The Provisional Draft Agenda of the 13th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators is submitted to delegates for APPROVAL at the meeting.

The venue for meetings on 27-28 November is the OECD Headquarters, Château de la Muette. The 13th WPTI is taking place back to back with two Workshops and details on their agendas are also provided in this document. The schedule will be as follows:

27 November:
10:00 - 18:00 (room Roger Ockrent) International Workshop on "Defining and Measuring Metropolitan Regions" (lunch break from 13:00 - 15:00)

28 November:
10:00 – 13:00: (room Roger Ockrent): 13th WPTI, Room Roger Ockrent (lunch break from 13:00 - 15:00)
15:00 – 18:00 (room C): Workshop on "The Use of Indicators for Effective Regional Development Policies: Lessons from OECD Country Cases"

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SPECIAL SESSION

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
“DEFINING AND MEASURING METROPOLITAN REGIONS”

27 NOVEMBER 2006, ROOM ROGER OCKRENT, 10:00 – 18:00

1. Metropolitan Regions have become a crucial economic actor in today’s highly integrated world. Not only do they play their traditional role of growth poles in their countries but they function as essential nodes of the global economy.

2. Policy makers, international organisations and research networks are increasingly called to compare the economic and social performances of Metropolitan Regions across countries. Examples of this work undertaken in international organisation and networks include the UN-Habitat, the EU Urban Audit, ESPON and the OECD Competitive Cities.

3. The scope of what we can learn from these international comparisons, however, is limited by the lack of a comparable definition of Metropolitan Regions. Although most countries have their own definitions, these vary significantly from one country to another. Furthermore, in search for higher cross-country comparability, international initiatives have – somehow paradoxically - generated an even larger number of definitions.

4. In principle, there is no clear reason to prefer one definition to another. As each definition has been elaborated for a specific analytical purpose, it captures some features of a Metropolitan Region while it tends to overlook others. The issue, rather, is that we do not know the pros and the cons of different definitions nor, most important, the analytical implications of using one definition rather than another.

5. In order to respond to these questions, the OECD will host an international workshop on “Defining and Measuring Metropolitan Regions”. The workshop will bring together major international organisations (the UN, Eurostat, the World Bank, and the OECD), National Statistical Offices and researchers from this field. The aim of the workshop is to develop some “guiding principles”, which could be agreed upon among the participants and would eventually provide the basis for some form of “International Guidance” for comparing Metropolitan Regions across countries.
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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON
“DEFINING AND MEASURING METROPOLITAN REGIONS”

27 NOVEMBER 2006, ROOM ROGER OCKRENT, 10:00 – 17:30
DRAFT AGENDA

Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00 Room Roger Ockrent

1. Vincenzo Spiezia (OECD) and Dev Virdee (Chair of WPTI),
   Introduction

2. Torbioern Carlquist, EUROSTAT
   Revision of the Larger Urban Zones in the Urban Audit data collection
   GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)3

3. Kai Böhme, ESPON
   Metropolitan Regions in the framework of ESPON

4. Dominique Lecomte, IARIF, France
   The Functional Urban Regions in the GEMACA project
   Oral Presentation

Coffee Break

5. Giovanni Barbieri, ISTAT Italy
   Defining Urban Regions based on the Local Labour Systems in Italy
   Oral Presentation

6. Paul Cheshire, LSE; Alan Freeman and Gareth Baker, GLA London
   Defining and Measuring Metropolitan Regions: a rationale
   GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)7

7. Urs Müller, Tina Haisch, BAK Basel Economics
   The importance of defining and measuring urban regions in the right way – a sensitivity analysis;
   GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)4

Afternoon Session: 14:30 – 16:30 Room Roger Ockrent

8. John Mooney, Jon Carling, NERIP, UK
   A region of two cities? Defining city regions in North East England
   GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)6

9. Kazuko Ishigaki, MLIT, Japan
   Defining Urban Regions in Japan
   GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)1

10. Henry Puderer, Statistics Canada
    Defining and measuring metropolitan areas in North America
    Oral Presentation

11. Rosemary Goodyear, Statistics New Zealand
    Defining metropolitan regions
    GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)2

Final Session: 16:30 – 17:30

12. Mike Coombes, University of Newcastle, UK
    Multiple Dimensions Of Settlement Systems: Coping With Complexity
    Oral Presentation
    GOV/TDPC/TI/RD(2006)8
Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00 Room Roger Ockrent

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 12th Session
3. Regions at a Glance 2007
4. Regional Equity in Health Systems - Part 2: Comparing Health Status and Resources
5. Diagnosing Regional Comparative Advantages: Implications for the Activities of the WPTI over 2007-08
7. Other Business

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00 Room C

Workshop on
“The Use of Indicators for Effective Regional Development Policies: Lessons from OECD Country Cases”

8. Agenda of the Workshop
WORKING PARTY ON TERRITORIAL INDICATORS

13TH SESSION

10:00 – 13:00, 28 NOVEMBER 2006, ROOM ROGER OCKRENT, OECD HEADQUARTERS, PARIS

ANNOTATIONS

Item 3: OECD Region at a Glance 2007

6. The Secretariat will present the manuscript of the publication “OECD Region at a Glance”.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 4: Regional Equity in Health Systems - Part 2: Comparing Health Status and Resources

7. The Secretariat will present the results of the second part of the project on “Geographical Equity in Health” based on a comparative analysis of the OECD Member States. This section compares 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. The Secretariat proposes to have the report published in the series OECD Reviews of Health Systems.

➢ Action required: for discussion and approval

Item 5: Diagnosing Regional Comparative Advantages: Implications for the Activities of the WPTI over 2007-08

8. The Secretariat will invite delegates to make proposals on the contribution of the WPTI to the output “Diagnosing Regional Comparative Advantages” in the Programme of Work 2007-08 of the TDPC.

➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 6: Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies. Second OECD Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy

9. Mr. Jeroen Meyer, from the OECD Statistical Directorate, will present the forthcoming forum on “Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies”. This is a follow-up of first Forum on Statistics, Knowledge and Policy held in Palermo in November 2004.

➢ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps

Item 8: The Use of Indicators for Effective Regional Development Policies: Lessons from OECD Country Cases

10. Promoting regional development generally requires mechanisms for measuring and monitoring progress, often through the use of indicators attached to sub national units performance. Yet countries are at different stages with respect to their use of indicators for regional development policy. Some countries/regions have well-developed systems, while others are in the process of discussing or adopting them. The goal of the workshop is to describe the landscape of systems currently in place (or in development) in various OECD countries, their added value or inefficiencies for regional development
policies, and to provide useful insight regarding the development and use of different approaches for countries, which have not yet built or implemented performance indicators system.


➤ Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps