

OECD PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2007/08 BRAZIL

OUTPUT AREA 1.1.1 - MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

Output results 2007-08:	Two issues of the <i>OECD Economic Outlook</i> per annum, each one containing <i>i.a.</i> a set of notes on Brazil
Directorate:	ECO
Description:	Each Economic Outlook will contains a note on Brazil.
Events:	The Economic Outlook is launched with a press conference: end-May and end-November 2007 and end-May and end-November 2008.
Publications:	Economic Outlooks are published twice a year, in late May and late November.
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OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 - COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

Output results 2008:	Economic Survey of Brazil
Directorate:	ECO
Description:	Preparation of the Economic Survey of Brazil with a review by EDRC in Q1 2009.
Publications:	Economic Survey of Brazil 2009 (Q2)
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OUTPUT AREA 1.3.1 - DIGITAL ECONOMY

Output results 2007/08:	A Framework of Policy Recommendations for the Future of the Internet
Directorate:	STI
Description:	<p>As part of its proactive global relations strategy, the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP) has identified Brazil as one the key players in the realm of the “information society.” In particular, the Committee is seeking to engage Brazil in into work on the “Future of the Internet”, which will form the basis for the 2008 Ministerial.</p> <p>The OECD is the leading organisation in developing standards for measuring the information society. These standards are documented in the OECD Guide to Measuring the Information Society.</p>

Events:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brazil attended the May 2006 meeting of the WPIIS (Paris) and has been invited to attend the May 2007 meeting to be held in London. - The Government of Brazil will host the 2007 Internet Governance Forum, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro on 12-15 November 2007. - Collaboration with WTO, WIPO, etc. on Information Technology events, e.g. 10th Anniversary of the Information Technology Agreement in 2007. - Participation at the Internet Governance Forum to be held in India, during the second half of 2008, which Brazil will attend, including dissemination of the outcomes of the ICCP-organised Internet Ministerial taking place in June 2008. - ICCP aims for Brazil to participate in the Internet Ministerial to be held in June 2008 in Seoul, Korea. - Following OECD-UNCTAD-ILO Joint Conference Geneva 4-5 December 2006: Potentially a meeting on using ICTs to achieve growth and development in 2008 with BRICS and other developing countries.
Publications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of Chapter 9 of the Communications Outlook 2007 which is devoted to the BRICS. - Selected non-Members covered in IT Outlook policy questionnaires in 2007. - Chapter in IT Outlook on “Overviews and trends” including BRICS and a review of non-Member market development and non-Member ICT firms.
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OUTPUT AREA 1.3.2 – SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICIES

Output results 2007-08:	Six reports relating to the assessment of national science and innovation policies and instruments
Directorate:	STI
Description:	<p>Country review of innovation policy in Brazil, subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.</p> <p>This work is aimed at drawing on international comparisons of science and innovation performance and peer review to identify policies that can be undertaken in individual OECD and non-OECD economies to enhance science and innovation performance. It will provide a detailed assessment of the broad range of national science and innovation policies and instruments.</p> <p>It should lead to the implementation of the recommendations proposed by the OECD, to a greater understanding by other countries of the specificities of the Brazilian innovation system, and to greater insights for Brazilian policy makers into best practices in OECD countries.</p>
Publications	<i>OECD Review of Innovation Policy: Brazil</i>

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OUTPUT AREA 2.2.3 - WELFARE AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Output results 2007: OECD Social Indicators: Social expenditures data base

Directorate: ELS

Description:
Social indicators included in *Society at a Glance* will be collected for the BRICS, where possible. The initial focus will be on social expenditures data.
Subject to additional grants.

Publications: Report on social indicators in the BRICS, Q4 2007

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OUTPUT AREA 2.3.1 - ENVIRONMENTAL PEER REVIEWS, INDICATORS AND OUTLOOKS

Output results 2008: Environmental Performance Reviews and derived products of a non-Member

Directorate: ENV

Description:
It is planned to support the development of an Environmental Performance Review programme of UN-ECLAC for the region Latin America and the Caribbean, and to conduct jointly an environmental review of Brazil with UN-ECLAC.

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OUTPUT AREA 2.3.3. – ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY (CHEMICALS)

Output results 2007/08: Guidelines and global relations events related to testing and assessment of chemicals and manufactured nanomaterials and Mutual Acceptance of Data

Directorate: ENV

Description:
The request from Brazil to adhere provisionally to the Council Decisions related to the Mutual Acceptance of Data in the Assessment of Chemicals will be dealt with by Council in March 2007. It is expected that thereafter Brazil will take part in the work related to Test Guidelines and Good Laboratory Practice on a regular basis.

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OUTPUT AREA 3.1.1 – ADVOCACY OF FREER TRADE

Output results 2007:	Country study, “Brazil: Assessment of Selected Trade Policy Issues”
Output results 2008:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- One synthesis report on cross-cutting trade issues in the large emerging markets (BRICs: Brazil, Russia, India and China).- Global Forum on Trade: one trade policy dialogue event among the BRICs and OECD Members
Directorate:	TAD
Description:	<p>As part of the BRIC initiative of the OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate, this project aims to assess key challenges and opportunities with respect to Brazil’s economy and trade regime and the implications of further integration into the global economy. A country report on Brazil’s trade policy situation will be prepared in 2007.</p> <p>Drawing on country reports for each of the BRICs, a synthesis publication will be prepared during 2008 containing a cross-cutting assessment of trade policy issues in these large emerging economies. It will include individual country perspectives as well as discussions of major themes such as market access, services liberalisation, non-tariff barriers and intellectual property rights.</p> <p>The publication will be launched at a Global Forum event, also in 2008, which will be held with the objective promoting policy dialogue among OECD and BRIC country trade policy stakeholders.</p>
Events:	Global Forum on Trade meeting on Emerging Markets in the Global Economy: Opportunities and Challenges (TBD, June 2008)
Publications:	Trade Policy in the BRICs (June 2008)
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OUTPUT AREA 3.3.1 - TAX POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Output results 2007:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updates to the Model Tax Convention and expansion of its use (Q2 2008)- International VAT/GST Guidelines (Q4 2009)- Annual Report on Current Tax Reform Issues (Q4)
Output results 2008:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Updates to the Model Tax Convention and expansion of its use (Q2 2008)- Updates and Extension of Transfer Pricing Guidelines (Q4, 2008)- International VAT/GST Guidelines (Q4 2009)- Annual Report on Current Tax Reform Issues (Q4)

Directorate: CTPA

Description:

Brazil has shown increased interest in the OECD’s tax programmes, hosted an event on Exchange of Information in 2006 and has attended events at the OECD’s Mexican Tax Centre. In 2007, Brazil has agreed to host an event for the Latin American region in conjunction with CIAT on Tax Treaty Issues and Brazil will also participate in the events in the Mexico Tax Centre on International Tax Avoidance and Evasion, VAT Compliance and Auditing Multinationals.

Events: Tax Treaty Issues: Brasilia, 16-18 May 2007, in association with CIAT

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OUTPUT AREA 3.3.2 - INTERNATIONAL TAX CO-OPERATION

Output results 2007-08:

- A report updating the factual assessment of the progress made towards a level playing field (Q4 2007 and 2008)
- Practical recommendations, good practices and strategies for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of exchange of information (Q4 2007 and 2008).
- Annual report on the outcomes of the International Tax Dialogue (Q4).

Directorate: CTPA

Description:

Events may be developed for 2008 following up on successful exchange of information workshop in Brazil in 2006.

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.1 - COMPETITION

Output results 2007/08: Capacity building events.

Directorate: DAF

Description:

Brazil has offered to host regional capacity building events and may participate in a programme to identify and reduce unnecessary restraints on competition using a toolkit which is currently being tested.

Subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.

Events: To be determined

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

Output results 2007/08: Promoting open and efficient financial, insurance, pensions, public debt markets in Brazil

Directorate: DAF/FIN

Description:

The 2007 OECD/IAIS/ASSAL Conference on Insurance Regulation and Supervision in Latin America will be organised in Brazil. Main issues will likely include the financial management of large-scale disasters, risk awareness and education on insurance issues, insurance regulatory reform, and the impact of taxation on life

insurance products. These conferences are organised once a year and gather high representatives of insurance supervisory and regulatory authorities in Latin America. The organisation of the 2007 conference in Brazil will offer a unique opportunity to strengthen the relationship and policy dialogue with Brazilian authorities.

Events: VIIIth OECD/IAIS/ASSAL Conference on Insurance Regulation and Supervision in Latin America, Rio de Janeiro, 9-11 May 2007

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OUTPUT AREA 4.2.3 - REGULATORY REFORM

Output results 2007: Peer review of regulatory performance in key infrastructure sectors

Directorate: GOV/REG

Description:

The OECD is to conduct a peer review of regulatory frameworks and regulatory authorities for core infrastructure sectors in Brazil in the context of the programme on regulatory reform.

The main issues to be investigated include the economic performance in these sectors, the impact of regulatory frameworks on opportunities for long term investment in Brazil, access and public services for citizens, and governance frameworks in relation to the organisation of the executive branch of government in these sectors. This will offer a unique opportunity to strengthen the relationship and policy dialogue with Brazilian authorities in this field, who have actively participated in the activities of the OECD Group on Regulatory Policy.

Publications: Foreseen early 2008

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OUTPUT AREA 4.3.1 – GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND RESOURCES

Output results 2008: Contribution of Brazilian data sets to *Government at a Glance. Measuring Government*.

Directorate: GOV

Description:

Measuring government activity is important because of the size of its activities and consequently, the need to understand what it is achieving with its very significant expenditures. Brazil will serve as a pilot non-Member to become part of this overall OECD project.

Events: Workshop on public sector measurement

Publications: Contribution to overall Government at a Glance working paper 3.

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

Output results 2007/08: Expansion of the OECD Factbook

Directorate: STD

Description:

The *OECD Factbook* provides more than 100 annual indicators covering a wide range of areas: economy, agriculture, economic globalisation, education, energy, environment, foreign aid and quality of life, population and labour force, information and communications, *etc.* The data and graphs provided for these indicators are accompanied by text giving a brief description of the indicator, comments on the comparability of data and references for further information on the indicator. A dynamic link is provided for each table which directs the user to a Web page where the corresponding data are available in Excel format.

Only limited data for the BRICS were included in the 2006 edition of the *Factbook*, though the number of series will be expanded in the 2007 and 2008 editions, the limitation being the availability of annual indicators that are comparable with those compiled by OECD Member countries.

Publications: *OECD Factbook 2007* – March 2007

OECD Factbook 2008 – March 2008

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OUTPUT AREA 6.2.2 - STATISTICAL RESEARCH, COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

- Output results 2007:**
- National Accounts
 - o Annual National Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Quarterly National Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Financial Accounts Database and Publication
 - o General Government Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Research on measurement issues
 - o Extension to the BRICS
 - Short-term Economic Statistics
 - o Main Economic Indicators Database and Publication
 - o Unit labour cost indexes database
 - o Original release data and revisions database
 - o Research on measurement issues
 - o Extension to the BRICS
 - Annual labour force statistics database and publication
- Output results 2008:**
- National Accounts
 - o Annual National Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Quarterly National Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Financial Accounts Database and Publication
 - o General Government Accounts Database and Publication
 - o Research on measurement issues
 - o Extension to the BRICS
 - Non-observed economy
 - Short-term Economic Statistics
 - o Main Economic Indicators Database and Publication
 - o Unit labour cost indexes database

- Original release data and revisions database
- Research on measurement issues
- International Trade and Balance of Payments Statistics
 - International Trade database and publication
 - Balance of Payments database and publication
 - Research on measurement issues
- Annual labour force statistics database and publication

Directorate: STD

Description:

STD does not have a programme of activities specifically aimed at one Non-Member Economy over 2007-08. Almost all of the Directorate's statistical activities for NMEs are aimed at the BRICS as a group. All five BRICS are regular observers at the OECD Committee on Statistics (CSTAT) and its two subsidiary bodies. They are also invited to participate all other regular and *ad hoc* meetings of the Statistics Directorate.

The focus of STD activities with these NMEs is their engagement in the development of international statistical guidelines and recommendations and issues related to international statistical co-ordination through their participation of CSTAT, the Committee's two subsidiary bodies and other regular and *ad hoc* forums organised by the Directorate. The Directorate is also involved in the expanding the on-going collection of key short-term and annual statistics for the BRICS, together with relevant metadata outlining concepts, classifications used and collection and compilation methodologies. Major limitations in this work are data availability and their comparability with similar data collected for OECD Member countries.

Events:

- OECD Committee on Statistics, Geneva, 13-14 June 2007; and Paris, June 2008
- Working Party on National Accounts, Paris, 1-5 October 2007; and Paris, October 2008
- Working Party on Financial Statistics, Paris, 1-2 October 2007; and Paris, October 2008
- 11th and 12th NBS-OECD National Accounts Workshop, Beijing, November 2007; Paris, November 2008
- Short-term Economic Statistics Working Party (STESWP), Paris, 25-27 June 2007; and Paris, June 2008
- Second World Forum, Istanbul, 27-30 June 2007
- 8th International Trade Statistics Experts Meeting, Paris, 10-13 September 2007; Paris, September 2008
- Expert Group on Statistical Data and Metadata Exchange, Geneva, May 2007; Paris, May 2008

Publications:

- *Main Economic Indicators*, monthly

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