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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2017-18 - Priority Ranking**

**Meeting of the Environment Committee (EPOC)  
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- ENV/EPOC(2016)1 - Overview
- ENV/EPOC(2016)1/ANN1 - Detailed list of Outputs
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## NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

EPOC has discussed the strategic direction of the 2017-2018 Programme of Work and Budget process when it met in February and October 2015. During the discussions at the October meeting, EPOC indicated the areas in which it would like to see work produced by its Working Parties. The recorded and approved summary of this discussion [[ENV/EPOC\(2015\)2/FINAL](#)] was then made available to all Working Parties which have in turn held extensive discussions on the work that should be proposed to respond to these priorities. In addition, the Secretary-General and Ambassadors have provided strategic guidance on the main priorities for the Organisation's work in 2017-18 and is made available in the annex of [ENV/EPOC\(2016\)1](#). A draft programme has been prepared and will be presented to and endorsed by EPOC at its meeting on 2-4 May 2016 [[ENV/EPOC\(2016\)1/ANN1](#)]. It is a comprehensive programme that reflects the priorities indicated by the Secretary-General, Ambassadors, EPOC, and its Working Parties.

Following EPOC's agreement on the PWB, it will be submitted to the Secretary-General who will integrate it into the overall draft PWB for consideration by the Budget Committee and Council. When the Committee submits its PWB to the Secretary General, the Committee is asked to list the Outputs in each Output Area in order of priority. This priority ranking exercise is in response to this requirement. In addition, the result of this ranking exercise will also be one of the elements that would be taken into account by the Council should there be a need to reduce activities within the proposed environment programme.

Below is a list of all 16 Output Results in the 2017-2018 Environment Programme which is fully described in documents [ENV/EPOC\(2016\)1](#) and [ENV/EPOC\(2016\)1/ANN1](#). EPOC delegates are asked to rank the Outputs in the programme through the attached Priority Ranking Exercise. Delegates are welcome to provide written comments on any of the Outputs or Intermediate Outputs and the Annex allows for this. Countries are requested to submit their ranking matrix and the Annex with any comments to the secretariat no later than Friday 20 May 2016.

### Priority Ranking Procedure

- Each member country has 100 points to distribute.
- Each member country is expected to allocate all its points across the programme, but cannot allocate more than 15 points to any one output result.
- Detailed comments on any Output Result, or individual intermediate Output Results, can be reflected in Annex I of this document. These comments will be made available to the Committee and will be made available to the Working Party responsible for undertaking the work.
- Accession and Partner countries as well as intergovernmental organisations and stakeholders are encouraged to express their priorities through this exercise in the same way as OECD members. Any input received will be included in the results presented to EPOC.
- The Secretariat will use the Member country input from this exercise to order the Outputs in each of the Output Areas in advance of the final submission to the Secretary General.
- Should at a later stage the Committee be asked to reduce its overall Part I allocation, the result of this exercise will be reviewed when making proposals on what elements could be reduced or cut.
- The Secretariat will post the detailed results of this exercise on the EPOC ClearSpace site.
- **ACTION REQUIRED: Delegates are requested to:**  
**Undertake the priority ranking exercise and submit the completed priority ranking matrices via e-mail to Amy Plantin, EPOC Executive Secretary, [amy.plantin@oecd.org](mailto:amy.plantin@oecd.org) no later than Friday, 20 May 2016.**

**PRIORITY RANKING SHEET**  
**ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME OF WORK 2017-2018**

Country Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ENV - LIST OF OUTPUT RESULTS FOR PWB 2017-2018</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Environmental Performance Reviews and Thematic papers (12 EPRs, up to 3 Mid-Term Reviews and 2-3 Thematic papers)</b>	
<b>Indicators, Databases and Accounts (4 reports and updated databases)</b>	
<b>Modelling and Outlooks</b>	
<b>Mitigation policies, pathways and progress: (3-7 Reports and 2 Workshops)</b>	
<b>Adaptation, risk and resilience: (1-3 Reports and 1-3 Workshops)</b>	
<b>Climate finance: (3-5 Reports, 2-3 Workshops and a Forum)</b>	
<b>CCXG: Making the Paris Climate Agreement Operational: (2-4 Global Fora; 2-8 CCXG Reports). Joint with IEA</b>	
<b>Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Land-Use: (6 Reports, 4-5 Workshops and a Global Forum)</b>	
<b>Water Economics and Policy: (3-4 Reports, 2 Workshops, an on-line tool and 1-2 Policy Dialogues).</b>	
<b>Assistance with Governance (implementation of OECD Council Acts): 7-10 instruments</b>	
<b>Development of instruments for the assessment and management of Pesticides and Biocides and the fight against their illegal trade: 6 instruments</b>	
<b>Development of instruments to assist in dealing with releases of hazardous chemicals from installations and products: 3-5 instruments</b>	
<b>Development of instruments to assist in the harmonisation of regulatory oversight of the safety of products of modern biotechnology: 4-8 instruments</b>	
<b>Environmental Policy Design and Evaluation: 19-37 reports, 2-3 workshops</b>	
<b>Resource Productivity; Waste and the Transition Towards the Circular Economy: 4-10 reports, data updates and 1 Global Forum</b>	
<b>Trade and the Environment: 2-3 reports and 1 workshop</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	

**ANNEX I. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME OF WORK****Country Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ENV - LIST OF OUTPUT RESULTS FOR PWB 2017-2018</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>2.3.1 Environmental Peer Reviews, Indicators and Outlooks</b>	
<b>1. Environmental Performance Reviews and Thematic papers (12 EPRs, up to 3 Mid-Term Reviews and 2-3 Thematic papers)</b>	
1.1. Environmental Performance Review of New Zealand	
1.2. Environmental Performance Review of Korea	
1.3. Environmental Performance Review of Estonia	
1.4. Environmental Performance Review of Canada	
1.5. Environmental Performance Review of Switzerland	
1.6. Environmental Performance Review of Czech Republic	
1.7. Environmental Performance Review of Hungary	
1.8. Environmental Performance Review of OECD Country 1	
1.9. Environmental Performance Review of OECD Country 2	
1.10. Environmental Performance Review of OECD Country 3	
1.11. Environmental Performance Review of OECD Country 4	
1.12. Environmental Performance Review of non-Member Country	
1.13. Mid-Term Reports (up to 3 Reports) and Thematic Papers (2-3 Papers)	
1.14. Knowledge Exchange and Seminars	
<b>2. Indicators, Databases and Accounts (4 reports and updated databases)</b>	
2.1. Report on Green Growth Indicators	
2.2. Report on Land Cover Indicators and other work on geo-spatial data	
2.3. Report on demand-based measures of material flows and other work on monitoring resource productivity	

2.4. Implementation of the System of Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA): updated and expanded SEEA Core Tables	
2.5. Updated and Expanded Databases: Environment, Green Growth, Policy Instruments	
2.6. Environment at a Glance	
2.7. Contribution to SDG Indicators	
<b>3. Modelling and Outlooks</b>	
3.1. Development and maintenance of modelling tools; and joint OECD/IEA work on modelling and outlooks	

<b>2.3.2 Climate Change and Natural Resource Management</b>	
<b>1. Mitigation policies, pathways and progress: (3-7 Reports and 2 Workshops)</b>	
1.1. Updated report on climate change mitigation policies in advance of the 2018 UNFCCC “facilitative dialogue” on collective mitigation efforts, building on “Climate Change Mitigation: Policies and Progress”(2015) – (1 Report).	
1.2. Continued development of indicators and econometric analysis to quantify the dynamic interactions among climate and other policies and the wider economy GHG emissions – (1-3 Reports and 1 Workshop).	
1.3. Development of a diagnostic toolkit to help prioritise and sequence mitigation actions and investments over time, and underpinning analysis. Work to continue into PWB 2019-20 – (1-3 Reports and 1 Workshop).	
<b>2. Adaptation, risk and resilience: (1-3 Reports and 1-3 Workshops)</b>	
2.1. Risk Management, Contingent Liabilities and infrastructure resilience (1-2 Reports and 1 Workshop).	
2.2. Integrating Climate risk management into development planning, policy and co-operation (1 Report by Joint DAC-EPOC Task Team and 1-2 Workshops).	
2.3. Workshop on Climate Damages.	
<b>3. Climate finance: (3-5 Reports, 2-3 Workshops and a Forum).</b>	
3.1. Policies, institutions and instruments to mobilise private climate finance, including from long-term investors. (1-2 Reports and 1 Workshop).	
3.2. Climate Finance Centre, including a Green Investment Forum.	
3.3. Low Carbon Development, Green Finance and Investment in EECCA (1-2 Reports and 1-2 Workshops).	
3.4. Tracking Private Climate Finance (developed under the Research Collaborative): (2-3 Reports and 1-2 Workshops).	

<b>4. CCXG: Making the Paris Climate Agreement Operational: (2-4 Global Fora; 2-8 CCXG Reports). Joint with IEA</b>	
4.1. 2-4 Global Fora on key technical issues in the UNFCCC process and 2-8 Reports (to be determined each six months in consultation with CCXG members).	
<b>5. Biodiversity, Ecosystems and Land-Use: (6 Reports, 4-5 Workshops and a Global Forum)</b>	
5.1. Biodiversity, ecosystems and agricultural policies: (1 Report and 1 Workshop).	
5.2. Biodiversity finance: effectiveness and efficiency: (1 Report and 1 Workshop).	
5.3. Integrated approach to managing nitrogen pollution: (1 Report and 1-2 Workshops).	
5.4. Land-use, agricultural production and the carbon cycle: a review of evidence, efficiency and effectiveness of policies and voluntary schemes to manage trade-offs and externalities involved. (1 Report and a Workshop).	
5.5. [Carry Forward]: Human Impacts on the Nitrogen Cycle. (1 Report).	
5.6. [Carry forward] Biodiversity and development. (1 Report).	
5.7. Global Forum on Environment on Biodiversity and Development.	
<b>6. Water Economics and Policy: (3-4 Reports, 2 Workshops, an on-line tool and 1-2 Policy Dialogues).</b>	
6.1. Council recommendation on Water and Implementation toolkit, subject to progress in PWB 2015-2016. (Report and on-line tool).	
6.2. Roundtable and World Water Forum (2018) with underpinning analytical work on investment and pricing: (1-2 Reports and a Workshop).	
6.3. Strengthening Water Management in EECCA (EAP Task Force). National Policy Dialogues (4-6 countries).	
6.4. Water Policy Dialogues, depending on demand, capacity and available voluntary contributions (1-2 Dialogues).	
6.5. Economics of water quality, including contaminants of emerging concern. (1 Report and a Workshop).	

<b>2.3.3. Environment, Health and Safety (including Chemicals)</b>	
<b>1. Assistance with Governance (implementation of OECD Council Acts): 7-10 instruments</b>	
1.1. Test Guidelines for chemicals (focusing on endocrine disruptors), biocides (focusing on efficacy testing) pesticides or nanomaterials: 3-5 new or updated Test Guidelines; 2-3 documents supporting Test Guidelines (e.g. validation reports, peer review reports, guidance documents, detailed review documents)	
1.2. Good Laboratory Practice and Compliance Monitoring: One training course for GLP inspectors	
1.3. Mutual Acceptance of Data and adherence of partner countries to MAD: One full adherence to MAD of a partner country	
<b>2. Development of instruments for the assessment and management of Pesticides and Biocides and the fight against their illegal trade: 6 instruments</b>	
2.1. Pesticides: 2 guidance documents on risk assessment/management for pesticides (including bio-pesticides); Best practice guidance document on fighting illegal international trade of pesticides; 2 seminar reports on risk reduction	
2.2. Biocides: 2 guidance documents on risk assessment/efficacy of biocides	
<b>3. Development of instruments to assist in dealing with releases of hazardous chemicals from installations and products: 3-5 instruments</b>	
3.1. Chemical Accidents: 1-2 guidance documents in the context of the Guiding Principles	
3.2. Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers: One new or revised guidance document on release estimation techniques; 1-2 guidance documents or reports on the use of PRTR information	
<b>4. Development of instruments to assist in the harmonisation of regulatory oversight of the safety of products of modern biotechnology: 4-8 instruments</b>	
4.1. Environmental biosafety: 2-4 new Consensus or Guidance Documents; one report on the approach to an emerging issue; 50-80 biotech products updated in the Product Database	
4.2. Global Forum on Biotechnology: 3-4 events in the context of the Global Forum on Biotechnology	
4.3. Food and Feed Safety: 1-3 new or updated Consensus Documents on Compositional Considerations; one report on the approach to an emerging issue	



<b>2.3.4. Environmental Instruments, Innovation and Sector Policies</b>	
<b>1. Environmental Policy Design and Evaluation: 19-37 reports, 2-3 workshops</b>	
1.1. Impacts of environmentally related taxes and tax provisions: 5-10 reports	
1.2. Use of cost benefit analysis and the valuation of environmental externalities for policy purposes: 1 report	
1.3. Assessing the costs and benefits of managing chemicals: 5-8 reports	
1.4. Towards Smarter Environmental Regulations: 1-3 reports	
1.5. Individual Behaviour and Environmental Policies: 1-3 reports	
1.6. Environmental Policies and their Economic Outcomes: 1-3 reports	
1.7. Spatial Planning Instruments and the Environment: 2-4 reports	
1.8. Economic Assessment of Waste Prevention Policies: 1-2 reports	
1.9. Accelerating Environmental Policy Reforms in EECCA (EAP) Task Force): 1-2 reports, 1-2 Workshops	
1.10. [Carry forward] EAP Task Force work in co-operation with UNECE, UNEP and UNIDO (EAP Green): 1 report, 1 workshop	
<b>2. Resource Productivity; Waste and the Transition Towards the Circular Economy: 4-10 reports, data updates and 1 Global Forum</b>	
2.1. Plastics and the Environment: 1-2 reports	
2.2. Data updates of Transboundary Movements of Waste	
2.3. Macro-economic Consequences of Resource Efficiency and the Transition to a Circular Economy: 1-4 reports	
2.4. Employment and Labour Market Implications of the Transition to a Green and/or Circular Economy: 1-2 reports	
2.5. New Business Models and Innovation to Improve resource Efficiency and the Transition to a Circular Economy: 1-2 reports	
2.6. Economic Perspectives on the Circular Economy: 1 Global Forum	
<b>3. Trade and the Environment: 2-3 reports and 1 workshop</b>	
3.1. Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) and the Environment: 1-2 reports and 1 workshop	
3.2. Trade and Climate Change: 1 Report	