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DRAFT AGENDA**Thirtieth Session of the Joint Working Party on Agriculture and the Environment (JWP)**

(with indicative timetable)

28-30 June 2010**OECD Conference Centre, Paris**

Monday 28 June 2010			
10h00	1	<p>Adoption of the draft agenda</p> <p>Delegates are invited to adopt the draft agenda. Should Delegates wish to raise other items of business, they are advised to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible.</p> <p><i>Contact: Wilfrid Legg (wilfrid.legg@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/A(2010)12</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Decision</p>
10h10	2	<p>Adoption of the draft summary record of the 29th Session</p> <p>Delegates are asked to approve the draft summary record of the 29th meeting of the JWP held from 7-9 December 2009.</p> <p><i>Contact: Wilfrid Legg (wilfrid.legg@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/M(2009)61</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Decision</p>
10h20	3	<p>Roundtable on recent agri-environmental policy developments</p> <p>Countries are invited to inform the JWP of significant recent developments in agri-environmental policies in their countries, in particular any actions that governments are taking to address “green growth” and climate change issues in the agricultural sector. The aim is to encourage transparency and dialogue. Should Delegations have information to report on developments or studies in agri-environmental policy evaluations in their countries, this would also be interesting. Countries wishing to make presentations (around 10 minutes) are requested to inform the Secretariat by Wednesday 23 June and to send any supporting material or PowerPoint presentations. Delegates may also wish to inform the JWP of forth-coming meetings and recent publications of relevance.</p> <p><i>Contact: Véronique de Saint-Martin (veronique.saintmartin@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>Oral presentations, Background documentation, PowerPoint presentations</p>

11h20	4	<p>Activity Report</p> <p>This note, prepared by the Secretariat, provides: an update on the declassification and publication of documents (<i>Analysing Linkages between Agricultural Policies and Environmental Effects: SAPIM Analysis; Guidelines for Cost-effective Agri-environmental Policies</i>; and the consultant report on <i>Climate change and agriculture: Impacts, adaptation and mitigation</i>); meetings at which members of the Secretariat made presentations; reports on the discussion of the Programme of Work 2011-12 (PWB) in the parent committees (COAG and EPOC); the meeting of the Committee for Agriculture at Ministerial level at the end of February 2010; and any other developments of interest and relevance to the JWP. The Secretariat has also invited the recently appointed OECD Director of the Environment Directorate, Simon Upton, to say a few words by way of introduction.</p> <p><i>Contact: Véronique de Saint-Martin (veronique.saintmartin@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/RD(2010)13</p> <p>Action required: Information and Discussion</p>
12h00	5	<p>Projects undertaken in the Environment Directorate of interest to the JWPAE</p> <p>At the December 2009 JWPAE Delegates expressed an interest in being informed of work underway in the Environment Directorate, for submission to other official bodies than the JWP, which would be of interest to Delegates, and for which the JWP may wish to make an input. This note provides a list and brief description of relevant work, timelines, and the official OECD body responsible.</p> <p><i>Contact: Anthony Cox (Anthony.cox@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/ENV/EPOC/TAD/CA(2010)14</p> <p>Action required: Information and discussion</p>
13h00 : Lunch			
15h00	6	<p>Water and Agriculture</p> <p>a) OECD 2nd Horizontal Water Project</p> <p>An update on progress on work under the 2nd Horizontal Water Project (HWP) will be provided by Roberto Martin-Hurtado of the Environment Directorate.</p> <p>As a contribution to the HWP, two consultant studies, with a focus on agriculture, have been prepared and are being circulated for discussion and any comments, which will be transmitted to the authors:</p>	<p>ENV/EPOC/GSP(2009)16</p> <p>Action required: Discussion</p>

	<p>(i) <i>Water Governance in the Murray-Darling Basin</i> (Daniel Connell and R. Quentin Grafton, Sustainable Environment Group, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia). This paper is an input into the HWP project on Improving Governance of Water.</p> <p>(ii) <i>Increasing Coherence Between Agriculture and Water Policy</i> (Adam Walker and Floor Brouwer, LEI, Wageningen, The Netherlands). This paper is an input into the HWP project on Enhancing Policy Coherence for Water Management.</p> <p>Contact: Kevin Parris (kevin.parris@oecd.org)</p> <p>b) Conclusions and Recommendations for OECD Working Parties from the Workshop on Improving the Information Base to Better Guide Water Management Decision Making</p> <p>This document provides the <i>Conclusions and Recommendations for OECD Working Parties</i> of the Workshop which took place in Zaragoza, Spain on 4-7 May 2010. The Workshop is an input into the second phase (2009-2010) of the <i>Horizontal Water Programme</i>, and was organised under the responsibility of the <i>Working Party on Global and Structural Policies</i>. The document was also submitted to that Working Party and the <i>Working Group on Environmental Information and Outlooks</i>. The Workshop documentation is available on the website: www.oecd.org/water/workshop2010</p> <p>Delegates are invited to also consider the conclusions and recommendations in the discussion on the ongoing work in the JWP AE on water and on agri-environmental indicators.</p> <p>Contact: Kevin Parris (kevin.parris@oecd.org)</p>	<p>ENV/EPOC/GSP(2010)16</p> <p>Action required: Discussion</p> <p>ENV/EPOC/GSP(2010)17</p> <p>Action required: Discussion</p> <p>ENV/EPOC/GSP(2010)18</p> <p>Action required: Information and Discussion</p>
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<i>16h30-16h50 : Break</i>			
16h50	6	<p>c) Sustainable Management of Water Quality in Agriculture: Progress Report</p> <p>A draft annotated outline of this report was discussed at the December 2009 JWP meeting [COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2009)54]. This Room Document is a progress report on the study since December 2009. Delegates are also invited to indicate where they may be able to provide relevant country case study material.</p> <p>Delegates are also advised that a <i>Synthesis Report</i> of the recent work on the sustainable management of water in agriculture is planned for 2011.</p> <p>d) Sustainable Management of Water Quality in Agriculture: Supporting consultant reports</p> <p>Four consultant reports, which will provide input into the main report on water quality in agriculture, are being circulated for discussion and any comments, which will be transmitted to the authors. It is intended that the reports will eventually also be declassified under the authors' responsibility.</p> <p>i. <i>Agriculture's impact on aquaculture: Hypoxia and eutrophication in marine waters</i>, Robert J. Diaz, Institute of Marine Sciences; Nancy N. Rabalais, Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; and Dennis L. Breitburg, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, United States.</p> <p>ii. <i>New and Emerging water pollutants arising from agriculture</i>, Alistair Boxall, Environment Department, University of York, United Kingdom</p> <p>iii. <i>Application of the Polluter Pays Principle to water pollution from agriculture</i>, Jim Sinner and Scott Williamson, Cawthorn Institute, New Zealand.</p> <p>iv. <i>Water quality trading in agriculture</i>, James Shortle, Environmental and Natural Resources Institute, Penn State University, United States.</p> <p>Contact: Kevin Parris (kevin.parris@oecd.org)</p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/RD(2010)15</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Guidance</p>
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		<p>iv. <i>Water quality trading in agriculture</i>, James Shortle, Environmental and Natural Resources Institute, Penn State University, United States.</p>	COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)19
18h00 : End of the first day			

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9h30	7	<p>Climate Change and Agriculture</p> <p>Helen Mountford (ENV) will give an update on climate change activities in the OECD as context for the discussion on the various items concerning agriculture.</p> <p>a) OECD-FAO Workshop on Climate Change and Agriculture</p> <p>The Secretariat will inform the JWP update (Room Document n°1) of the outcome of the <i>Climate Change and Adaptation in Agriculture Workshop</i>, hosted by the Italian authorities in Rome on 23-25 June. In particular, the conclusions from the workshop for future work in the OECD on adaptation to climate change and synergies with mitigation (as well as potential trade-offs), will be outlined.</p> <p>Contact: Hsin Huang (hsin.huang@oecd.org)</p> <p>b) Carbon accounting in agriculture</p> <p>An initial draft of this report, prepared by a consultant, John Miranowski (Iowa State University, United States), was presented as a powerpoint for discussion at the JWP meeting in December 2009. In producing this report the consultant has taken into account comments and suggestions from Delegations. It is presented for discussion, with a view to declassification under the responsibility of the consultant.</p> <p>Contact: Hsin Huang (hsin.huang@oecd.org)</p> <p>c) Mitigation options in the livestock sector</p> <p>This is a first draft of a report prepared by Haydon Montgomery (New Zealand), which summarizes the options for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions in the livestock sector. Delegations are invited to provide comments and suggestions that will then be incorporated into the next complete draft of the report, which will then include a concluding section and be presented to the December 2010 JWP, with a view to declassification.</p> <p>Contact: Hsin Huang (hsin.huang@oecd.org)</p>	<p>Room Document n° 1</p> <p>Action required: Discussion and Guidance</p> <p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)20</p> <p>Action required: Declassification</p> <p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)21</p> <p>Action required: Discussion</p>
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		<p>d) Farmer Behaviour and Management Practices in Relation to Mitigation and Adaptation</p> <p>This is a first draft of the study, following the scoping paper [COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/RD(2009)59] presented at the December 2009 JWP. This draft provides the context, background, literature review, and the approach to the analysis to be undertaken. In the next draft, which will be submitted at the December 2010 JWP with a view to declassification, the policy implications will also be addressed.</p> <p><i>Contact: Hiroki Sasaki (hiroki.sasaki@oecd.org)</i></p>	COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)22 <i>Action required:</i> Discussion
		<p>e) Database on cost-effectiveness of land-based initiatives for climate change mitigation</p> <p>At the December 2009 JWP Delegates asked the Secretariat to elaborate its proposals to provide a collecting house for an inventory on land-based initiatives for climate change mitigation. This note outlines the opportunities and challenges of developing an inventory of ongoing policies and projects for land-based mitigation of climate change and providing information on the measures adopted, the mitigation attained, and the costs incurred. It is part of an ongoing effort at OECD to develop information tools that can be useful for economic analysis of climate change. The document contains the context, motivation, and approach for the development of the database. Clearly, developing such a database will need to be considered in the context of the PWB 2011-12 discussions in the Committee for Agriculture.</p> <p><i>Contact: Andrea Cattaneo (andrea.cattaneo@oecd.org)</i></p>	COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)23 <i>Action required:</i> Discussion and recommendation
10h30-10h50 : Break			
10h50	7	Continuation of Climate Change and Agriculture	
13h00 : Lunch			
14h30	8	<p>Green Growth and Agriculture</p> <p>The pressures on natural resources, climate change and the economic crisis have highlighted the need for a greener model of growth. An Interim Report on developing the OECD's Green Growth Strategy (GGS) was discussed at the OECD Meeting of the Council at Ministerial level (MCM) on 27-28 May 2010. Green Growth was also identified by Agriculture Ministers as a priority in their meeting in February 2010. Further work</p>	COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)24 <i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Guidance

		<p>on green growth and agriculture is proposed in the PWB 2011-12.</p> <p>There is considerable interest among Delegates concerned with agricultural issues to define and elaborate the role of agriculture, agriculture and agri-environmental policies in the GGS. In this context, the challenges and opportunities facing the agriculture sector are numerous, and include the following issues: future food supplies and increasing population, resource constraints such as land and water, and increased energy costs in a low-carbon world. However, the links between green growth and agriculture need to be more clearly laid out. As a first step, the Secretariat is commissioning a consultant “think piece” paper to examine this issue, in particular drawing on existing work in the OECD. The Secretariat will also outline in more detail the proposed strategy to address green growth and agriculture in the coming period, based <i>inter alia</i> on the discussions in the Committee for Agriculture on the 2011-12 PWB. The work on green growth and agriculture will involve input from both the JWP and the working party on Agricultural Policies and Markets (APM). Delegations are invited to provide suggestions and comments that will guide the Secretariat in this new and important area.</p> <p><i>Contact: Wilfrid Legg (Wilfrid.legg@oecd.org)</i></p>	
15h30	9	<p>Agri-environmental Indicators</p> <p>a) Workshop on Agri-environmental Indicators</p> <p>This document provides the <i>Conclusions and Recommendations</i> for the JWP from the OECD workshop on <i>Agri-environmental Indicators: Lessons Learned and Future Directions</i>, held in Leysin, Switzerland on 23-26 March 2010. Delegations are invited to discuss the Workshop recommendations, including with a view to the preparation of the <i>Environmental Performance of Agriculture at a Glance</i> (next item) and work on climate change, green growth and water. The Workshop documentation is available at www.oecd.org/agriculture/env/indicators/workshop</p> <p>b) <i>Environmental Performance of Agriculture at a Glance</i>, Progress Report on preparing the 2nd edition</p> <p>This document provides a progress report on preparing the 2nd edition of <i>Environmental Performance of Agriculture at a Glance</i>, planned for 2011, which is being undertaken in co-operation with Eurostat.</p> <p><i>Contact: Kevin Parris (kevin.parris@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)25</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Guidance</p> <p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)26</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Guidance</p>

16h00-16h20 : Break			
16h20	9	Continuation of Agri-Environmental Indicators	
18h00 : End of the second day			
Wednesday 30 June 2010			
09h30	10	<p>Agri-environmental policies</p> <p>a) Inventory of Agri-environmental policies</p> <p>At the meeting of the JWP in December 2009, some Delegations argued that before taking decisions on whether and how to update the <i>Inventory</i> the Secretariat should be clearer about its purpose and use in analytical work. The Secretariat has prepared this short paper on the role of the <i>Inventory</i> in policy analysis and proposals on how to structure the information and how to update it.</p> <p><i>Contact: Vaclav Votjeh (Vaclav.votjeh@oecd.org)</i></p> <p>b) Workshop on evaluating agri-environmental policies</p> <p>At the meeting of the JWP in December 2009 the Secretariat proposed to organize a one-day expert meeting back-to-back with the December 2010 JWP. The aim of the expert meeting was to explore the practical policy issues in actually implementing the OECD report on the <i>Guidelines for cost-effective agri-environmental policies</i> in countries. However, given that there is a proposal to hold a 2-3 day workshop on evaluating agri-environmental policies in OECD and other countries in the 2011-12 PWB, the Secretariat felt that it is not necessary to also organize the expert meeting. However, the Secretariat is commissioning a consultant to prepare a paper for the December JWP with the aim of identifying the practical issues involved in applying the Guidelines in the design and implementation of agri-environmental policies.</p> <p><i>Contact: Dimitris Diakosavvas (dimitris.diakosavvas@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)27</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Decision</p> <p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC/RD(2010)28</p> <p><i>Action required:</i> Discussion and Guidance</p>
11h00-11h20 : Break			

11h20	11	<p>Mid-term review of the JWP</p> <p>The mandate (terms of reference) of the JWP runs for five years, from January 2008 to 2012, with a requirement to review the progress in fulfilling its mandate at mid-term. The Secretariat, with the Bureau, will prepare a short note outlining the progress achieved in fulfilling the mandate. The JWP is invited to convey its assessment of progress to the parent committees.</p> <p><i>Contacts: Wilfrid Legg (wilfrid.legg@oecd.org) and Anthony Cox (anthony.cox@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>COM/TAD/CA/ENV/EPOC(2010)29</p> <p><i>Action required: Discussion and Decision</i></p>
11h40	12	<p>Decisions and Plans for JWP December 2010</p> <p>The Secretariat will make a PowerPoint presentation summarising the decisions taken during the meeting and the preliminary plans for the JWP on 7-9 December 2010. A key item on the agenda at that meeting will be the implementation of the PWB 2011-12. Should there be time at the present meeting of the JWP, Delegates may wish to express their thoughts on the work in the JWP to be undertaken in the period 2011-12.</p> <p><i>Contact: Wilfrid Legg (wilfrid.legg@oecd.org)</i></p>	<p>PowerPoint presentation</p> <p><i>Action required: Information</i></p>
12h00	13	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Delegates are invited to indicate if they wish to raise items under “Other Business” at the beginning of the meeting.</p>	
<p>13h00: Close of the meeting</p>			