Lorents Lorentsen to Head OECD’s Environment Work

The Secretary-General of the OECD, Donald Johnston, has appointed Lorents Lorentsen, acting Secretary-General of the Norwegian Ministry of Finance, to the position of Director of the OECD Environment Directorate.

During eleven years with the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Lorentsen has worked on environmental and pension policy issues in addition to more general macroeconomic policies. Prior to this, he was the Director of Research with Statistics Norway responsible for work on natural resource accounts, energy consumption, pollution and economic forecasting.

The author of many publications pertaining to natural resource accounting, modelling of energy markets, multi-sectoral growth models, and taxation of fossil fuels, Mr. Lorentsen brings to the OECD a prominent background in environmental economics, econometric modelling and macroeconomics combined with extensive experience as a manager and economic policy advisor.

Mr. Lorentsen has headed the Norwegian Delegation to Working Party 1 of OECD’s Economic Policy Committee since 1992 and Norway’s Delegation to the Ad Hoc Group on Sustainable Development since 2001. Vice Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change from 1994-2001, he currently heads a working group on economy and environment under the Nordic Council of Ministers.

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