

## OECD PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2007/08 RUSSIAN FEDERATION

### OUTPUT AREA 1.1.1 – MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

<b>Output results 2007-08:</b>	Two issues of the <i>OECD Economic Outlook</i> per annum, each one containing <i>i.a.</i> a set of notes on the Russian Federation
<b>Directorate:</b>	ECO
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Each Economic Outlook will contains a roughly 1000-word note on Russia, providing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- an assessment of recent economic performance and of macroeconomic and structural policies;</li><li>- an economic projection covering <i>either</i> the current year and the year ahead (spring Outlook) <i>or</i> the current year and the two years ahead (the autumn Outlook);</li><li>- a comment on the major risks to the projection; and</li><li>- two tables and four figures illustrating points made in the analysis.</li></ul>
<b>Events:</b>	The Economic Outlook is launched with a press conference: end-May and end-November 2007 and end-May and end-November 2008.
<b>Publications:</b>	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

<b>Output results 2008:</b>	<i>Economic Survey of the Russian Federation</i>
<b>Directorate:</b>	ECO
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The seventh OECD <i>Economic Survey of the Russian Federation</i> will identify the main economic challenges facing the country, with respect to both macroeconomic and structural policy, and will analyse policy options to meet them. While the specific <i>structural</i> priorities for the 2008 Survey are still to be agreed in detail with the Russian authorities, preliminary exchanges with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade suggest that among its major themes will be competition and product-market regulation (PMR). Discussions are also under way concerning renewed attention to banking reform, some aspects of social policy and infrastructure sectors. The desk plans to undertake an indicator-based PMR assessment to Russia (if possible also including key regions) like those periodically undertaken for all member states.</p>
<b>Events:</b>	EDRC in Paris, late October 2008; launch of publication in Moscow, December 2008.
<b>Publications:</b>	<i>Economic Survey of the Russian Federation</i>
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### OUTPUT AREA 2.1.3 – EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM POLICIES AND PRACTICES

**Output results 2007/08:** Policies for developing tertiary education in Russia, in specific property and research management in Russian universities.

**Directorate:** EDU

**Description:**

As a follow-up to recommendations from the two reviews of the Russian Federation, the Secretariat initiated an activity on intellectual property rights and research management in Russian universities. In partnership with the Ministry of Education and Science and the Civilian Research development Fund (CRDF) a series of seminars has had an important impact on raising research capacity in the university sector: establishing the rights and responsibilities of stakeholders, setting up technology transfer offices, internal governance and national legislation and establishing an association of university technology managers similar to those found in the OECD area.

A yearly seminar will bring together 19 universities of the network and Member country government officials and national experts.

**Events:**

- Seminar on Governance (Krasnoyarsk or Kazan, October 2007)
- Seminar (university to be identified, October 2008)

**Publications:** Seminar reports.

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### OUTPUT AREA 2.2.1 - EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, REVIEWS AND LABOUR MARKET POLICIES

**Output results 2007:** Analysis of key labour market and social policy issues in Russia: Report and Seminars

**Directorate:** ELS

**Description:**

This activity will consist of a review of recent development and prospects for employment and unemployment in Russia, living standards and income distribution in the context of Russia's economic development. A report will be finalised and presented in 2008.

Subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.

**Events:**

- Technical seminar in Moscow, Q4 2007.
- Draft review on Russia to be discussed at a meeting of the ELSAC, and subsequently published, Q4 2008.

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### OUTPUT AREA 2.2.2 - MIGRATIONS POLICIES

**Output results 2007 – 2008 :** Monitoring of Trends and Migration Policies: Analytical Reports

**Directorate:** ELS

**Description:**

In accordance with the Mandate of the Working Party on Migration and under its auspices, the activity relates to the monitoring of trends and migration policies, and aims at providing comparative analyses and information to Member countries in order to help them in the elaboration of their migration policies and in international co-operation for migration and development. Subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.

**Events:** Possible extension to Ukraine and Russia of the network of Sopemi correspondents

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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 3.1.1 - ADVOCACY OF FREER TRADE

**Output results 2007:** - Paper on “Russia’s Integration into the Multilateral Trading System” as a contribution to the BRICs initiative

**Output results 2008:** - One synthesis report on cross cutting issues in the large emerging markets (BRIC).  
- Policy dialogue event among the BRIC and OECD Members

**Directorate:** TAD

**Description:**

In 2007 and 2008, the Trade and Development Division will continue its analysis of trade policy developments in Russia, providing active support for trade policy reform and Russia’s adherence to multilateral trade disciplines. A paper on the country’s integration into the multilateral trading system will be finalised. The report will feed into the larger on-going BRIC initiative of the Trade and Agriculture Directorate.

A Global Forum meeting will be held in 2008 with the objective of considering the progress of the BRIC countries. In particular, focus will be on their efforts to integrate more fully in the global economy and the multilateral trading system, with a view to considering means to further enhance the integration process and respond to related trade policy issues.

The Global Forum will launch a publication tying together recent work on trade and the BRIC countries. It will include individual country perspectives as well as discussions of cross-cutting themes such as market access, services liberalisation, non-tariff barriers and intellectual property rights.

- Events:** Global Forum meeting on Emerging Markets in the Global Economy: Opportunities and Challenges (location to be determined, June 2008)
- Publications:** Trade Policy in the BRICs (June 2008)
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### OUTPUT AREA 3.2.1 – AGRICULTURAL POLICY REFORM

**Output results 2007-08:** Monitoring and evaluation reports for non-Member economies

**Directorate:** TAD

**Description:**

Core work on Russia's agricultural policies will be continued, primarily within the focus on selected non-member economies, in particular major emerging players.

Monitoring and evaluation reports will include assessment of Russia's agricultural sector's performance and evaluation of agricultural policies, including the calculation of the level of support through OECD's Producer Support Estimate methodology.

Russia will be included in the yearly OECD-FAO Agricultural Outlook reports providing market projections for key agricultural commodities over the following ten-year period.

**Events:** Global Forum on Agriculture, Paris, Q4 2008.

- Publications:**
- *Monitoring and Evaluation Report for Non-Member Economies*, March 2007;
  - *Monitoring and Evaluation Report for Non-Member Economies*, Q2 2009.

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- Output results 2007/08:**
- 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:**

Russia's international taxing legislation is already broadly consistent with OECD standards and as an observer on the Committee on Fiscal Affairs Russia is in a good position to benefit from the ongoing work programme in the key areas noted above. The focus of the 2007-08 co-operative work programme based on bilateral events in Russia is therefore primarily on operational administration of the tax system. The *Taxation of Non Residents* event is a dialogue on best practice for ensuring the efficient operation of double taxation agreements, in particular ensuring that taxpayers receive benefits they are entitled to under a treaty.

The *Transfer Pricing* event will focus on practical selection and conduct of transfer pricing audits. We have offered assistance in the revision of Russia's transfer pricing legislation. To increase the impact of the relation with Russia, the Secretariat is actively seeking the participation of senior officials with the capacity to change policy and implement changes from both the FTS and the Ministry of Finance.

- Events:**
- Taxation of Non-Residents, Moscow, 18-20 June 2007
  - Transfer Pricing, Moscow, 24-26 October 2007, Moscow.
  - Events are still under consideration for 2008, but are liable to include issues which reflect Russia's concerns with capital flight and cross-border transactions, and information exchange.

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### OUTPUT AREA 3.3.2 - INTERNATIONAL TAX CO-OPERATION

- Output results 2007/08:**
- Reports updating the factual assessment of the progress made towards a level playing field (Q4)
  - Practical recommendations, good practices and strategies for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of exchange of information (Q4)
  - Annual reports on the outcomes of the International Tax Dialogue (Q4).

**Directorate:** CTPA

**Description:**

Russia will be contributing to the work of the Forum on Harmful Tax Practices as an Observer and also contributes directly to the work of the sub groups on Exchange of Information. No separate activities on these specific issues are envisaged with Russia in 2007/08.

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.1 - INVESTMENT

- Output results 2007:**
- Preparation of the 2008 Investment Policy Review of the Russian Federation.
  - Seminar on main issues to be addressed in the 2008 Review
- Output results 2008:**
- *Investment Policy Review of the Russian Federation*: Peer examination by the Investment Committee.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

The main objective is to assess Russia's progress in improving its investment environment and to assist Russia in meeting the standards set by the *OECD Codes of Liberalisation* and the *Declaration on International Investment and Multinational Enterprises*. The main issues to be addressed by the Review will be:

- Follow-up to the policy recommendations of the 2006 Investment Policy Review, in particular the laws on special economic zones and strategic sectors;
- Russia as a destination and source of FDI in the energy sector;
- Russia's public policies towards responsible business conduct.

Preparation of the Review will be undertaken in close co-operation with Russian authorities and with the input of a discussion group composed of experts and business representatives.

- Events:**
- May 2007, Helsinki: Seminar on main issues to be addressed in the 2008 Review with officials and experts Russia and OECD countries.
  - 2nd half 2008, Paris: Peer examination by the Investment Committee.

**Publications:** End 2008: *OECD Investment Policy Review of the Russian Federation*

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#### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.2 – ANTI-CORRUPTION

**Output results 2007:**

- Dialogue with Russia within the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions (WGB) with the aim to bring the country closer to standards established by international anti-corruption conventions, including the *OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions*.

- Review of Russia's anti-corruption legislation and institutions under the Istanbul Action Plan of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, in order to identify specific gaps and adopt recommendations.
- Participation of Russian experts in regional events organised within the ACN.

**Output results 2008:**

- Review of Russia's implementation of anti-corruption policy and legislation.
- Dialogue with Russia within the Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions (WGB) and the Istanbul Action Plan of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN).
- Participation of Russian experts in regional events organised within the ACN.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

Following Russia's formal application in 2000 to accede to the *Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions*, Russia is expected to provide requested information on its legislative and institutional framework to combat bribery and to raise accountability and integrity in business transactions.

Russia is also expected to present an updated and completed self-assessment report on its anti-corruption legislation and institutions for review under the Istanbul Action Plan before end 2007. Renewed dialogue with Russia should focus on the review of the country's anti-corruption legislation and institutions (in 2007), followed by assessment of the implementation by Russia of its anti-corruption policy and legislation and monitoring of its implementation of recommendations adopted during the review (in 2008).

Subject to voluntary contributions, a public-private dialogue on promoting business ethics in Russia will be established.

- Events:**
- End 2007 or early 2008, Paris: Review of Russia's anti-corruption legislation and institutions by Istanbul Action Plan Members (to be confirmed).
  - End 2007 or early 2008: Public-private dialogue on promoting business ethics in Russia (subject to available voluntary contributions)
  - 2008, Paris: Monitoring of Russia's effective implementation of anti-corruption policy and legislation (to be confirmed)
- Publications:** End 2007: Review of Russia's anti-corruption legislation and institutions
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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.3 – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- Output results 2007:**
- Privatisation and Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises: survey of Russian policies and practices.
- Output results 2008:**
- Privatisation and Corporate Governance of State Owned Enterprises: development of policy options and good practices

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

The Russian Roundtable on Corporate Governance agreed in 2005 to establish task forces on corporate governance enforcement and corporate governance of state-owned enterprises. However, due to the substantial voluntary funding required, the project is focusing on SOE governance as the priority for 2007-2008. The Roundtable could also undertake a stock-taking of progress to implement the Russian White Paper on Corporate Governance, including use of the Russian corporate governance code, if sufficient additional voluntary funding is provided. The aim will be to develop policy options in 2007 and recommendations in 2008 to improve Russia's SOE governance. It is anticipated that 2007 meetings of the task force would lead to recommendations to be promoted through the Roundtable in 2008 on more focused priorities emerging from this initial work.

- Events:**
- 2007 (date and place to be determined): Meeting of the task force on governance of state-owned enterprises
  - 2008 (date and place to be determined): Roundtable on corporate governance issues in Russia

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.2.1 – COMPETITION

**Output results 2007/08:** Three capacity building seminars/workshops in Russia or the CIS

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

The aim of this activity is to build capacity to enforce the competition law effectively. This will result in the elimination of anti-competitive practices which currently restrain the efficiency of Russian enterprises and limit economic growth. Another objective is to assist the government in building its capacity to identify and

reduce unnecessary restraints on competition which occur in both existing and proposed laws and regulations. The following activities are planned in 2007-2008:

- seminar for *arbitrazh* judges
- seminar/consultation with the Federal Anti-Monopoly Service (FAS), including case study seminars
- work on secondary legislation following the introduction of the new competition law

Subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions

- Events:**
- 2007 (date and place to be determined): seminar for *arbitrazh* judges, case study seminars; consultations on secondary legislation
  - 2008: as in 2007

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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 Russia

**Directorate:** DAF/FIN

**Description:**

*Financial Education:* Following the G8 Conference on Improving Financial Literacy (Moscow, November 2006) that led to a series of policy recommendations, it is planned to develop the Russia-OECD co-operation on these issues further. This activity would include a strengthening of financial education and awareness and identifying best ways to implement agreed policy recommendations and monitoring the evolution of financial education in Russia. Discussions are ongoing with the Ministry of Finance.

**Events:** To be determined

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.2.3 – REGULATORY REFORM

**Output results 2007-08:** Analytical reports monitoring regulatory instruments and institutions:

- Regulatory institutions (2007)
- Developing capacity for evidenced-based regulation (2008)

**Directorate:** GOV

**Description:**

The Russian authorities and many outside observers have come to regard the reform of state institutions themselves as the most important item on the country's reform agenda. Russian policy makers have an understandable desire to accelerate public sector reform by adopting the most advanced innovations devised by OECD countries. In this regard, important concerns arise in the establishment and strengthening of new and existing regulatory institutions. While the issue is covered in a number of chapters of the OECD 2005 Regulatory Reform Review of Russia (*Building Rules for the Market*), the topic could benefit considerably from detailed research and ongoing assessments of reforms as "work in progress." This work would be a response to Russian interest for improved standards for regulatory frameworks and developing controls and institutional arrangements to restrict state intervention in the economy.

The work entails two activities: regulatory institution and developing capacity for evidenced-based regulation.

### **Regulatory institutions**

The Secretariat is preparing a paper that identifies the important preconditions necessary for the establishment and strengthening of new and existing regulatory institutions. The paper assesses the general economic preconditions that may hinder the adoption of such reforms in transition countries. The paper also attempts to identify the institutional framework and environment in the public administrations which could encumber the creation of independent (or quasi-independent) regulatory institutions. The paper makes policy recommendation on how Russia might implement new public management reforms in such an environment. The paper also assesses and makes recommendation as regards the sequencing of such reforms. Once finalised, the paper will be used in a seminar tentatively planned for the first quarter of 2007.

### **Developing capacity for evidence-based regulation**

Russia's regulatory framework would benefit considerably by strengthening policies aimed at evidenced based regulation. OECD Members are increasingly using the Standard Cost Model (SCM) to measure administrative burdens and thus to enhance decision-making at the political level, and to establish efficient, accountable and transparent reform mechanisms. This experience, which includes both SCM design expertise and empirical implementation evidence, could stimulate and support the reform process in Russia as the first steps in building professional capacity for measures that are called for in new laws and policies.

This activity entails the preparation of a report to assess options for establishing a Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) system in Russia. The report will provide Russian policy-makers with the opportunity to assess the use of the SCM as a central instrument of a modern regulatory policy based on OECD Member country practices.

Following completion of the report, its findings would be discussed at a two-day seminar in Moscow.

A four-day technical co-operation event is also proposed, subject to voluntary contributions, as a follow-up to this introductory report. The event will expose Russian regulatory policy-makers to techniques and procedures used in designing and carrying out the SCM. At the end of the event, Russian participants should be in a position to commit further political and budgetary resources to establish the SCM in Russia.

#### **Events:**

Moscow, 2 March 2007:

- Presentation of the paper "Regulatory institutions: a blueprint for the Russian Federation" at a conference on public administration reform being organised by the Russian Ministry of Economic Development and Trade.

Moscow, Q1 2008:

- Two-day seminar on Developing the Standard Cost Model in Russia

Moscow, Q2 2008:

- Four day technical workshop on developing the Standard Cost Model in Russia, subject to voluntary contributions.

#### **Publications:**

- *Regulatory Institutions – A blueprint for Russia*, Q2 2007
- *Developing the Standard Cost Model in Russia*, Q2 2008

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

<b>Output results 2007:</b>	Analytical report and peer review on strategies of public sector management and employment – civil service reform
<b>Output results 2008:</b>	Analytical report on strategies of public sector management and employment – budget reform
<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>GOV</b>

**Description:**

As stated above, the Russian authorities and many outside observers have come to regard the reform of the state institutions themselves as the most important item on the country's reform agenda. These weaknesses impinge directly on the state's ability to devise, adopt and implement effective economic policies. Building an honest, effective state administration may, therefore, be the top priority for the reform agenda. Doing so will take considerable time, financial resources and political will. In the interim, the weaknesses of the bureaucracy will make the implementation of other structural reforms more difficult.

The reform of state institutions in Russia has a number of distinct strands. In terms of defining work for 2007-08, the following will be covered: (i) administrative reform, encompassing both the reorganisation of federal executive bodies and the reform of the civil service; (ii) improving expenditure management, including the establishment of a budget system that better utilises performance information – especially information on programmatic outputs and outcomes.

***Employment levels in the Russian civil service***

As a follow-up to ongoing work on performance-based arrangements for senior civil servants, the Secretariat will undertake an analysis (quantitatively and qualitatively) of the employment levels in the civil service and more generally the wider "public sector" in Russia, in comparison with OECD countries. The purpose of the analysis is to follow up on the work to date concerning performance-based arrangements in the Russian public service, and to open up a debate with the Government of the Russian Federation concerning the fiscal impact of public employment levels.

The main quantitative sources would be the Ministry of Finance, Goskomstat (the State Statistical Bureau), and sources available at the World Bank. The main qualitative sources would be the existing reports and further contacts with the Russian officials. The comparison with OECD countries would be drawn on different available criteria (differentiation by level of posts, by type of administration, by type of contracts, by level of government and by functional sub-sector concerned). Some other qualitative aspects may be taken into account, depending on the availability of the data.

The fiscal analysis will also examine the level of funding of the public sector (both compensation costs and other expenses in the process of production of the government, including outsourcing and other costs of production of public services), in particular in the framework of the National Accounts.

***Budget review***

The OECD will conduct a budget review of Russia according to the established procedure for OECD countries. This procedure will entail that an OECD mission to Moscow for interviews with relevant budgetary officials and authorities. These officials/authorities include: various departments of the Ministry of Finance (macro-economic forecasting, revenue forecasting, budget affairs, Treasury, financial relations with sub-national government, internal control), the budget directors of one or two line Ministries, the Court of Accounts or Auditor General, Members or staff of the Budget Committee of Parliament, the Board or staff of an Association of Municipalities or Regions and some figures from civil society (e.g. an academic, financial journalist). The information collected in these interviews in combination with existing written material and material provided to the mission will be used to produce the budget review.

The Russian budget review will focus on the institutions (the rules) of the budgetary process and the way they are functioning, not on the content of budget policy (the size of expenditures and revenues and the purposes for which they are used). The review will provide a description of the existing institutions and the

way they are functioning which is as realistic as possible, as well as recommendations for improvement. The recommendations aim to be pragmatic, feasible in the short run, experience-based and effective.

After completion the review could be presented and discussed at a seminar in Moscow with experts of the Ministry of Finance and other interested officials. The review could also be presented and discussed in the next meeting of the network of Senior Budget Officials of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries.

- Events:** Moscow, 20 February 2007
- Expert Meeting on performance-based arrangements for senior civil servants – options for the Russian Federation
- Moscow, 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007
- The review will also be presented and discussed in the next meeting of the network of Senior Budget Officials of CESEE countries in 2008.
- Publications:**
- Performance-based arrangements for senior civil servants – options for the Russian Federation, Q2 2007.
  - The size of public sector in Russia and the fiscal impact of public employment levels, Q4 2007.
  - OECD Budget Review, Q2 2008.
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- Output results 2007/08:** Seven guidance and information notes for tax administrations on tax compliance and taxpayer service delivery issues (Q4 2008)
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- Description:**
- Russia is strongly aware of the need to improve and develop in the tax administration area and has contributed as an observer to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs to the work of the CFA's Forum on Tax Administration. In 2007 an event will take place on dealing with tax payer appeals against tax administration decisions to help improve processes and approaches in this area. This builds on a successful event in the taxpayer services area in 2006. We expect further events on tax administration to be held in Russia in 2008 and outputs to feed into the information notes.
- Events:** Pre-Court Administration, Moscow 28-30 March 2007
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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
  - *Main Economic Indicators*, monthly

**Publications:**

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