



OECD Country Programmes

BRAZIL

*Extract of the 2005-2006 Programme of Work -
OECD Co-operation with Non-Members*



Brazil

After Brazil had expressed the wish to foster stronger ties with the OECD, the OECD Council established a country-specific programme for Brazil in 1998. The overall political framework of good relations between the OECD and Brazil has continued ever since, with Brazil in particular participating in all meetings at Ministerial level since 1999. Brazil has increased its formal participation in OECD instruments (Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises, Convention on combating bribery, Council Recommendation concerning hard-core cartels), as well as in OECD subsidiary bodies (*i.a.* Committees on Agriculture, Investment, Competition, Trade, Public Management).

The Brazil programme has focused recently on the country survey, which has been produced twice (most recently in March 2005). Other topics have included: competition policy, securities markets, insurance and pensions, statistics, budgeting, taxation, debt management, agriculture and corporate governance.

Brazil plays an active role in the OECD's Latin America Regional Programme, hosting regional forums on anti-corruption or corporate governance. Brazil is also an active participant in OECD's Global Forums and its global initiatives. Brazil will host the 2005 OECD Global Forum on International Investment. It will also host in 2006 a conference on financing small and medium-sized enterprises in the framework of the Bologna Process.

Brazil - Country Programme

OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	REVIEW OF NON-MEMBERS: RUSSIA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHINA
DIRECTORATE:	ECO
YEARS:	2006
SUMMARY:	Beginning with the 2007 Economic Survey of Brazil. Possibly subject to additional grants.
PUBLICATIONS:	OECD Economic Survey of Brazil
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OUTPUT AREA 1.2.1 INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	CONFERENCE ON IMPROVING SME FINANCING TO FACILITATE THEIR GROWTH
DIRECTORATE:	CFE
YEARS:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	At the Bologna +4 Ministerial conference in Istanbul, Ministers recognised “the need to improve access to financing for SMEs on reasonable terms. While the financing requirements of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) differ at each stage of their development, policies should aim to ensure that markets can provide financing for credit-worthy SMEs and that innovative SMEs with good growth prospects have access to appropriately structured risk capital at all stages of their development [...]”. The Working Party on SMEs will organise a conference hosted by Brazil in the first quarter of 2006 to further discuss and seek innovative solutions, tools or initiatives for facilitating SME access to the financing needed for their growth. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	March/April 2006 in Brazil.
PUBLICATIONS:	Short public policy-level report including findings and action recommendations for governments, inter-governmental organisations and the business community.
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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.1 - COMPETITION

OUTPUT RESULT: EIGHT EVENTS TO BE HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE SOUND COMPETITION POLICY IN NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEARS: 2005-2006

SUMMARY: The outreach programme in the competition law and policy area provides capacity building and policy dialogue with economies in transition and world-wide. The aim is to support the development of effective, efficient competition law enforcement and competition-based regulation and structural reform leading to better economic performance.

The programme has extensive geographical coverage including Russia, China, South-East Asia, Latin America, the Western Balkans and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Regional Centres for Competition based on a partnership between OECD and the national competition authority operate in Seoul and in Budapest helping countries in the region develop effective competition rules and institutions. The annual meeting of the Global Forum on Competition brings together competition leaders from more than 60 countries around the world. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: The Latin American Competition Forum, organised under the OECD-Inter-American Development Bank partnership, will be held in Madrid on 19-20 July 2005 and will include a peer review of Brazil's competition law and policy.

PUBLICATIONS: Peer review of Brazil's competition law and institutions

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

OUTPUT RESULT: THREE PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON INSURANCE AND PENSIONS SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES
ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEARS: 2005-2006

SUMMARY: OECD has developed a substantial programme of policy dialogue and capacity building to promote modern, open and sound insurance and private pensions systems in emerging markets and developing economies. This work has been developed on a global, regional and country basis, with support of substantial voluntary contributions notably from Japan and the International Pension Foundation.

Analytical work will be undertaken on issues where emerging economies could benefit from the experience of the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee, and OECD good practices for regulation and market access. Issues of particular relevance to emerging economies, such as management of large-scale risks, private pensions or financial education, may also be included.

Closer dialogue through expert meetings will be promoted with key insurance and private pensions markets; including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

The OECD will continue to strengthen its policy dialogue with Brazil on insurance and pensions reforms. This will include the organisation of an expert workshop on private pensions. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: Country policy meetings on pension regulation: China, India, Brazil or South Africa (venues to be determined), 2005/2006.

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OUTPUT AREA 6.2.1 STATISTICS CO-ORDINATION (OECD STATISTICAL WORK PROGRAMME)

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	STATISTICAL PROGRAMME OF WORK
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Co-ordination of statistical activities carried out by the OECD with non-Members. Improvement of the statistical policy dialogue with large non-Members. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Meeting of the Committee on Statistics, Geneva, 14-16 June 2005.
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OUTPUT AREA 6.2.2 STATISTICAL RESEARCH, COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	MAIN ECONOMIC INDICATORS (MEI) DATABASE AND PUBLICATION
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Key qualitative and quantitative short-term economic indicators for large non-Member economies are published monthly in the OECD's Main Economic Indicators (MEI) publication and database. The OECD is also currently working with Latin American countries to improve the comparability of business and consumer opinion survey data. These series are key inputs to the compilation of composite leading indicators for these economies.
EVENTS:	Organisation of joint workshop with ECLAC on the harmonisation of business and consumer opinion surveys (Q2).
PUBLICATIONS:	Monthly publication of key short-term economic indicators for large non-Member economies in MEI.
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	PRODUCTIVITY DATABASE
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	This work deals with the ongoing compilation of productivity statistics in OECD countries. Its outreach component aims at integrating China, Russia and Brazil into the labour productivity series.
PUBLICATIONS:	Productivity data on the Web
WEBSITE:	www.oecd.org/statistics/productivity
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C. OUTPUT RESULT: QUALITY ANALYSIS AND RELEASE OF COMPOSITE LEADING INDICATORS FOR LARGE NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES

DIRECTORATE: **STD**

YEARS: **2005, 2006**

SUMMARY: The OECD is currently developing a CLI for each of the large non-Member economies which will be comparable with those currently compiled and disseminated for Member countries. A draft set of recommendations outlining the proposed methodology and component series has been prepared. A workshop to which representatives from both the national statistical agency (the source of many of the component series) and key institute will be invited is proposed to seek endorsement of the OECD's draft proposals.

EVENTS: Two day workshop in Paris (Q2)

PUBLICATIONS: Publication of resultant CLI in monthly MEI and on the OECD statistics portal

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D. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: **STD**

YEARS: **2005**

SUMMARY: *Consumer Price Indices* - This work deals with the international comparability of consumer price indices and aims at better understanding how CPIs are constructed in OECD countries as well as in selected non-Member economies.

EVENTS: Seminar on CPIs on 21-22 June 2005

PUBLICATIONS: Proceedings and conclusions of the seminar on the web

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/topicstatsportal/0,2647,en_2825_495691_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

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E. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: **STD**

YEAR: **2005**

SUMMARY : *Productivity measurement* - This work deals with measurement issues of labour and multi-factor productivity and aims at fostering available productivity statistics in OECD countries as well as in selected non-Member economies.

EVENTS: Workshop on Productivity Measurement on 17-18 October 2005 (Madrid, Spain)

PUBLICATIONS: Productivity compendium and proceedings on the web

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F. OUTPUT RESULT:	PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	<i>OECD-ONS workshop on e-government and statistics</i> - The workshop will be open to experiences made in large non-Members. The proceedings of the workshop will be published in 2006.
EVENTS:	Workshop – to be announced
PUBLICATIONS:	Proceedings
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