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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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Aligning health budgets with policy priorities and increasing accountability for performance

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Background and objectives

An increasing number of OECD countries rely on performance-based approaches to budgeting to strengthen the alignment of health spending with policy priorities, to direct resources towards specific health targets, improve efficiency and strengthen accountability. In parallel, changes in health accounting, including accruals accounting, which present a more complete and accurate picture of costs also support a stronger focus on performance, efficiency and accountability. But budgeting and accountability reforms are complicated by the existence of different health financing arrangements, for example national health services and social insurance funds, the extent to which health budgets are decentralised, and varying levels of private sector involvement. In all sessions of this Joint Network meeting, both results from recent OECD research and direct experiences from member countries will be used to highlight key issues.

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Thursday 14 February 2019

09:30-10:00 Welcome

10:00-11:00 SESSION 1 – Setting the scene: performance budgeting and the institutional context in health

Trends in performance budgeting and national level budgeting will be presented. This will be followed by analysis of how the institutional context in health, particularly health financing arrangements and the degree of decentralisation, impact budgetary decisions in health.

11:30-13:00 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 SESSION 2 – Transparency in the health sector

This session will discuss how the System of Health Accounts can be used to monitor health expenditures; and how countries can get value out of accrual reporting in health.

13:00-14:00 Luncheon

14:00-15:30 SESSION 3 – Performance budgeting frameworks and programme budgeting for health

This session will discuss different types of performance budgeting frameworks, and the design of budgetary programmes, in health.

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 SESSION 4 – Productivity, performance indicators and their budgetary implications

Summary results from a recent OECD survey on performance measurement systems and performance indicators will be followed by in-depth discussions in smaller groups.

Friday 15 February 2019

09:00-09:10 **Recap of Day 1**

09:10-10:30 **SESSION 4 - (*continued*) – How can the use of performance indicators in the budgetary process be made more effective?**

Key findings from group discussions will be presented and discussed.

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:00 **SESSION 5 – Performance and transparency in the capital budget**

This session will discuss how performance budgeting and accountability reforms can be applied to the capital budget, taking into account its different budgeting cycle and planning requirements.

12:00-13:00 **SESSION 6 – Future work programme**

An open discussion on the future work of the Joint Network, including priority areas for countries.

MEETING INFORMATION

Registration Form

All delegates must complete the registration form and return it to the Secretariat (helene.leconte-lucas@oecd.org) ahead of the meeting.

Accommodations

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation. Information on hotels close to the OECD at special rates and our online booking system can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/hotels-close-to-oecd.htm>

Meeting Location

The meeting will take place at the Conference Centre at OECD Headquarters – *Château de la Muette* – which is located at: 2, rue André Pascal in the 16th *arrondissement* (district) of Paris. The closest metro station is “*La Muette*” on line 9, or “*Boulinvilliers*” or “*Henri Martin*” on line C of the RER. More information on getting to the OECD can be found at: <http://www.oecd.org/site/conferencecentre/gettingtotheoecd.htm>

Security and Badges

Please be advised that OECD Headquarters is a secure complex. Badges can only be issued to registered delegates, and a passport or national identity card is required. Delegates must go to the main entrance and pass through the security checkpoint. Please allow up to 15 minutes to complete these formalities.

Catering

The OECD Conference Centre has several dining options including a coffee bar, snack bar, cafeteria, and restaurant.

Wi-Fi Internet Access and Business Centre

The OECD Conference Centre features complimentary Wi-Fi Internet Access throughout its facilities. There is also a Business Centre located in the Conference Centre offering complimentary desktop computers with standard Microsoft Office software, Internet connection and printers.

Simultaneous Translation

Simultaneous translation between English and French, the OECD’s two official languages, will be available throughout the meeting.