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**DRAFT OUTLINE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 1999 WORKSHOP ON WASTE
MINIMISATION AND EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

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Draft Outline Agenda

***Spring 1999 Workshop on
Waste Minimisation (WM) and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)***

***To be Hosted by the Government of Japan, in Paris
(during the first week of May 1999)***

Possible Title Toward a New Generation of Government Policy Options for
Waste Minimisation and Extended Producer Responsibility

Duration 3.5 - 4 days

Possible Sessions

- **Introduction, Context**
- **Trends in Waste Minimisation and Extended Producer Responsibility**
- **Extended Producer Responsibility (1.5 days)**
 - address outstanding issues concerning the Guidance Manual for Governments
 - examine issues surrounding different product categories, sectors or waste streams
 - identify EPR policy options and possible principles
- **Waste Minimisation (1.5 days)**
 - consolidate policy-relevant findings from on-going work on waste prevention performance indicators
 - examine approaches and proposals for evaluating waste hierarchy questions
 - address outstanding issues from WM work to date (e.g., prioritisation methods for setting performance objectives)
 - identify policy options and government self-assessment principles for integrated WM
- **Future Directions and Outlook**
 - drivers for WM/EPR over the next 10 - 20 years, e.g., consumer roles toward a "closed loop society"; concerns regarding SMEs; links to climate change issues; economic instruments and product policies; looking forward -- international agenda.
 - global perspectives: observations from U.N., other international organisations, non-member countries, industry, and environmental citizen organisations.
- **Conclusions**
 - overall summary and findings;
 - role of governments; and
 - role of OECD.