PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

14th Session of the Territorial Development Policy Committee

1-2 December 2005,
OECD Headquarters, Paris

The Provisional Annotated Agenda of the 14th Session of TDPC is submitted to Delegates for APPROVAL.

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TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
14TH SESSION

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1-2 December, Room 2 - OECD Headquarters, Paris

1st December - Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00

10:00 1. Provisional Annotated Agenda
10:10 2. Summary Record of the 13th Session
10:10 3. Reports by Territorial Development Policy Committee (TDPC) and Working Party Chairs and Remarks by the Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV)

11:00 – 11:20: Coffee break
11:20 4. Review on the Mesoamerican Region
13:00 Lunch: 13:00 – 15:00

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00

15:00 5. National Territorial Review of France
16:30

16:30 – 16:50: Coffee break
16:50 6. TDPC Programme of Work Issues
18:00 – 20:00 Cocktail Reception: Espace Pascal, New Building
2 December – Morning Session: 09:30 – 13:00

09:30  TDPC Programme of Work Issues continued

10:50

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee Break

11:10  7. Strengthening Competitive Metropolitan Regions

13:00  – The Case of Stockholm

GOV/TDPC(2005)10 & 11

Lunch: 13:00 – 15:00

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 17:00

15:00  8. Vertical Co-ordination between Levels of Government: How to Design Effective Arrangements?

GOV/TDPC(2005)12

GOV/TDPC/RD(2005)15 & 16

15:50


GOV/TDPC/RUR(2005)5 & 6

16:50

16:50  10. Other Business

17:00
Other background documents:

Conferences

**Rural Policy Development:**


**Urban Policy Development:**


**Reports (Reviews, Case-studies, Progress Reports, etc.)**

- Provisional Results of the Roundtable discussion on Key Urban Policy Development Issues 7th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas: [GOV/TDPC/RD(2005)19]
- Rural Case Studies: Tuscany, Italy; Lake Balaton, Hungary; and Crete, Greece [GOV/TDPC/RUR(2005)2,3, and 4]

**Work in Progress**


**Outreach:**

- A Framework for OECD Relations with Non-Members [C(2005)158/FINAL]

**Forthcoming events**

- TDPC Calendar of Events 2005/6 [GOV/TDPC/RD(2005)23]
Item 3: Reports by Territorial Development Policy Committee (TDPC) and Working Party Chairs and Remarks by the Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV)

1. Mr. Fabrizio Barca, TDPC Chair, will introduce the Agenda of the Committee’s 14th Session and report on the latest developments since the 13th Session of the TDPC.

2. Mrs. Margaret Clark, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Policies in Rural Areas, will report on the latest developments since the Working Party’s 6th Session, in particular (1) The OECD International Conference: Designing and Implementing Rural Development Policies, held in Oaxaca, Mexico on 7-8 April 2005. This was a follow-up to the rural development conferences held in Siena (2003) and Warrenton (2004) and provided another opportunity for an in-depth discussion on the design and implementation of rural development policies; and (2) the recent OECD Workshop on the Coherence of Agricultural and Rural Development Policies, 24-26 October, 2005, Bratislava, jointly organised by AGR/GOV. The Chair will also mention a future event on rural policy development, due to take place in Scotland next year and a series of Reviews on Rural Policy at the National level that will be carried out during 2006.

3. Mr. Takayuki Hara, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas (WPURB) will report on the latest developments since the Working Party’s 7th Session, including the recent conference on “Sustainable Cities – Linking Competitiveness with Social Cohesion”, which took place in Montreal, Canada from 13-14 October 2005. Mr. Hara will also report on key policy issues on which the Urban Working Party could focus on their future activities, drawing on the outcome of the roundtable session of the Urban Working Party’s 6th Session in June 2005 (see summary of roundtable session [GOV/TDPC/ RD(2005)19]).

4. Mr. Dev Virdee, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators, will report on the 11th Session of the Working Party held two days before, on 29 November. Mr. Virdee will provide a brief overview of the group’s outputs, ongoing and future activities.

5. Mrs. Odile Sallard, Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development (GOV), will report on the latest developments in the OECD and in GOV. Mrs. Sallard will describe the findings of the 2004 Programme Implementation Reporting (PIR) and explain the calendar for the preparations of the TDPC Programme of Work and Budget for 2007-8 (to be discussed by the Committee in Item 6).

Action required: for information

Item 4: Review on the Mesoamerican Region

Mr. Roberto Villareal, Office for Politic Policies, Presidency of Mexico, and TDPC Vice-Chair, will introduce the National Territorial Review of the Mesoamerican Region and the Assessment and
Recommendations, followed by interventions by Mr. Marvin Taylor, Chief Economist, Central American Bank for Economic Integration; and Mr. Oscar Nuñez, Director General, Central Bank of Honduras and Deputy Commissioner of the Plan Peubel Panama Commission. The Secretariat will briefly comment before introducing the country peer reviewers, Mr. David Chatterson, Canada, and Mr. José Manuel Rodriguez, Spain, who will also provide comments. The report consists of three parts. The first illustrates the most defining characteristics emerging from the analysis of the Mesoamerican region’s (MAR) principal socio-economic indicators. This part highlights the contrast between the region’s existing economic potential and the difficult overall conditions of MAR economies; The second discusses ways to spur development in the MAR through inclusive competitiveness policies that address cross-cutting measures for all firms as well as specific policies for promising sectors; and the third on Governance argues that economic integration needs to be coupled with institutional reforms at the mesoregional level and with improved co-ordination at national and sub-national levels.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 5: National Territorial Review of France

6. The National Territorial Review of France and its Assessment and Recommendations will be introduced by representatives from the French authorities, led by the Head of DATAR (the Agency for Regional Policy) followed by a short presentation by the Secretariat. Japan and Hungary, the peer reviewer countries, will also provide comments on the Review. In France, regional policy, previously very much geared towards infrastructure and planning in the territory now also focuses on the competitiveness of regions. The review analyses the emergence of these regional competitiveness policies in three areas: 1) wide range clustering. In addition, the review assesses main governance instruments such as state-region planning contracts, policy incentives to stimulate the co-operation between the communes and frameworks to encourage the establishment of more functional areas; 2) urban and rural competitiveness; 3) access to broadband. Finally, the Review suggests some measures to improve innovation policies in regions, to render the contractual approach more effective, to analyse inter municipal co-operation, and to focus more on evaluation mechanisms.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 6: TDPC Programme of Work Issues:

− Siena Research Programme
− Outreach Activities

7. OECD Committees will be asked to prepare their 2007/8 work programme over the period January to June 2006. Following the Committee’s discussions at this session, the Secretariat will prepare a draft work programme. Based on the background documents submitted, the discussion will focus on the programme of work preparations, the findings of the 2004 PIR, Outreach Activities, as well as the latest developments regarding the Siena Research Programme.

➢ Action required: for information and discussion
Item 7: Strengthening Competitive Metropolitan Regions

– The Case of Stockholm

8. The Stockholm Report and its Assessment and Recommendations will be introduced by Swedish national and regional representatives and the Secretariat. Stockholm is one of the top-ranked regions in the world in areas such as innovation capacity and competitive clusters, employment levels, labour productivity, public health, educational attainment and poverty. While there is no major reason to predict economic decline, Stockholm should draw on new sources of growth from its innovation sector. Up to now, this sector has been dominated by R&D intensive manufacturing multinationals, but these are now increasingly outsourcing in Asian and Eastern European countries. The report also discusses factors that are affecting Stockholm's business environment, including obstacles to the integration of the foreign labour force in the labour market, shortages of housing in a high regulated market and failures in transport infrastructure investment. It also discusses the concept of the wider Stockholm Mälar region that with further integration through strategic public investment holds promise of increasing economies of agglomeration. Finally, a review of the governance framework is developed in light of the current regionalisation process that is taking place in Sweden.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 8: Vertical Co-ordination between Levels of Government: How to Design Effective Arrangements?

9. This session will be devoted to governance issues and is based on a note on “Vertical Co-ordination between Levels of Government: How to Design Effective Arrangements?”, which focuses on the financial aspects of these vertical relationships and on regional policy financing. This note is accompanied by two documents. The first is an annex on the effective design of grants according to their objectives, which was the subject of the paper provided by GOV for the 2nd Meeting of the Network of Fiscal Relations across Levels of Government, 8-9 September 2005. The second document is devoted to the contractual approach to multilevel governance (for information). It is a preliminary draft of a position paper and its results will be applied to the analysis of various national cases of regional policies using contracts (late 2006). The Committee could discuss the relations between TDPC and the Fiscal Network. The next meeting of the Network will be held in Paris on 28-29 November 2006, back to back with the TDPC’s 16th Session.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval


10. This report is based on a synthesis of information gathered through the ongoing series of studies in rural areas and is supplemented by proceedings from international conferences. Before opening the floor, the Chair will introduce Mr. Ray Bollman, Vice-Chair in the Bureau of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators, who will make a presentation on some quantitative findings that have been used in the publication and that result from co-operation between the two Working Parties. The Committee will be informed of the outcome of the debate on the report at the 7th Session of the Working Party the day before.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval
Item 10: Other Business

11. Ms. Karen Gosling, General Manager, Department of Transport and Regional Services, Australia will provide an update on the preparations of the International Growing Regions Conference that is being arranged by the Department of Transport & Regional Services in Brisbane, Australia from 25 to 27 July 2006. Further information on the Conference is available at http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/growingregions.