

PARTICIPATION PLAN

Environment Policy Committee

References:

- 30.04.2013
- 22.01.2014
- 25.02.2016
- 13.07.2016
- 13.12.2016
- 15.09.2017
- 15.05.2018
- 17.04.2018
- 15.10.2018
- 19.10.2018
- 13.09.2019
- 21.07.2021
- 01.06.2022
- 06.07.2022
- 08.02.2023
- 12.12.2023
- 19.03.2024
- 08.11.2024
- 01.04.2025
- 07.05.2025
- 22.11.2025

^A In line with the Roadmaps for the OECD Accession Process adopted by the Council at Ministerial level on 10 June 2022; on 26 March 2024; on 29 March 2024; and on 17 June 2024, Brazil, Bulgaria, Croatia, Peru and Romania; Argentina; Indonesia; and Thailand, respectively, are invited to participate, on the basis of their status as accession candidate countries, in the meetings of all OECD substantive committees and their subsidiary bodies open to participation by all OECD Members. Where they participate on the basis of their status of accession candidate countries, they will participate in all discussions except confidential sessions and have access to related documents but they will not take part in decision-making. Where they are Associates or Participants in an OECD body in line with the Resolution on Partnerships, they will maintain their status and the corresponding rights and obligations throughout the accession process.

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OECD Body	Environment Policy Committee (EPOC)
Subsidiary bodies to which this Plan applies^{1,2}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Working Party on Tax and Environment (joint with the Committee on Fiscal Affairs) (JWPTXE) Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment (JWPAE) Joint Working Party on Trade and the Environment (JWPTE) Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems (WPBWE) Working Party on Climate Change (WPCC) Working Party on Environmental Information (WPEI) Working Party on Environmental Performance (WPEP) Working Party on Finance and Investment for Environmental Goals (WPFIEG) Working Party on Integrating Environmental and Economic Policies (WPIEEP) Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste (WPRPW)
Global Relations Strategic Directions	Approved on: 19 September 2023
ASSOCIATES	

¹ The Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology is included in the Participation Plan of the Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and the Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology.

² The current Participation Plan of the other parent bodies can be found at the following address: <https://www.oecd.org/global-relations/partnershipsinoecdbodies/>.

Conditions	<p>1) Associate in the EPOC and all its subsidiary bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commitment to provide inputs to the OECD's Environmental Data collection and the Database on Economic Instruments used for Environmental Policies and Natural Resource Management; • A willingness by the country to carry out a self-assessment of its Environmental Policy Framework, Priorities and Challenges; • A commitment to submit an Environmental Performance Review (EPR); • An assessment that satisfies EPOC that the country's policies are broadly compatible with the following Core Principles of EPOC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applying the Polluter Pays Principle (PPP) so that the costs of pollution prevention and control measures are borne by polluters, and are not generally subsidised by governments; ○ Promoting the use of economic instruments to improve the allocation and efficient use of natural resources and better reflect the social costs of resource use, waste and pollution; ○ Undertaking regular evaluations of the environmental effectiveness and economic efficiency of environmentally-related policy instruments; ○ Supporting environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedures that facilitate the thorough analysis of projects with potentially significant environmental impacts, together with public participation measures for informing and engaging those affected by such projects; ○ Implementing integrated approaches for pollution prevention and control and for the sustainable management of natural resources; ○ Promoting economic and sectoral policies that take into account the need to internalise environmental externalities into economic decisions and practices, and promoting technological and organisational improvements that make the achievement of environmental goals more likely in the future; ○ Ensuring that the generation of waste, including hazardous waste, is reduced, the export of waste for final disposal is minimised and is consistent with the environmentally sound and efficient management of such wastes, and that adequate facilities for the environmentally sound management of waste are made available; ○ Controlling exports and imports of hazardous waste while allowing trade in waste as end-of-life materials and products destined for economically efficient and environmentally sound recovery operations within the OECD area; ○ Ensuring the quality and policy relevance of environmental information and its availability to the public; and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working closely with OECD and other relevant Partners to address trans-frontier pollution; ● Adherence to the Declaration on Green Growth [OECD/LEGAL/0374]; ● Adherence to the Recommendation of the Council on Water [OECD/LEGAL/0434] ● Sharing of information on how the country's domestic policies are being aligned to be consistent with achievement of the climate change emission reduction targets spelt out in article 2 of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. ● As appropriate, the acceptance of a similar level of obligations under relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) as those accepted by most or all OECD Member countries. <p>2) Associate in one or several of the EPOC subsidiary bodies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not the first two conditions and only those remaining conditions that are relevant to the work of the Working Party in question apply (e.g. for the Working Party on Biodiversity, Water and Ecosystems, only the country's water and biodiversity related policies would be assessed). 		
Fee	Lower Part I Associate fee for a Working Party, Higher Part I Associate fee for the Committee ³		
Associate	Bodies to which the invitation applies	Approval date	Exchange of letters

³ The current rates can be found at this address: <https://www.oecd.org/global-relations/partnershipsinoecdbodies/>.

Argentina ^A	JWPTXE	13.02.2014	19.06.2014
ASSOCIATES IN THE INCLUSIVE FORUM ON CARBON MITIGATION APPROACHES PROJECT ("IFCMA PROJECT")			
Conditions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Demonstrate an interest in the mitigation of global greenhouse gas emissions. 2) Demonstrate a willingness and ability to contribute actively to the Project, including through policy dialogue, data providing and the provision of requested country data that is reasonably relevant to the work of the Project. 3) Demonstrate a willingness to share information to facilitate accurate measurement and analysis of country data. 		
Fee	<p>EUR 50 000 for non-Members that are G20 members; EUR 10 000 for other non-Members.</p> <p>Given that the Project involves multiple Committees (Economic Policy Committee, Environment Policy Committee, and the Committee on Fiscal Affairs), the Project Associate fees are not subject to the cap provided for in the final sentence in para. 7. c) of the Annex to the Revised Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies.⁴ Associates in the Project have to pay the full amount of the Project Associate fee even if they are already paying a partnership fee in one or several of the Committees.</p>		
Associate⁵	Approval date		Exchange of letters
Argentina ^A	01.06.2022		19.05.2023
Barbados	06.07.2022		14.07.2025
Bulgaria ^A	01.06.2022		31.03.2023
Cameroon	06.07.2022		23.06.2023
Croatia ^A	01.06.2022		31.03.2023
Jamaica	06.07.2022		24.05.2023
Kazakhstan	01.06.2022		14.04.2023
Malta	06.07.2022		22.03.2023
Mauritius	06.07.2022		14.03.2023
Monaco	06.07.2022		07.04.2023
Morocco	06.07.2022		11.06.2024

Nigeria	06.07.2022	30.07.2023
Paraguay	06.07.2022	15.11.2023
Peru ^A	01.06.2022	15.06.2023
Philippines	06.07.2022	20.04.2023
Romania ^A	01.06.2022	31.03.2023
Singapore	01.06.2022	24.02.2023
South Africa	01.06.2022	21.08.2023
Ukraine	06.07.2022	22.01.2025
Uruguay	01.06.2022	15.05.2023
Zambia	06.07.2022	29.03.2023

PARTICIPANTS

Participant	Bodies to which the invitation applies	Approval date	Acceptance letter
Brazil ^A	JWPTE	28.05.2003	Not available
	JWPTXE	23.03.2016 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	29.12.2016
Bulgaria ^A	All, except the JWPAE	21.07.2021	12.08.2021
China (People's Republic of)	JWPTXE	06.05.2004	Not available

⁴ Para. 7. c), final sentence, of the Annex to the Revised Resolution of the Council on Partnerships in OECD Bodies provides that “*If the aggregate fee to be paid by an Associate in a Part I body, including its subsidiary bodies, projects and the work on an OECD legal instrument, shall not exceed 50 000 euros.*”

⁵ The Partners listed below as Invitees in the IFCMA Project have been invited by Council to become Associates in the IFCMA Project. Until such invitation is accepted, they will remain Invitees.

		The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	
Hong Kong (China)	JWPTE	24.11.1994	Not available
India	JWPTXE	13.07.2006 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	02.01.2008
Indonesia ^A	JWPTXE	26.05.2016 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	27.06.2016
Kazakhstan	All	19.10.2018	29.12.2019
Malaysia	JWPTXE	15.03.2013 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	18.04.2014
Peru*	JWPTXE	13.09.2019	16.10.2019
Russia ⁶	JWPTXE	12.03.1998 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	Not available
Saudi Arabia	JWPTXE	15.06.2016 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	18.09.2016
Singapore	JWPTXE	04.10.2013 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	09.10.2013
	JWPTE	19.03.2024	27.03.2024

⁶ On 8 March 2022, the Council decided an immediate suspension of the participation of the Russian Federation.

South Africa	All	17.04.2018	20.09.2018
Uruguay	JWPTXE	25.09.2015 The inclusion of this Partner to the JWPTE was subsequently reviewed by EPOC.	06.10.2015

INVITEE LIST⁷

EPOC and all its subsidiary bodies:

Invitee	Approval date
Albania	30.04.2013
Algeria	30.04.2013
Angola	30.04.2013
Benin	30.04.2013
Bhutan	30.04.2013
Burkina Faso	30.04.2013
Cambodia	30.04.2013
China (People's Republic of) (All, except the JWPTXE where China is a Participant)	18.03.2013
Democratic Republic of the Congo	30.04.2013
Ecuador	30.04.2013
Egypt	30.04.2013
Ethiopia	30.04.2013
Georgia	30.04.2013
Guatemala	30.04.2013
Honduras	30.04.2013
India (All, except JWPTXE where India is a Participant)	18.03.2013
Kenya	30.04.2013
Kyrgyzstan	30.04.2013
Lao People's Democratic Republic	30.04.2013
Liberia	30.04.2013

⁷ Partners listed as Invitees may be invited to individual meetings or items subject to an invitation by the concerned committee OR its relevant subsidiary body/ies given that the committee has delegated this decision to its subsidiary body/ies.

Malaysia (All, except the JWPTXE where Malaysia is a Participant)	30.04.2013
Moldova	12.12.2023
Morocco	30.04.2013
Mozambique	30.04.2013
Nepal	30.04.2013
Nigeria	30.04.2013
Panama	30.04.2013
Paraguay	30.04.2013
Philippines	30.04.2013
Russia (All, except the JWPTXE where Russia is a Participant) ⁸	30.04.2013
Senegal	30.04.2013
Serbia	30.04.2013
Singapore (All, except the JWPTXE and JWPTE where Singapore is a Participant)	30.04.2013
Tunisia	30.04.2013
Uganda	30.04.2013
Ukraine ⁹	30.04.2013
United Arab Emirates	30.04.2013
Uruguay (All, except the JWPTXE where Singapore is a Participant)	30.04.2013
Viet Nam	30.04.2013

In addition for:

- EPOC and the subsidiary bodies under EPOC's sole responsibility (excluding joint bodies):

⁸ On 25 February 2022, the Council decided to stop all invitations to the Russian Federation in the bodies where it is listed as an Invitee.

⁹ Ukraine has been invited by Council to become a Participant in EPOC and all its subsidiary bodies [22.11.2025]. Until the invitation is accepted, Ukraine will remain an Invitee in EPOC and all its subsidiary bodies.

Invitee	Approval date
Azerbaijan	01.04.2025
Ghana	01.04.2025
Mongolia	01.04.2025
Saudi Arabia	01.04.2025
Zambia	01.04.2025

- JMPTXE:

Invitee	Approval date
Zambia	07.05.2025

- WPBWE:

Invitee	Approval date
Cabo Verde	15.05.2018
Tajikistan	15.09.2017

- the IFCMA Project:

Invitee ¹⁰	Approval date
Albania	06.07.2022
Algeria	06.07.2022
Andorra	06.07.2022
Angola	06.07.2022
Antigua and Barbuda	06.07.2022
Armenia	06.07.2022
Azerbaijan	06.07.2022
Bahamas	06.07.2022

¹⁰ These Partners have been invited by Council to become Associates in the IFCMA Project. Until such invitation is accepted, they will remain Invitees.

Bahrain	06.07.2022
Belize	06.07.2022
Benin	06.07.2022
Bosnia and Herzegovina	06.07.2022
Botswana	06.07.2022
Brunei Darussalam	06.07.2022
Burkina Faso	06.07.2022
Cabo Verde	06.07.2022
Cambodia	06.07.2022
Chad	06.07.2022
China (People's Republic of)	01.06.2022
Congo	06.07.2022
Côte d'Ivoire	06.07.2022
Democratic Republic of the Congo	06.07.2022
Djibouti	06.07.2022
Dominica	06.07.2022
Dominican Republic	06.07.2022
Ecuador	06.07.2022
Egypt	01.06.2022
El Salvador	06.07.2022
Eswatini	06.07.2022
Fiji	06.07.2022
Gabon	06.07.2022
Georgia	06.07.2022
Ghana	06.07.2022
Grenada	06.07.2022

Guatemala	06.07.2022
Guinea	06.07.2022
Guyana	06.07.2022
Haiti	06.07.2022
Honduras	06.07.2022
India	01.06.2022
Jordan	06.07.2022
Kenya	06.07.2022
Kiribati	06.07.2022
Kuwait	06.07.2022
Lebanon	06.07.2022
Lesotho	06.07.2022
Liberia	06.07.2022
Liechtenstein	06.07.2022
Madagascar	06.07.2022
Malaysia	01.06.2022
Maldives	06.07.2022
Mali	06.07.2022
Marshall Islands	06.07.2022
Mauritania	06.07.2022
Moldova	06.07.2022
Mongolia	06.07.2022
Montenegro	06.07.2022
Namibia	06.07.2022
Nauru	06.07.2022
Niger	06.07.2022

North Macedonia	06.07.2022
Oman	06.07.2022
Pakistan	06.07.2022
Palau	06.07.2022
Panama	06.07.2022
Papua New Guinea	06.07.2022
Qatar	06.07.2022
Rwanda	06.07.2022
Saint Kitts and Nevis	06.07.2022
Saint Lucia	06.07.2022
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	06.07.2022
Samoa	06.07.2022
San Marino	06.07.2022
Saudi Arabia	01.06.2022
Senegal	06.07.2022
Serbia	06.07.2022
Seychelles	06.07.2022
Sierra Leone	06.07.2022
Sri Lanka	06.07.2022
Tanzania	06.07.2022
Thailand	06.07.2022
Togo	06.07.2022
Trinidad and Tobago	06.07.2022
Tunisia	06.07.2022
Tuvalu	06.07.2022
Uganda	06.07.2022

United Arab Emirates	01.06.2022
Uzbekistan	06.07.2022
Vanuatu	06.07.2022
Viet Nam	06.07.2022

OVERVIEW FOR INFORMATION: INVITATIONS TO KEY PARTNERS AS ASSOCIATE, PARTICIPANT OR INVITEE		
Key Partner	Invitation as	Bodies to which the invitation applies
Brazil ¹¹	Participant	JWPTE
	Participant	JWPTXE
China (People's Republic of) ¹²	Participant	JWPTXE
	Invitee	All, except JWPTXE IFCMA Project
India ¹³	Participant	JWPTXE
	Invitee	All, except JWPTXE IFCMA Project
Indonesia ¹⁴	Participant	JWPTXE
South Africa ¹⁵	Participant	All
	Invitee	IFCMA Project

¹¹ Brazil has been invited by Council to become an Associate in the IFCMA Project [01.06.2022]. Until the invitation is accepted, Brazil is invited to participate in the IFCMA Project on the basis of its status as accession candidate country.

¹² China (People's Republic of) has been invited by Council to become an Associate in the IFCMA Project [01.06.2022]. Until the invitation is accepted, China will remain an Invitee in the IFCMA Project.

¹³ India has been invited by Council to become an Associate in the IFCMA Project [01.06.2022]. Until the invitation is accepted, India will remain an Invitee in the IFCMA Project.

¹⁴ Indonesia has been invited by Council to become an Associate in the IFCMA Project [01.06.2022]. Until the invitation is accepted, Indonesia is invited to participate in the IFCMA Project on the basis of its status as accession candidate country.

¹⁵ South Africa has been invited by Council to become an Associate in the IFCMA Project [01.06.2022]. Until the invitation is accepted, South Africa will remain an Invitee in the IFCMA Project.