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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**8th Session, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom**

The Provisional Annotated Agenda for the 8th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas is submitted to delegates FOR APPROVAL.

The meeting will be held at the:

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**WORKING PARTY ON TERRITORIAL POLICY IN RURAL AREAS
8TH SESSION**

18 OCTOBER 2006

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00

10:00	1. Adoption of the Agenda	GOV/TDPC/RUR/A(2006)1/REV1
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11:10	2. Election of the Bureau	
	3. Approval of the Summary Record - 7th Session	GOV/TDPC/RUR/M(2005)1
	4. Opening remarks by the Chair and Director's Statement	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Conference "Investment Priorities for Rural Development"• Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of TDPC	GOV/TDPC(2006)2/REV1 GOV/TDPC(2006)2/REV1/ADD

Coffee break: 11:10 – 11:30

11:30	Implementing Rural Development Policies	
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13:00	5. Rural Policy Review of Germany	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2006)1 & 2

Lunch: 13:00 – 15:00

Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00

15:00	6. Rural Policy Review of Mexico	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2006)3 & 4
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16:30		

Coffee break: 16:30 – 16:50

16:50	7. Innovation Policies in Rural Areas: Does the Rural Creative Class Fuel Rural Innovation?	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2006)5
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17:50		
17:50	8. Other Business	
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18:00		

19:00 – 21:00 Buffet Dinner, Bute House

(bus departure point: Radisson Hotel, 18:40, return from Bute House to the Radisson Hotel 21:00)

NOTES

Item 2: Election of the Bureau

1. The current constituency of the Bureau is as follows:

Chair:	Ms. M. Clark	(United Kingdom)
Vice-Chairs:	Mr. Y. Saika	(Japan)
	Mr. S. Soto Priante	(Mexico)
	Mr. M. Drabenstott	(United States)

2. Ms. Kovacshazy (France), Ms. C. Pachaki (Greece), and Mr. Lüfti Elvan, (Turkey) have stepped down from the Bureau. Three candidates have been proposed: Mr. Theo Augustin, Germany, Ms. Sabrina Lucatelli, Italy, and Mrs. Atty Bruins, The Netherlands.

➤ **Action required:** *The Working Party is requested to elect the Bureau for one year*

Item 4: Opening remarks by the Chair and Director’s Statement

3. The Chair, Mrs. Margaret Clark, will introduce the Agenda of the 8th Session and report on the recent and ongoing work of the Working Party. Ms. Clark will welcome the participation as observer of Mr. Ma Xiaohu, Vice-President of the Academy of Macroeconomic Research (AMR), National Development Reform Commission, China, attending the Working Party for the first time.

Presentation of the Conference “Investment Priorities for Rural Development”

4. Mr. Richard Wakeford, Head of Environment and Rural Affairs, Scottish Executive, will welcome participants of the Working Party to Scotland and outline the issues and agenda of the Conference “Investment Priorities for Rural Development”, which will take place the following two days.

Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) of TDPC

5. Mrs. Odile Sallard, Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV), will brief the Working Party on the latest developments within the OECD and report on the preparation process of the TDPC Programme of Work for 2007-08 ([GOV/TDPC(2006)2/REV1] and [GOV/TDPC(2006)2/REV1/ADD]). Delegates will discuss the Working Party’s contribution to the 2007-2008 PWB including activities related to “Enlargement”, concerning current and future co-operation with non-member countries. Within this discussion, several countries will announce their request to the OECD to undertake a Rural Policy Review in 2007 (Finland, The Netherlands, Scotland (UK), and Spain). This will be followed by a brief presentation by Mr. Ma Xiaohu, China, who will describe China’s interest in the activities of the Working Party in view of the rural development challenges it faces.

Item 5: Rural Policy Review of Germany

6. The Secretariat will introduce the report *Rural Policy Reviews: Germany and its Assessment and Recommendations*. This will be followed by an intervention by Mr. Theo Augustin, Manager, Sustainable Rural Development in the Federal Ministry of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture (Germany), and presentations by the two peer reviewers: Mr. Richard Wakeford (Scottish Executive, UK) and Mr. Thomas Dax (Austria).

7. The report compiles 3 chapters, which focus on: 1) An analysis of rural Germany and its main social and demographic challenges; 2) an analysis of rural policy in Germany, which highlights the need for a more effective, integrated rural policy framework.; and 3) set of policy recommendations focusing on 1) fostering innovation in rural areas, 2) public service delivery and 3) governance of rural policy. A final version of the report will incorporate delegates' comments and will be presented to TDPC for discussion and approval at its 16th Session in November 2006.

➤ **Action required:** *for discussion and comments*

Item 6: Rural Policy Review of Mexico

8. The Secretariat will introduce the *Rural Policy Review of Mexico* report and its *Assessment and Recommendations*. This will be followed by interventions by Ms. Leticia Deschamps Solorzano, Director-General of INCA Rural in Mexico, and presentations by Peer Reviewers, Mrs. Sabrina Lucatelli (Italy), and Mr. Jesús Regidor (Spain).

9. The report contains three chapters: 1) a comprehensive overview of the socio-economic dynamics characterising rural areas in Mexico, identifying the resulting policy challenges. It defines what is rural in Mexico, providing a profile of rural Mexico according to four development concerns: demographic, social, economic and environmental, and enumerates the most significant policy challenges; 2) analyses the recently institutionalised multi-sectoral framework for rural policy in Mexico, and two specific policies targeted to rural development: the Rural Development Program of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Micro-Regions Strategy co-ordinated by the Ministry of Social Development; and 3) addresses critical issues highlighted in the three areas analysed in Chapter 2. A final version of the report will incorporate delegates' comments and will be presented to TDPC for discussion and approval at its 16th Session in November 2006.

➤ **Action required:** *for discussion and comments*

Item 7: Does the Rural Creative Class Fuel Rural Innovation?

10. In the framework of the 2007-2008 POW, the Rural Working Party will increasingly involve contributions by member countries in the form of reports, which can be shared among delegates during the year (as was the case with the document provided by Italy, circulated earlier this year) and/or presented during Working Party meetings. This first document results from research carried out by USDA and has strong connections with both future Working Party work on innovation policy as well as service delivery in rural areas.

11. Mr. David McGranahan (US) and Tim Wojan (US) from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) will present the document "Does the Rural Creative Class Fuel Rural Innovation?" to the Working Party for discussion. Using occupational data, the analysis confirms that highly creative workers concentrate in some rural areas in the United States with high levels of natural amenities. These areas demonstrate higher rates of employment and establishment growth, and faster adoption of advanced business practices.

➤ **Action required:** *for information and discussion.*