DRAFT AGENDA OF THE OECD WORKSHOP ON INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TO POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

to be held 18-19 May 2004 at Tour Europe, La Défense, Paris

Please find attached FOR INFORMATION the Draft Programme for the Workshop to be held on 18-19 May at Tour Europe, La Défense, Paris.

The support documents for the Workshop are available on the OECD Web-site and the link can be found in the Annex to this document.

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INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TO POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

OECD Commitment to Policy Coherence for Development

1. The OECD has been giving increased attention to policy coherence for development over several years, including through DAC peer reviews of donor aid programmes. This issue received new impetus from the Millennium Summit and the major conferences in Doha, Monterrey, and Johannesburg. The OECD Ministerial Statement (2002) “Action for a Shared Development Agenda” called on the OECD to “enhance understanding of the development dimensions of member country policies and their impacts on developing countries. Analysis should consider trade-offs and potential synergies across such areas as trade, investment, agriculture, health, education, the environment and development co-operation, to encourage greater policy coherence in support of the internationally agreed development goals”.

2. In response to the 2002 Ministerial Statement, the OECD has launched the Horizontal Programme on “Policy Coherence for Development” (PCD). Its main purpose is to facilitate and support efforts of OECD countries to encourage systematic promotion of mutually reinforcing policy actions relevant to developing countries, creating synergies across government departments and agencies. The programme brings together different strands of work within the OECD to strengthen PCD, to help fill gaps in relevant analytical work, and to gain a better understanding of institutional arrangements in OECD countries designed to address these issues.

3. The OECD Development Co-operation Directorate (DCD) is contributing to the horizontal programme through its work on aid untying, trade and development, global environment, and the broader development dimensions of ICT, investment, and conflict. DCD also tracks the efforts made by OECD countries in addressing PCD by monitoring progress with the collective effort to develop a Global Partnership for Development (MDG 8) and through the country Peer Reviews. The planned policy workshop will also contribute to this horizontal programme, drawing on the lessons from Peer Reviews to focus on the institutional approaches of OECD countries for addressing PCD.

Policy Workshop: Aims, Structure and Participants

4. Aims. The aim of the policy workshop is to review and promote the appropriate institutional mechanisms for fostering policy coherence for development within different country and sectoral contexts. The workshop will encourage discussion regarding PCD among different OECD policy communities, developing countries, external researchers and consultants, and civil society advocacy groups that have worked on these issues. A compendium of the country case studies together with a summary of discussions will be published after the seminar as a policy reference tool.

5. Structure. The workshop opens with a panel discussion of the challenges for development that might be addressed more effectively by increasing policy coherence. Participants will then divide into different groups to consider specific challenges for increasing policy coherence. The second session focuses on the interactions of different policy areas, with an introductory panel discussion followed by breakout groups to consider specific institutional issues. In the final session, the workshop will focus on institutional changes taking place in OECD countries to increase policy coherence for development, and will end with consideration of the key points from the different breakout groups.

6. Participants. To encourage the discussion between different policy communities, there will be about 100 participants, including senior officials from OECD capitals dealing with PCD concerns across government departments, and representing policy communities meeting in the OECD committees; senior officials from developing country; and representatives of NGO advocacy groups, academics and consultants with experience of PCD. There will be an emphasis on interaction between the participants at the workshop to encourage an exchange of experience and views.
TUESDAY, 18 MAY 2004

Session 1: Challenges of Policy Coherence for Development

9.30 – 11.00  International challenges for Policy Coherence for Development:
Introductory Panel Discussion
Chair: Richard Manning, Development Assistance Committee
Panel:
Kiyo Akasaka, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD
Sergio Amaral, Ambassador of Brazil;
Eveline Herfkens, UN Millennium Development Campaign;
Jean-Pierre Landau, Inspector-General of Finances, France.

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 What institutional challenges are there for OECD member countries?
(Parallel breakout groups taking place in separate rooms)

1. Is PCD a prerequisite for achieving progress in the Global Partnership for Development? (Zia M Qureshi, Global Monitoring Project, World Bank; Jan Vandemoortele, UNDP)
2. Are the political constraints on addressing policy coherence for development too strong? (Thierry Béchet, Cabinet of the President, European Commission; Ethan Kapstein, INSEAD and German Marshall Fund)
3. Are OECD countries’ publics interested in policy coherence for development? (Ida McDonnell, Delegation of Ireland and Sayuri Shirai, Keio University, Japan)
4. How could we assess results in policy coherence for development? (Margaret Kakande, Ministry of Finance, Uganda; Robert Picciotto, Global Policy Project; David Roodman, Center for Global Development)

13h00-14h30 Lunch at “Wellness Center”
Session 2: Institutional Aspects of Selected Policy Areas

14.30 – 16.00 What institutions do we need to promote greater synergy between policy communities?
Panel discussion on OECD policy communities and development.
Chair: Kiyo Akasaka, Deputy Secretary-General OECD

Panel:
Tom Arnold, Chief Executive, CONCERN, Ireland;
Gunvor Kronman, Chair of Development Policy Committee, Finland.
Susan Moir, Director of Strategic Policy, CIDA, Canada.

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00 Addressing the institutional challenges in OECD policy areas.
(Parallel breakout groups in separate rooms, bringing together policy communities and developing country perspectives)

1. Post-Cancún and increasing attention to development issues in trade and agriculture (Matthias Meyer, Director Task Force WTO Trade and Development; Veli-Pekka Talvela, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Policy and Markets)

2. Social goals and economic and technological change. (Rolph van der Hoeven, Manager, Social Dimension of Globalization, ILO; Klemens Van de Sand, Deputy Director, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany)

3. The implications of trade and investment for developing country tax systems. (Masahiro Kawai, Tokyo University, Japan; Vincent Mazauric, OECD Fiscal Affairs Committee)

4. International financial policies and developing country tax systems (Stephany Griffith-Jones, Institute of Development Studies, UK; Christian Valenduc, Chair of Working Party 2 of Fiscal Affairs Committee)
Session 3: Improving institutional arrangements in OECD countries

9.30 – 11.00 Policy coherence and mutual accountability. 
Panel discussion on efforts by OECD countries to fulfil commitments.
Chair: Michael Roeskau, Director DCD

Panel:
- Haidari Amani, Economic and Social Research Foundation and Independent Monitoring Group, Tanzania;
- Guido Ashoff, Director, German Development Institute;
- Ruth Jacoby, Director-General, Development Co-operation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden;
- Saraswathi Menon, Director of Evaluation, UNDP

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 How can we improve specific institutional arrangements for policy coherence for development? (Parallel break out sessions in separate rooms).

1. How could we share lessons learned on policies and institutions? (Lyndsay McLean Hilker, University of Sussex, UK; Marjolaine Nicod, Development Co-operation, OECD; Alexandra Trzeciak-Duval, OECD Horizontal Programme)

2. New mechanisms for consulting with other policy communities? (Niels Breyer, Head of Division for Action Programme 2015, BMZ, Germany; Jean-Daniel Gardère, Counsellor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Otto Genee, Managing Director, Policy Coherence Unit, DGIS, Netherlands)

3. Approaches to supporting developing countries’ capacity. (Ebba Dohlman, Development Co-operation, OECD; Apollinaire Ndorukwigira, African Capacity Building Foundation; Antoine Simonpietri, PARIS 21, OECD)

4. Improving capacity for analysis and consultation in OECD countries (Alan Matthews, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland; Mark McGillivray, WIDER; Dianna Melrose, Director, International Trade Department, DFID, UK)

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break
**Conclusions**  **Next steps for OECD Member Countries.**

**14.30 - 16.00 What have we learned?**

*Plenary session*

*Chair: Richard Manning, DAC Chair.*

Final comments and discussion around the themes of the workshop, and a final question:

- Key challenges for policy coherence for development
- Bringing policy communities together
- Improving institutions for policy coherence in OECD countries
- What actions by the OECD in policy coherence for development?
ANNEX 1

LIST OF BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR THE WORKSHOP

Room documents when available are posted on the OECD web-site and can be found at the following address: http://www.oecd.org/findDocument/0,2350,en_2649_18532957_1_119808_1_1_1,00.html

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