



OECD Country Programmes

CHINA

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



China

Since the OECD Council decided, in October 1995, to launch a programme of dialogue and co-operation with China, this has been extended to include a wide range of areas where exchanges of policy experience between OECD Member countries and China has been mutually beneficial. China values highly the opportunity to discuss major policy issues and challenges in a multilateral context and to learn from the successes and mistakes of OECD countries facing similar challenges. OECD Members have gained a better understanding of China as it has become a major actor in the globalised economy.

The Chinese authorities acknowledge the useful contribution that the co-operation with OECD has made to the process of economic reform in China. The dialogue between China and OECD, focusing on policy issues that are central to sustainable growth and development, takes place in a spirit of mutual trust. China participates as an observer in two OECD committees: the Committee on Science and Technology Policy and the Committee on Fiscal Affairs.

Current highlights of OECD work with China include the forthcoming publication of an OECD report on governance in China, the discussion and publication of the first OECD Economic Survey of China, the discussion and publication of an agricultural policy review of China (incorporating measurement of support to farmers) and the launching of an OECD review of China's environment policies.

The China programme is complementary to China's participation in the Asia Regional Programme. To be noted in this respect is China's recent decision to join the ADB-OECD Anti-corruption initiative for Asia-Pacific.

China - Country Programme

OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	REVIEW OF NON-MEMBERS: CHINA
DIRECTORATE:	ECO
YEAR:	2005 - 2006
SUMMARY:	In 2005 OECD Economic Survey of China. In 2006: Beginning with the 2007 Economic Survey of China. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	EDRC meetings, follow-up seminars
PUBLICATIONS:	OECD Economic Survey, China
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OUTPUT AREA 1.3.1 DIGITAL ECONOMY

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	AN ANALYTICAL REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATION REGULATORY REFORM AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA
DIRECTORATE	STI
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	China has begun a process of reform in the telecommunication service markets which were examined in a 2002 report by the OECD. That report noted the scope for a large number of additional reforms if China was to create an efficient telecommunications market. The purpose of the report will be to review China's performance in regulatory reform, make recommendations as appropriate and examine developments in its telecommunications market. It is envisaged, if possible, to have a conference in China.
EVENTS:	Conference in China
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OUTPUT AREA 1.3.2 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICIES

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	EXTENSION OF WORK ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PP/PS) FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION TO SELECTED NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES
DIRECTORATE:	STI
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	Inclusion of non-Members in the synthesis report on public and private partnerships for innovation; and the publication of project report on Russian PP/Ps. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Workshops on innovation policy in China and Russia
PUBLICATIONS:	Public-private partnerships for innovation: report on PPPs in Russia
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	REVIEWS OF NATIONAL INNOVATION POLICY IN SELECTED NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES
DIRECTORATE:	STI
YEAR:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	Review of national innovation system of China. Information in the STI Outlook 2006 on recent developments in innovation policy in CSTP Observer countries. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Final conference in 2006 in China to present and discuss the draft project reports
PUBLICATIONS:	Publication of report on China's national innovation system
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OUTPUT AREA 2.1.2 EVALUATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF LEARNING OUTCOMES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	SIX PEER REVIEWS OF EDUCATION POLICY
DIRECTORATE:	EDU
YEAR:	2005
SUMMARY:	As a follow-up to the review of the First Years of Tertiary Education and the review of Higher Education Financing and Quality Assurance, the Chinese authorities have requested a further report. The main themes will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Role of government in regulating and governing the higher educational institutions (HEIs).- Role and functions of the intermediary organs in strengthening quality and performance of the HEIs.- Micro-governance within the HEIs, e.g., the functioning of the Board of Directors Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Site visits of Chinese to Switzerland and other European countries – 2005- Conference in Switzerland – 2005- Site visits in China – 2006- Final conference in Beijing – 2006
PUBLICATIONS:	The Review will be published in 2006
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OUTPUT AREA 2.1.3 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM POLICIES AND PRACTICES

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERTIARY EDUCATION COUNTRY REPORTS
DIRECTORATE:	EDU
YEARS:	2005 -2006
SUMMARY:	Expansion and reform of tertiary education are major preoccupations in the development of education system policies and practices in many countries. It is a complex policy domain because policy must meet broad objectives – individual and societal, economic and cultural – in supporting the multiple missions of the system. Governments are major players in the sector, even where there is a strong private sector, whether not-for-profit or profit. Governments are typically both providers and regulators. There is competition on the supply side and greater sophistication in demand. Fiscal pressures continue and how to fund growth and manage supply are increasingly important questions. The market is becoming more international. Tertiary education is playing an increasing role in lifelong learning of adults alongside its more traditional role as the final phase of initial education for young people. Subject to additional grants.
PUBLICATIONS:	Individual country reports will be posted on the website, EDU will publish a synthesis report in 2007
WEBSITE:	A website will be created in 2005 with a link to www.oecd.org/edu/nonmembereducation
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OUTPUT AREA 2.3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL PEER REVIEWS, INDICATORS AND OUTLOOKS

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW (EPR) ASSESSING PROGRESS AGAINST THE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY FOR THE FIRST DECADE OF THE 21ST CENTURY
DIRECTORATE:	ENV
YEARS:	2005-2007
SUMMARY:	This activity responds to a request made by the Deputy Environment Minister of China at the OECD Environment Ministers meeting in April 2004. The intention is to conduct an Environmental Performance Review (EPR) of China using the same methodology and process as for OECD Member countries. The review meeting would be conducted within the framework of the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	(Subject to final confirmation from the Chinese authorities) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review mission to China (September 2005)- Review meeting (Q4, 2006) location to be decided.
PUBLICATIONS:	EPR of China (2007)
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OUTPUT AREA 3.1.1 ADVOCACY OF FREER TRADE

A. OUTPUT RESULT: TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES
REPORT ON MODAL ESTIMATES OF SERVICES BARRIERS FOR SELECTED ECONOMIES (NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES)

DIRECTORATE: ECH

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: The proposed work will update the sectoral restrictiveness indices for some of the countries that were already examined and that have experienced important changes since 2002 (e.g. Bulgaria and Romania) and present the indexes for some additional countries, namely China, Russia and other selected non-Members. In addition, the study will seek to integrate into the restrictiveness indices additional sector-specific measures, as well as regulatory aspects such as transparency of existing regulations and the status of national regulatory agencies. Finally, separate indexes for the four modes of services supply will be developed at the sectoral level.

Output: one report that presents: (i) an update of existing sectoral indicators for countries that experienced significant regulatory changes since 2002 (e.g. Bulgaria and Romania). (ii) sector-specific and modal improvements of services barriers estimates applied to selected non-Member economies (e.g. China, Russia and selected non-Member economies) highlighting the differences between the old and new indices.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in the second or third quarter 2005 and at the Regional Trade Forum on “The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies” to be held in China in 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: To be included in the proceedings of the Regional Trade Forum on “The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies” to be held in China in 2006.

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B. OUTPUT RESULT: TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES
EFFECTS OF REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL LIBERALISATION IN SERVICES (NB: SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY)

DIRECTORATE: ECH

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: The proposed study will attempt to estimate and compare the results of regional and multilateral services liberalisation in selected non-Members, including China, using the standard Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) model.

Output: One report on the effects of regional and multilateral liberalisation in services in selected transition economies.

Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in the fourth quarter 2005.

PUBLICATIONS: Trade Working paper.

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C. OUTPUT RESULT: **TEN ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND ONE WORKSHOP ON THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF LIBERALISATION OF TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IMPACT OF SERVICES BARRIERS ON EFFECTIVE RATES OF PROTECTION IN AGRICULTURE AND MANUFACTURING**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2006**

SUMMARY: One paper to include an analysis of effective rates of protection focusing on: (i) extending the project on effective rates of protection started in 2004 to incorporate improved estimates of services barriers and (ii) extending the work to consider how protection of services at the modal level (using the estimates developed in the framework of the Report on modal estimates of services barriers for selected economies) affects the effective protection of manufacturing sectors.

EVENTS: To be presented to the Working Party of the Trade Committee in the third quarter of 2006

PUBLICATIONS: Trade working paper.

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D. OUTPUT RESULT: **ONE INTERIM REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMIC EFFECTS OF CHINA'S INTEGRATION IN THE WORLD ECONOMY FOCUSING ON BOTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT ISSUES**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2005**

SUMMARY: The Trade Committee has ranked as a high priority analytical work on the economic and systemic effects of China's integration into the world economy. The Trade Directorate will carry out over 2005-06 an examination of China's trade and growth: impact on selected OECD Countries and the Russian Federation. Using the Foreign Direct Investment and Trade Analysis Project (FTAP) model, the study aims to quantify: (i) the sectoral output and price effects caused by both China's integration into global goods and services trade, and its economic growth; and (ii) the welfare implications of these changes on selected OECD countries and the Russian Federation.

EVENTS: One interim report on the review of literature and preliminary results will be presented at the Working Party of the Trade Committee in third quarter 2005.

PUBLICATIONS: Final report to be published as an OECD Working Paper in 2006.

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E. OUTPUT RESULT: **ONE REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC AND SYSTEMIC EFFECTS OF CHINA'S INTEGRATION IN THE WORLD ECONOMY FOCUSING ON BOTH TRADE AND INVESTMENT ISSUES, AND ONE WORKSHOP IN CHINA TO DISCUSS THE REPORT**

DIRECTORATE: **ECH**

YEAR: **2006**

SUMMARY: A Final report on "China's Trade and Growth: Impact on Selected OECD Countries and the Russian Federation" will be finalised in early 2006. The main findings of the quantitative analyses and policy options will be disseminated at a workshop with Chinese officials to be held in Beijing in the second or third quarter 2006. This study will provide a comprehensive assessment of the impact of China's growth and integration on selected OECD countries and Russia focusing on eight sectors: agriculture, manufacturing, construction, trade and transport, telecommunications, financial and business services, other services.

Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS:

- Final report to be presented to the Trade Committee in the first quarter of 2006.
- Workshop organised in China to discuss the main findings of the analyses and policy options in second/third quarter 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: Final report to be published as an OECD Working Paper in 2006.

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F. OUTPUT RESULT: **ONE ANALYTICAL REPORT AND ONE MEETING ON TRANSITION ECONOMIES**

DIRECTORATE **ECH**

YEAR: **2006**

SUMMARY: Regional Trade Forum on "The economic benefits of integration into the multilateral trading system: experiences of China, Russia and Central Asian economies", to be held in China. The Forum will examine (i) the challenges of integrating recent and acceding WTO Members into the world marketplace, (ii) the role of services liberalisation, and (iii) the structural and regulatory impact of WTO accession. One issues paper and proceedings of the Regional Trade Forum.

EVENTS: Regional Trade Forum to be held in China third quarter 2006.

PUBLICATIONS: Regional Trade Forum proceedings

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OUTPUT AREA 3.3.2 INTERNATIONAL TAX CO-OPERATION

<u>A. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	FOUR EVENTS ON TRANSPARENCY AND EFFECTIVE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES TO ASSOCIATE THEM WITH THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISCAL AFFAIRS
DIRECTORATE:	CTP
YEARS:	2005-2006
SUMMARY:	Exchange of information between tax administrations is the most effective way of combating international tax avoidance and evasion. The aim of these events is to share the experiences of OECD and Non-OECD economies as regards the exchange of tax information between competent authorities; and to identify ways of improving the efficiency of this process. The events will draw upon and associate non-Members closely with OECD work in this area, including <i>the OECD Model Agreement on Exchange of Information in Tax Matters</i> , and the OECD report <i>Improving Access to Bank Information for Tax Purposes</i> .
EVENTS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- In 2005, four workshops on Exchange of Information and Bank Secrecy are planned in Brazil, China, Russia, and at the OECD Ankara Tax Centre.- Similar events will be developed for 2006.
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	ONE OR TWO EVENTS FOR NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES ON BRIBERY AWARENESS FOR TAX EXAMINERS.
DIRECTORATE:	CTP
YEAR:	2006
SUMMARY:	The purpose of these events is to promote the OECD work on bribery and in particular the Recommendation on the non tax deductibility of bribes to foreign public officials, focusing both on the design of legislation denying the tax deductibility of bribes and on its implementation. These events will draw upon the OECD work on bribery and in particular on the OECD Bribery Awareness Handbook for Tax Examiners.
EVENTS:	In 2006 one event could be organized jointly with CIAT and one in China
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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.1 - INVESTMENT

<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	GOOD PRACTICE REPORTS ISSUED AND POLICY DIALOGUES HELD ON PROVIDING ADVICE ON INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT TO NON-MEMBERS
DIRECTORATE:	DAF
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	On the responsibility of the Investment Committee, investment outreach programmes promote international investment for growth and sustainable development in non-Member economies, by advancing policy reform and international co-operation through OECD peer dialogue method. Launched in 2003, the <i>OECD Initiative on Investment for Development</i> , including work on a Policy Framework for Investment, provides an organising principle for these programmes.

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Together with the annual Global Forum on International Investment and regional investment initiatives, OECD investment outreach comprises sustained co-operation with China, through peer dialogue building on the recommendation of the 2003 OECD Investment Policy Review of the country. Expected outcomes are: increased investment policy transparency and openness, enhanced contributions of responsible international business, better outcomes of investment agreements and improved FDI statistics for policy making.

In pursuit of its investment outreach mandate, the Investment Committee develops partnerships with other OECD Committees, business and civil society stakeholders, the World Bank and other international organisations. Nine non-Members have adhered to the OECD Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises and the Committee encourages other non-Members to apply for adherence. Subject to additional grants for 2006.

EVENTS:

- OECD-MOFCOM launch conference on *open cross-border M&As policy*, Changchun, 21 February 2005.
- Roundtable on *government approaches to corporate social responsibility*, Beijing or Paris (Q4, 2006)
- Dialogue on *China and OECD experience with international investment agreements*, Beijing or Paris (Q4, 2006)

PUBLICATIONS:

- International Investment Perspectives (annual);
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises Annual Report;
- Investment for Development Annual Report;
- OECD Investment Policy Review series; International Direct Investment Statistics Yearbook.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.2 ANTI-CORRUPTION

A. OUTPUT RESULT: **THREE EVENTS IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION NETWORK FOR TRANSITION ECONOMIES AND TWO EXPERT SEMINARS IN CIS, ISTANBUL ACTION PLAN); REPORTS AND EVENTS IN MENA, LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND THROUGH GLOBAL FORUM**

DIRECTORATE: **DAF**

YEAR: **2005**

SUMMARY: Non-members account for an important share of OECD countries' exports and investment and promotion of a corruption-free climate in these countries is essential to the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention signatories in their efforts to achieve a level playing field for international business. In 2005, the Anti-Corruption Division will continue to co-operate with non-members in Asia-Pacific, Europe-Central Asia, Latin America, and Middle East and Africa in assessing their anti-corruption policies and implementing reforms.

In Asia-Pacific, 25 countries benefit from analytical support, capacity building seminars and dialogue on anti-corruption policies under the ADB-OECD Anti-Corruption Action Plan. China joined the Action Plan as its 24th endorsing country in April 2005. In addition, an expert meeting on preventing corruption in the *tsunami* relief efforts was held in April 2005 in Jakarta (Indonesia) and "guiding principles for combating corruption in humanitarian relief" will be developed.

Subject to additional grants.

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EVENTS: Diagnosis of China's legal and institutional anti-corruption framework in the context of the ADB OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative's region wide stocktaking exercise and identification of impediments to an effective anti-corruption agenda (policies and administrative practices) in China, Q4 2005.

PUBLICATIONS: Chapter on detection and prosecution of corruption in China ("Combating corruption of public officials in the People's Republic of China – trends and developments") in the OECD China Governance Report.

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/daf/nocorruption, and www1.oecd.org/daf/asiacom

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B. OUTPUT RESULT: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ANTI-CORRUPTION NETWORK FOR TRANSITION ECONOMIES, EXPERT SEMINARS IN CIS, ISTANBUL ACTION PLAN; REPORTS AND EVENTS IN MENA, LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND THROUGH GLOBAL FORUM

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEAR: 2006

SUMMARY: To advance the goal of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention signatories of achieving a level playing field in international business, the OECD Anti-Corruption will in 2006 continue assisting non-signatories in Asia-Pacific, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and the MENA region in advancing their anti-corruption reform agendas in line with OECD anti-corruption standards.

In Asia-Pacific, the 2006 program seeks to further associate Chinese experts and policy makers with the ADB/OECD Initiative's tools for policy dialogue and reform assessment, and to strengthen China's capacity to combat corruption by providing targeted training seminars.

Subject to additional grants.

PUBLICATIONS: China's legal and institutional anti-corruption framework in the context of the ADB OECD Initiative's region-wide stocktaking exercise.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.1.3 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A. OUTPUT RESULT: FOUR ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS, 3 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND REGIONAL WHITE PAPERS/PRIORITIES

DIRECTORATE: DAF

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: Corporate Governance Roundtables in Latin America, Russia and Asia seek to enhance understanding of and support for good corporate governance policies and practices by policy makers, companies and other stakeholders, drawing on the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance and the new OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises.

Policy Dialogue with China will focus on corporate governance of state-owned enterprises which has been the subject of a DAF/CA chapter in the GOV project on Governance in China, to be published in spring 2005. The meeting in May 2005 will coincide with publication of the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of State-owned enterprises.

Subject to additional grants.

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EVENTS:	Policy Dialogue on Corporate Governance in Beijing, China, May 2005
PUBLICATIONS:	A chapter titled 'Reforming State Asset Management and Improving Corporate Governance: the Two Challenges of Chinese Enterprise Reform' written by DAF/CA for the GOV project on Governance in China; spring 2005.
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	FOUR ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS, THREE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF OECD PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND REGIONAL WHITE PAPERS/PRIORITIES
DIRECTORATE:	DAF
YEAR:	2006
SUMMARY:	Priorities developed by each region and country in 2005 will be pursued through Regional Roundtable meetings and country policy dialogue programmes in 2006. Reports on progress in implementing the Regional White Papers and recommendations on selected priority policy issues will be issued. Expected outcome in all four programmes will be increased understanding of and support for good corporate governance policies and practices by policy makers and companies in the regions and countries where the meetings are held. Subject to additional grants.
EVENTS:	Policy Dialogue on Corporate Governance in China,
PUBLICATIONS:	t.b.d.
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<u>OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	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:	Since spring 2004, the OECD-Korea Regional Centre for Competition in Seoul is a hub for capacity building activities in the region. A partnership with the Asian Development Bank will provide a framework for enhanced activities with China. China is preparing new legislation in the competition area, and the OECD will offer consultations on the draft law.
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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

A. OUTPUT RESULT: **TWO PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON FINANCIAL MARKET SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ADDITIONAL PROCEEDINGS AND REPORTS ON SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES SURVEY ON INTELLECTUAL CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL MARKETS IN EMERGING ECONOMIES ISSUED**

YEAR: **2005-2006**

SUMMARY: OECD has developed a substantial programme of policy dialogue and capacity building to promote modern, open and sound market-based financial systems in the emerging markets and developing economies. This work focuses on securities markets, institutional investors, and debt management and has been developed on a global, regional and country basis. It has benefited from voluntary contributions, notably from Japan.

Further work will be undertaken on issues where emerging economies could benefit from the accumulated experience of the Committee on Financial Markets and OECD good practices. Issues will include debt management, “finance for investment” and “financial education”.

Closer relationships will be developed with (potentially) significant financial markets deserving particular analysis and dialogue, including China, Brazil, Russia, and India. High-level officials from key non-OECD countries will be invited to discuss financial developments in their country with the Committee.

Financial sector reform can be seen as one of the most important and urgent issues faced by China in nurturing an efficient and sound market-based economy. A second workshop on public debt management and development of Government securities Market in China will be organised in 2005. An expert meeting on governance of financial institutions in China is also scheduled for 2005.

Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS:

- Second Workshop on Public Debt Management and Development of Government Securities Market in China, Xian, China, 15-16 September 2005.
- Expert Meeting on Governance of financial Institutions in China, Beijing, 2005 (date to be determined, location to be confirmed).

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B. 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.

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

Pension reform and insurance market issues are high on the agenda in China and co-operation with the OECD has increased in these two fields. The policy dialogue with China will be further strengthened with the organisation of a seminar on private pensions and by developing closer relationships with the ministries and agencies involved in these fields. High level Chinese officials will be invited to discuss insurance and pensions reforms with the Insurance and private pensions Committee. 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 AREAS: 4.3.1 GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND RESOURCES;
4.2.3 REGULATORY REFORM; 4.3.4 TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

OUTPUT RESULT: PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE IN CHINA: ANALYTICAL REPORTS AND POLICY DIALOGUE ON: IMPROVING REGULATORY CAPACITIES AND MODERNISING INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES PROMOTING INTEGRITY , BUDGET AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

DIRECTORATE: GOV

YEARS: 2005-2006

SUMMARY:

1 China Governance Project, Final Report of the China Governance Project; Policy Dialogue on Governance Challenges in China.

In the transition towards a "socialist market economy", Chinese policy makers have undertaken important reforms of the State institutions: for instance aiming at rationalising the organisational structure, separating State-owned enterprises from line Ministries, modernising the civil service, developing a budget system, reducing administrative controls on private sector activities.

Despite impressive progress, China still faces four types of governance challenges: (i) remodelling the State's functions and structures; (ii) ensuring the rule of law and the enforcement of policies; (iii) increasing the government's capacity and efficiency; (iv) improving governance arrangements for policy-making.

The China Governance Project examines the impact of governance in different policy fields, from agricultural policy and social policies to foreign investment policies and shows why, in these different policy areas as well as on the whole, governance matters. Its purpose is to encourage Chinese policy makers to address critical governance issues that affect China's social and economic development and its relationship with the outside world. It is intended to provide Chinese policy makers with policy advice and support, rooted in the practical experience of Member countries. It also provides OECD Members with a better understanding of the complex governance challenges facing China as it moves further in its transition to a market based economy. This project will be finalised in the first half of 2005.

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2. Several publications and policy dialogues on public sector reform, multilevel governance and territorial development in China.

The China Governance Project identified two governance challenges which should be addressed in priority. These are: (i) to increase the accountability and performance of public and private entities involved in public service delivery at the central and at the sub-national level; (ii) to reform the fiscal and institutional arrangements which define responsibility and accountability among various levels of government. In spite of the measures taken to tackle this problem, corruption continues to be widespread. In addition, China is currently developing a strategy of territorial development, to address the problem of unemployment or underemployment and to ensure a regionally and socially balanced growth path. GOV's China Governance programme develops a co-operation project to help China respond to these challenges, as well as for the OECD to learn from the Chinese experience. Subject to additional grants.

EVENTS:

- 3 February 2005: Workshop on China Governance Project: workshop to review the draft final report.
- May 2005: Final Report to be issued.
- May - June 2005: Tentative meeting in China to present the Final Report.
- Several policy dialogues organised with Chinese partners on public sector reform, multilevel governance and territorial development in China

PUBLICATIONS:

- Final Report of the China Governance Project.
- Several publications on public sector reform, multilevel governance and territorial development in China.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.3.3 - TAX ADMINISTRATION

OUTPUT RESULT: POLICY DIALOGUE EVENTS TO ASSOCIATE NON-MEMBER ECONOMIES WITH THE CFA'S GUIDANCE ON TAX ADMINISTRATION, TO BE HELD AT THE MULTILATERAL AND COUNTRY TAX CENTRES AND OTHER VENUES

DIRECTORATE: CTP

YEAR: 2006

SUMMARY: The objectives of the events are to associate non-Members with "best practices" that are identified in CFA's guidance on tax administration on the issues such as tax compliance, audit, internet search tools for tax administration, business identification, and taxpayer services. The outcomes of these events can be measured by more effective procedures adopted by non-Members to the audit and administrative processes. Surveys of event and country participants on outcomes give indications of effectiveness.

EVENTS: In 2005, three events on domestic auditing, three on management and control of large taxpayers, and seven on auditing multinational enterprises are scheduled in China, India, Malaysia, Russia, and Kenya as well as five OECD Tax Centres in Austria, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Turkey.

Similar events will be developed for 2006.

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

<u>A. 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.
EVENTS:	Meeting of the Committee on Statistics, Geneva, 14-16 June 2005.
WEBSITE:	www.oecd.org/statistics/workprogramme
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<u>B. OUTPUT RESULT:</u>	OECD STATISTICS NEWSLETTERS
DIRECTORATE:	STD
YEARS:	2005, 2006
SUMMARY:	Inclusion of articles from large non-Members in the Newsletter and better dissemination to statisticians working in these countries.
PUBLICATIONS:	OECD: The Statistics Newsletter
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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.
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: 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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D. 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)

PUBLICATIONS: Productivity compendium and proceedings on the web

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/statistics/productivity

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E. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: *Donor co-ordination with China on national accounts* -This regular annual seminar is intended to exchange best practices on issues relating to the measurement of national accounts aggregates. It includes a session on donor co-ordination on Chinese national accounts.

EVENTS: Ninth OECD/National Bureau of Statistics of China seminar on national accounts, Xiamen, China, November 14-18, 2005

PUBLICATIONS: Regularly published minutes of the seminars are, with Chinese translation.

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F. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: *OECD-ONS workshop on e-government and statistics* - 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

WEBSITE: Under construction

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G. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2005

SUMMARY: Trade Experts Meeting (Merchandise and Services)- This work deals with measurement issues of merchandise trade and trade in services in OECD countries. Its outreach component concerning merchandise trade concerns the inclusion of China at the meetings (and in the database). Extension to other major non-members.

EVENTS: Sixth ITS Meeting and TIS Meeting 12-15 September 2005, OECD

PUBLICATIONS: Proceedings and conclusions of meetings on the web

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/statistics/trade

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H. OUTPUT RESULT: PROCEEDINGS FROM OECD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

DIRECTORATE: STD

YEAR: 2006

SUMMARY: *Donor co-ordination with China on national accounts* - This regular annual seminar is intended to exchange best practices on issues relating to the measurement of national accounts aggregates. It includes a session on donor (IMF, Canada, United States) co-ordination on Chinese national accounts.

EVENTS: 10th OECD/National Bureau of Statistics of China seminar on national accounts, November 2006

PUBLICATIONS: The minutes of the seminars are regularly published, with Chinese translation.

WEBSITE: Under construction

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I. 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

WEBSITE: www.oecd.org/statsportal/

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