtyan (Armenia) | Ms. M. Reneova (Czech Republic) | | Mr. R. Sattar-zade (Azerbaijan) | Ms. A-B. Ylinen (Finland) | | Ms. N. Vavilova (Russia) / Ms. N. Golovko (Belarus) | Mr. J. Keinhorst (Germany) | | Mr. A. Kurbanov (Tajikistan) | Mr. A. Oudeman (the Netherlands) | | Ms. O. Marushevska (Ukraine) / Ms. V. Ivanov (Moldova) | Ms. E. Nordbo (Norway) |
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| | 10:30 – 11:00 | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 4. | 11:00 – 11:05 | Adoption of the Draft Agenda of the Meeting | <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2008)1</i> |
| | | <p>The newly elected co-Chairs will introduce the draft agenda and documentation for the meeting.</p> <p><i>Delegates will be invited to adopt the Draft Agenda.</i></p> | |
| 5. | 11:05 – 11:40 | Main outcomes of, and follow-up to, the Belgrade “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference | |
| | | <p>The co-Chairs will invite the secretariat to remind delegates about the EAP Task Force input to, and main outcomes of, the Belgrade Ministerial Conference, held in October 2007.</p> <p>The co-Chairs will then invite a representative of the UNECE Secretariat to inform delegates about the mid-term review of the “Environment for Europe” process, its focus and major milestones.</p> <p><i>Delegates will be invited:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>to discuss the outcomes of the Conference and their implications for the work of the Task Force;</i> ➤ <i>to take note of the information on the review of the EfE process and, as appropriate, discuss the implications for the EAP Task Force.</i> | |
| 6. | 11:40 – 13:00 | EAP Task Force Programme of work and budget 2008-11 | <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)1</i> |
| | | <p>The draft programme of work of the EAP Task Force for 2008 was prepared by the OECD secretariat and the Executive Directors of the EECCA RECs, under the guidance of the Bureau at its meeting on 14 December 2007. The draft programme presents activities in two priority areas (a) water sector reform and (b) environmental policy reform. It builds on the discussions at the Belgrade Ministerial Conference and written comments provided by the EAP Task Force members.</p> <p><i>Delegates will be invited to discuss, amend as appropriate and adopt the proposed programme of work of the EAP Task Force for 2008. Delegates will also be invited to indicate their priorities in case that there is a shortfall in the funding requested.</i></p> | |
| | 13:00 – 15:00 | LUNCH BREAK | |
| 6. | 15:00 – 16:00 | EAP Task Force Programme of work and budget 2008-11 (continued) | <i>ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)1</i> |
| | | <p>(i) Roles of OECD and EECCA RECs</p> <p><i>The Task Force will be invited to discuss the roles and working methods of OECD secretariat and EECCA RECs in implementing activities of the EAP Task Force in 2008.</i></p> | |

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| | | <p>(ii) Financial situation in 2008</p> <p>The OECD/EAP Task Force secretariat and EECCA RECs will present their financial requirements for implementation of EAP Task Force activities in 2008.</p> <p><i>The Task Force will be invited to discuss how to secure financial resources required for smooth implementation of agreed EAP Task Force activities in 2008.</i></p> |
| | 16:00 – 16:20 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 7. | 16:20 – 17:00 | <p>Project Preparation Committee (PPC): Update on progress since the Belgrade Ministerial Conference and cooperation with the EAP Task Force</p> <p>Mr. Craig Davies of the PPC secretariat will inform delegates about the outcomes of the Belgrade Ministerial Conference related to the PPC, progress in implementing activities of the PPC since the Conference and cooperation with the EAP Task Force.</p> <p><i>The Task Force will be invited to take note of the presentation and pose any questions.</i></p> |
| 8. | 17:00 – 17:20 | <p>Dates and location of the next EAP Task Force meeting</p> <p>It is proposed to hold the next meeting of the EAP Task Force in October or November 2008 so as to return to the usual cycle of organising annual meetings towards the end of the year (to facilitate programming and fundraising activities). The venue of the meeting is yet to be determined.</p> <p><i>The Task Force will be invited to agree on the dates and venue of its next meeting.</i></p> |
| 9. | 17:20 – 17:30 | <p>Other business and feedback</p> <p><i>Under this agenda item, delegates will be invited to raise any other issues.</i></p> <p><i>To evaluate the quality and effectiveness of this meeting, the EAP Task Force secretariat invites delegates to fill in the evaluation questionnaire and to return it to the secretariat by the end of the meeting.</i></p> |

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8 February 2008, Paris

List of main documents

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| 4. | Draft annotated agenda | ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2008)1 | x | x |
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