16th SESSION OF THE TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

29-30 November 2006,
OECD Headquarters, Château de la Muette, Paris

This Provisional Annotated Agenda is submitted to Delegates of the Territorial Development Policy Committee for APPROVAL at its 16th Session on 29-30 November 2006.

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Territorial Development Policy Committee
16th Session
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29-30 November 2006, Room C, OECD Headquarters, Paris
(29 November: 10:00 – 13:00 and 14:30 – 18:00 - 30 November: 9:30 – 13:00 and 14:30 - 17:00)

10:00 - 10:45
1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 15th Session
3. Election of TDPC Chair
4. Presentation by Chairs of the TDPC and its working parties and Statement by the Director
   - TDPC Programme of Work 2007/8
   - Outcome of the Annual Meeting of the Network on Fiscal Relations Across Levels of Government and of the Workshop on: The Use of Indicators for Effective Regional Development Policies: Lessons from OECD Country Cases

10:45 – 11:00
5. External Relations:
   - Discussion of External Relations and Engagement Strategy
   - Request for Observership, Chile
   - Co-operation with China on Regional Development

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00
6. Emerging Issues on the Territorial Agenda in OECD countries: State and Perspective

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:00 Afternoon Session
7. OECD Regions at a Glance 2007
8. Regional Equity in OECD Health Systems
   - Coffee Break from 16:00 – 16:30
10. Spatial Development for Regional Competitiveness

11:00 and 16:00 coffee breaks (approximate times);
18:15 – 20:00 Cocktail Reception, Hall of the «Château de la Muette », hosted by the Permanent Delegation of Italy to the OECD
30 November 2006
09:30 – 13:00 Morning Session

09:30 – 10:30
11. Innovation-led policies for Regional Competitiveness
   • Analytical Report
   • Regional Innovation Systems in China: Insights from Shanghai, Sichuan and Liaoning

10:30 – 11:30
12. Policy Strategies for Regional Competitiveness
   • Analytical report

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50 – 13:00
13. Metropolitan Governance and Competitiveness: The Case of Randstad, Netherlands

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Afternoon Session

14:30 – 16:30
14. Rural Development Policy
   – The Case of Germany
   – The Case of Mexico

16:30 – 17:00
15. Other business

*Background documents*

Item 5: External Relations: Strategy for Defining the Role and Participation of Non-Members in the TDPC’s Work

Item 6 (background information available as room documents in the meeting room)
- Seminar of the Austrian EU Presidency 2006: Report on Governance of Territorial Strategies
- Issues Paper from the Seminar of the Austrian EU Presidency 2006: Governance of Territorial Strategies
- Territorial Agenda of the EU: Towards a More Competitive Europe of Diverse Regions
- The Territorial States and Perspectives of the European Union document

ANNOTATIONS

16th Session of the Territorial Development Policy Committee

Item 2: Approval of the Summary Record of the 15th Session

➤ Action required: Approve the Summary Record of the 15th Session

Item 3: Election of TDPC Chair

1. The Secretariat has received one candidate for the election of a new Chair. It concerns Mr. Mark Drabenstott (United States).

➤ Action required: Elect a new Chair, following the resignation of Mr. Fabrizio Barca (Italy)

Item 4: Presentation by Chairs of the TDPC and its working parties and Statement by the Director

2. The Chair will introduce the Agenda of the Committee’s 16th Session and report on the latest developments since the 15th Session of the TDPC. He will welcome the attendance of Morocco as Observer, Chile as Ad-hoc Observer and the participation of the World Bank.

3. The Working Party Chairs will provide a brief overview of the groups’ outputs, ongoing and future activities:

   − Mrs. Margaret Clark, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Policies in Rural Areas, will report on the outcome of the Working Party’s 8th Session, held on 18 October 2006 and the annual OECD conference on rural development: Investment Priorities for Rural Development, held on 19-20 October 2006, hosted by the Scottish Executive, UK in Edinburgh. Mrs. Clark will announce the next rural policy conference, which will focus on human capital and innovation, and will be hosted by the Consejería de Desarrollo Rural of the Government of Extremadura, Spain, on 22-23 March 2007.

   − Mr. Takayuki Hara, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas (WPURB), will brief delegates on the ongoing activities of the Working Party, in particular, the forthcoming Urban Policy Conference: What policies for Globalising Cities: Rethinking the Urban Policy Agenda, which will be held on 29-30 March 2007, hosted by the Municipality of Madrid, Spain.

   − Mr. Dev Virdee, Chair of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators, will report on recent an ongoing work of the Working Party. He will describe the outcome of the 13th Session of the Working Party held the day before the TDPC meeting, which included an International Workshop on Defining and Measuring Metropolitan Regions on 27 November.

4. Mrs. Odile Sallard, Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV), will provide a brief update on the latest developments within the OECD. She will brief the Committee on the current situation concerning the OECD Programme of Work and Budget and implications for the TDPC work programme in 2007/8.

5. The Director will then brief delegates on the outcome of the Annual Meeting of the Network on Fiscal Relations Across Levels of Government, (27 and 28 November) and on the Workshop on “The Use of Indicators for Effective Regional Development Policies: Lessons from OECD Country Cases” (28 November).
Action required: the views of the Committee will be sought

Item 5: External Relations

- Discussion of External Relations and Engagement Strategy
- Request for Observership by Chile
- Co-operation with China on regional development

6. Under this item, the Secretariat will briefly update the Committee on:

- The OECD’s Engagement and Enlargement Strategy
- Chile’s request for Observership in the TDPC and its subsidiary bodies. The Committee is requested to approve the technical opinion on this request.
- Co-operation with China on regional development.

Action required: Discuss the Committee’s engagement strategy and ongoing co-operation with China and, discuss and approve the technical opinion for Chile’s request for observership

Item 6: Emerging Issues on the Territorial Agenda in OECD countries: State and Perspective

7. The Committee will discuss the state and perspective of territorial development in OECD countries. Delegates are invited to present views from their country’s perspective on emerging issues on the territorial agenda.

Action required: for discussion

Item 7: OECD Region at a Glance 2007

8. The Secretariat will present the manuscript of the publication OECD Region at a Glance. The publication, which analyses and compares major territorial patterns and regional trends across OECD countries, comprises four sections: 1. Regions as the Actors of National Growth; 2. Making the Best of Local Assets; 3. Competing on the basis of Well-being; 4. Regional Focus on Health.

Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 8: Regional Equity in OECD Health Systems

9. The Secretariat will present the results of the study on “Regional Equity in OECD Health” based on a comparative analysis of the OECD Member States. The study comprises two parts.

Part 1: The Regional Allocation of Resources compares the main orientations of national health systems, allocation of responsibilities among the levels of government, the degree of autonomy of the regional health administrations and the resource allocation mechanisms.

Part 2: Health Status and Resources examines regional differences in health based on 4 sets of indicators: 1. health status; 2. health resources; 3. non medical determinants of health; and 4. the demographic and economic context.

10. The Secretariat proposes to have the report published in the series OECD Reviews of Health Systems.
Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 9: Analytical Report on Institutional Co-ordination between Levels of Government

11. At the end of the two-year work programme period on multi-level governance issues the Secretariat will present an analytical report on institutional co-ordination between levels of government (for discussion and approval), which underlines main findings from a two-fold approach: vertical relationships between levels of government based on a contractual framework on the one hand, and on the other, the horizontal co-ordination of activities among municipalities. One additional report submitted as a draft in the last June TDPC and revised according comments and suggestions provided by TDPC Delegates is now submitted for approval before publication: *Multi-level Governance of Regional Development: The Use of Contractual Arrangements* [GOV/TDPC(2006)18]. Another document is also presented for organising the discussion during this session: *Institutional Co-ordination between levels of Government: Issues for discussion* [GOV/TDPC(2006)19].

Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 10: Spatial Development for Regional Competitiveness

12. The secretariat will make a presentation that summarises the issues discussed in Working Party on Territorial Policy in Urban Areas in the context of spatial development policy for regional competitiveness. The presentation will initially review how the competitiveness agenda in urban policy initiated entrepreneurial approaches in urban spatial development (urban regeneration, housing, building and spatial planning), and make an appraisal of their achievements as well as shortcomings. Based on this, it will try to draw lessons on the challenges that urban policy planners need to overcome to realise the full potentials of urban entrepreneurialism for regional competitiveness while meeting the growing expectations from the global policy agenda as well as neighbourhoods.

Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 11: Innovation-led policies for enhancing regional competitiveness

− Analytical Report

13. The Secretariat will present an Analytical Report that synthesises the main findings from the reports on cluster policies and on enhancing the role of higher education institutions in regional development.

Action required: for discussion and approval

− Regional Innovation Systems in China: Insights from Shanghai, Sichuan and Liaoning.

14. The Secretariat will make a presentation on an exploratory study of regional policies and institutional arrangements to support innovation in China, focusing on three contrasting regions (Shanghai, Sichuan and Liaoning). *This project contributes to a larger OECD project assessing China’s national innovation system (NIS).*

Action required: for discussion
Policy Strategies for Regional Competitiveness

Analytical report

**Item 12: Policy Strategies for Regional Competitiveness: Analytical Report**

15. The Secretariat will present a synthesis report of the main findings from the work carried out by TDPC on regional competitiveness, including the work conducted and published on urban and rural development. It constitutes the background for the discussion concerning the paper to be presented by the Chair of the TDPC, Fabrizio Barca, on the Rationale and Complex Governance of Place-based Development Policies [GOV/TDPC(2006)23].

➤ **Action required: for discussion and approval**

**Item 13: Metropolitan Competitiveness and Governance: The Case of Randstad**

16. The “Case Study of Randstad” will be introduced by the Dutch authorities. Randstad is a poly-centric metropolitan area that performs well on many fronts, but that has witnessed a deceleration of labour productivity growth over the last decades. The Secretariat will briefly illustrate the obstacles for higher productivity growth. One of the challenges for the Randstad is to make optimal use of the characteristics of the area, such as its poly-centrivity that offers possibilities for economic complementarity and specialization. Representatives of peer reviewing countries will open the discussion by presenting their viewpoints.

➤ **Action required: for discussion and approval**

**Item 14: Rural Development Policy**

**The Case of Germany**

17. Mr. Theo Augustin, Manager, Sustainable Rural Development in the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture (Germany) will comment on the report *Rural Policy Review of Germany*. This will be followed by presentations by Margaret Clark (UK) and Mr. Wolf Huber (Austria) on behalf of the Peer Reviewers: Mr. Richard Wakeford, Scottish Executive (UK), and Thomas Dax (Austria).

18. The report compiles 3 chapters, which focus on: 1) A definition of rural Germany and its profile according to four main development concerns: demographic, social, economic and environmental; 2) an analysis of rural policy in Germany, which highlights the need for a clearer rural policy framework; and 3) a set of recommendations entitled: “Towards a modern rural policy”. The report incorporates comments made by delegates at the 8th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas on 18 October 2006.

➤ **Action required: for discussion and approval**
The Case of Mexico

19. The Rural Policy Review of Mexico will be introduced by a representative from the Mexican authorities. This will be followed by presentations by Italy and Spain on behalf of the Peer Reviewers, Mrs. Sabrina Lucatelli (Italy), and Mr. Jesús Regidor (Spain).

20. The report contains three chapters: 1) a comprehensive overview of the socio-economic dynamics characterising rural areas in Mexico, identifying the resulting policy challenges. It defines what is rural in Mexico, providing a profile of rural Mexico according to four development concerns: demographic, social, economic and environmental, and enumerates the most significant policy challenges; 2) analyses the recently institutionalised multi-sectoral framework for rural policy in Mexico, and two specific policies targeted to rural development: the Rural Development Program of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Micro-Regions Strategy co-ordinated by the Ministry of Social Development; and 3) addresses critical issues highlighted in the three areas analysed in Chapter 2. The report incorporate delegates’ comments from the 8th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas, which was held on 18 October 2006.

Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 15: Other business

21. Mr. Richard Hecklinger, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD, will make a closing address.

22. The Chair will remind delegates of the next TDPC meetings in June 2007 (all meetings will be held at the OECD Headquarters in Paris).