The Provisional Annotated Agenda is submitted to Delegates of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas at its 6th Session for APPROVAL. The meeting will begin on 7 December at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. It will be held at the:

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6th Session
7 December 2004, Salle des Nations, La Défense

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

Morning Session: 10:00 - 13:00

1. Adoption of the Agenda
   GOV/TDPC/RUR/A(2004)1

2. Bureau Renewal

3. Approval of the Summary Record of the 5th Meeting
   GOV/TDPC/RUR/M(2003)2

4. Opening remarks by the Chair and Director’s Statement

   Horizontal Activities on Policy Strategies for Regional Competitiveness

5. Place-based Policies for Rural Development:
   – Proceedings of the Conference in Warrenton, Virginia (USA)
     GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2004)1
   – Forthcoming Conference of Oaxaca, Mexico – Issues Paper
     GOV/TDPC/RUR(2004)1

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00

   Place-based Policies for Rural Development, cont.
   – Case Study on the Basque Country, Spain
     GOV/TDPC/RUR(2004)2
   – Case Study on the Region of Extremadura, Spain
     GOV/TDPC/RUR(2004)3

6. Strengthening the Links between Urban and Rural Areas
   - Issues Paper
     GOV/TDPC/RUR(2004)4

7. Other Business

   Morning and afternoon coffee breaks will take place at approximately 11:00 and 16:30
Documents for information:

- TDPC Programme of Work
- TDPC Communications Plan
- Proposed Draft Strategy for Defining the Role and Participation of Non-Members in the TDPC’s work
- OECD Regions at a Glance
- Draft Outline of the Agenda for the Symposium on Diagnosing Regional Competitive Advantage
ANNOTATIONS

Morning Session: 10:00 - 13:00

Item 2: Bureau Renewal

The Constituency of the Bureau is as follows:

Chair: Ms. M. Clark (United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairs: Ms. C. Kovacshazy (France)
Ms. C. Pachaki (Greece)
Mr. Y. Saika (Japan)
Mr. S. Soto Priante (Mexico)
Mr. L. Elvan (Turkey)
Mr. M. Drabenstott (United States)

Action required: Renewal of the Bureau.

Item 4: Opening Remarks by the Chair and Statement by the Director

The Chair will open the meeting. The Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV) will brief the Working Party on the latest development within the Directorate. Several documents submitted for discussion at the 12th Session of the TDPC on 9/10 December are made available to the Working Party for information and the Secretariat will take into account delegates’ views on these. They concern: the OECD Regions at a Glance; a Communications Plan; a Proposed Draft Strategy for Defining the Role and Participation of Non-Members in the TDPC’s Work; and a draft outline of the Agenda for the Symposium on Diagnosing Regional Competitive Advantage. Finally, based on the TDPC Programme of Work for 2005-2006 [GOV/TDPC(2003)3/REV2], the debate will focus on the achievements of the Working Party, the evaluation of activities undertaken and its contribution to the TDPC work programme over the next biennium.

Action required: for discussion

Coffee Break: 11:00 – 11:20

Item 5:

Thematic Analysis on Regional Policies for Competitiveness and Growth

The results of the recent prioritisation exercise, which was carried out to assist the Secretariat in its preparation of the TDPC Programme of Work for 2005-2006, highlighted regional policies for competitiveness and growth as a high priority for the TDPC and its Working Parties. The following papers focus on the results of the conference held in Warrenton, Virginia, March 2004, and on the proposed issues from the conference in
Oaxaca (7-8 April 2005). The results of conferences and of past and ongoing case-studies will contribute to the report on place-based policies for Rural Development to be finalised end of 2005.

**Place-based Policies for Rural Development :**

- **Outcome of the Conference held in Warrenton, Virginia, USA, 25-26 March 2004**
  
  The Delegate of the United States, Mr. Mark Drabenstott, of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, will describe the outcome of the conference which provided important insights to the development of rural policy in member countries.

  ➢ **Action required: for information**

- **Forthcoming Conference in Oaxaca, Mexico, March 2005 – Issues Paper**
  
  As a follow-up to the rural development conferences held in Siena (2003) and Warrenton (2004) and in preparation for the forthcoming event in Oaxaca, Mexico, the Secretariat will present the issues paper as background for discussion at the conference.

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

**Lunch break: 13:00 – 15:00**

**Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00**

- **Case Study on Place-based Policies for Rural Development, the Basque Country, Spain**
  
  ➢ **Action required: for discussion**

- **Case Study on Place-based Policies for Rural Development in the Region of Extremadura, Spain**

**Coffee break: 16:30 – 17:00**

**Item 6: Strengthening the Links between Urban and Rural Areas - Issues Paper**

The Secretariat will present an issues paper on *Strengthening the Links between Urban and Rural Areas*, which will raise key questions in two types of regions (metropolitan with rural surroundings; typically rural) where the impact of rural-urban linkages differs because of dissimilar size and population densities, although governance issues are common to both. Delegates will be invited to discuss the innovative policies which are required or are presently being implemented in their country in order to:

a) better manage growth in metropolitan regions from both the rural as well as the urban standpoint, in particular by improving spatial planning and functional linkages;

b) maintain and enhance the economic sustainability of rural regions, in particular by promoting small and medium sized hub towns, improving communications and public service delivery.

  ➢ **Action required: for discussion**