

EPOC BUREAU DIALOGUE WITH STAKEHOLDER PARTNERS

Tuesday, 9 November 2004
13h00-15h00

Restaurant Le Parc de la Muette*
10, chaussée de la Muette
75016 Paris

DRAFT AGENDA

1.	13h00-13h15	Welcome and introductions
2.	13h15-14h00 <i>ENV/EPOC(2004)24</i> <i>ENV/EPOC(2004)25</i>	Proposals for new work requested by Ministers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs of Policy Inaction• Effective and Efficient Partnerships
3.	14h00-14h15 <i>ENV/EPOC(2004)27</i> <i>ENV/EPOC/WPNEP(2003)12/FINAL</i>	Recently completed work on environment and distributional issues
4.	14h15-14h30 <i>ENV/EPOC(2004)26</i>	Outcomes of the Conference of Environment Ministers from EECCA Countries and their Partners (Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-22 October 2004)
5.	14h30-14h45 <i>Oral report</i>	Recent work on agriculture and environment
6.	14h45-15h00	Concluding comments

* Please note that the Stakeholder Consultation will take place during the lunch break of the EPOC meetings. It is a no-host lunch, and will cost €36 per participant.

ANNOTATIONS TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

Item I: Welcome and introductions

The Chair of the Environment Policy Committee (EPOC), Mats Olsson of Sweden, will open the dialogue. A representative of each stakeholder group will introduce their colleagues.

Item 2: Proposals for new work requested by Ministers

When OECD Environment Ministers met in April 2004, they asked the OECD to continue to work on a number of issues and to undertake two new projects on: (i) analytical work on the costs of policy inaction; (ii) work on identifying key factors for efficient and effective partnerships. EPOC added these projects into its 2005-2006 programme of work and budget, and agreed to discuss proposals for the work when they met in November 2004.

Lorents Lorentsen (Director, OECD Environment Directorate) will briefly present the proposed work on the costs of policy inaction with respect to key environmental challenges, as outlined in ENV/EPOC(2004)24. **Brendan Gillespie** (Head of Non-Member Countries Division, OECD Environment Directorate) will briefly present the proposed work on effective and efficient partnerships with respect to key environmental challenges, as outlined in ENV/EPOC(2004)25. This will be followed by short responses by one representative from each of the stakeholder groups (**TUAC, BIAC, NGOs**). The discussion will then be open to all participants.

Item 3: Recently completed work on environment and distributional issues

An OECD report on "Environment and Distributional Issues: Analysis, Evidence, and Policy Implications" [ENV/EPOC/WPNEP(2003)12/FINAL] was released in June 2004. Drawing on the results of this work, as well as other recent work on environment and distributional concerns, an issues paper [ENV/EPOC(2004)27] has been prepared to guide a discussion at EPOC on the implications for environmental policy design and implementation.

Jean-Philippe Barde (Head of National Policies Division, OECD Environment Directorate) will briefly present the issues paper. A representative from **TUAC** will be invited to provide short remarks on the work, followed by a discussion open to all participants.

Item 4: Outcomes of the Conference of Environment Ministers from EECCA Countries and their Partners (Tbilisi, Georgia, 21-22 October 2004)

Brendan Gillespie (Head of Non-Member Countries Division, OECD Environment Directorate) will provide a short briefing on the outcomes of the Conference and any implications for the work of EPOC, as outlined in ENV/EPOC(2004)26. A representative from **BIAC** will be invited to provide short remarks, followed by a discussion open to all participants.

Item 5: Recent work on agriculture and environment

Tom Jones (Head of Global and Structural Policies Division, OECD Environment Directorate) will provide an oral briefing on some of the recent work undertaken by the Joint Working Party on Agriculture and Environment. A representative from **NGOs** will be invited to provide short remarks on the work, followed by a discussion open to all participants.

Item 6: Concluding comments

Stakeholders will be invited to provide brief concluding comments. The Chair of EPOC will indicate how the results of this Dialogue will be reported back to the meeting of EPOC.