Joint Meeting of the Development Assistance Committee and Working Party of the Trade Committee

Draft Agenda

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To be held on 1 June 2006 at 09:30, at Château de la Muette, Paris

09:30-09:45 Welcome and objectives by the Chairs of the joint meeting
- Richard Manning (DAC)
- Henk Jan Bakker (Working Party of the Trade Committee)

09:45-10:30 State of play on aid-for-trade

Presentations:
- Ambassador Mia Horn af Rantzien  
  Chair, WTO Aid-for-Trade Taskforce
- Ambassador Don Stephenson  
  Chair, WTO Integrated Framework Taskforce

10:30-11:00 Aid-for-trade: how to make it effective
For approval

Presentation:
Martina Garcia (TD) and Frans Lammersen (DCD)

11:00-12:30 Aid-for-trade: how to make it effective
- Discussion: All participants

12:30-14:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00-15:00 Presentation of Standards and Trade Development Facility
- Michael Roberts  
  Counsellor, Agriculture and Commodities Division, WTO

15:00-16:00 Joint DAC/DEV/TD Policy Dialogue on Aid-for-Trade
For comment
- Presentation: DCD/DEV
- Discussion: All participants

16:00-16:45 Joint DCD/TD work proposals on trade and development in the 2007/8 PWB
For comment
- Presentation: DCD/TD
- Discussion: All participants

16:45-17:00 Conclusions and next steps
- Richard Manning
- Henk Jan Bakker
Participants

Capital-based delegates (senior-level) of the development and trade policy communities in OECD Member States, International Financial Institutions (IMF, WB), Members of the WTO Secretariat, Chair of the WTO Task Force on Aid for Trade (Ambassador Mia Horn af Rantzien) and UN Agencies participating in the Integrated Framework (UNDP, UNCTAD, ITC).

Focus

The joint meeting will address the Hong Kong WTO Ministerial Declaration call for the expansion of aid-for-trade to help developing countries benefit from WTO agreements and more broadly expand their trade. It is within this context that the OECD Development Assistance Committee and Trade Committee have examined the following three issues:

1. How much aid do donors already provide in support of trade;
2. How effective are these programmes; and,
3. How to make aid-for-trade an effective tool for helping developing countries to fully benefit from trade liberalisation and WTO Agreements.

In addition, participants will be requested to provide comments on the proposed 2007/8 Joint Programme of Work and Budget (Room document 2), and the proposed policy dialogue (Room document 1).

Although trade facilitation will not be a focus at this meeting, it will be important to keep in mind that the on-going negotiations in Geneva on trade facilitation are closely related to the aid-for-trade agenda.

Expected Output

- Endorsement of the joint DCD/TD contribution to the WTO Task Force on Aid-for-Trade.
- Consideration will be given to issuing a joint statement by the co-Chairs regarding the outcome of the meeting if participants find it useful.
- Guidance on possible collaborative DCD/TD work on trade and development in the context of the 2007/8 PWB.

Background documents

- A joint DCD/DEV note on lessons learned in providing trade related technical assistance and capacity building [COM/DCD/DEV(2006)1].