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**Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas**

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**8th Session**

**18 October 2006, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Edinburgh, Scotland**

*The Provisional Annotated Agenda of 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  
8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION, 18 OCTOBER 2006**

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Edinburgh, Scotland**

*Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00*

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

*Coffee break: 11:10 – 11:30*

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

*Lunch: 13:00 – 15:00*

*Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00*

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

*Coffee break: 16:30 – 16:50*

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

## 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. L. Elvan	(Turkey)
	Mr. M. Drabenstott	(United States)

2. Following the resignation of Ms. Kovacshazy (France), Ms. C. Pachaki (Greece), and Mr. Lüfti Elvan, (Turkey), the Committee is requested to elect the Bureau following the proposals received from member countries.

➤ **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 open the meeting and present the agenda of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session. She will report on the recent and ongoing work of the Working Party.

4. 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]).

#### • Presentation of the Conference “Investment Priorities for Rural Development”

5. 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: Contribution of the Working Party

6. The debate will focus on the Working Party's contribution to the TDPC Programme of Work for 2007-08. Concerning “Enlargement”, the Working Party will discuss its current and future co-operation with non-member countries.

7. Within the discussion of the 2007-2008 PWB, delegates from Finland, the Netherlands, Scotland, United Kingdom, and Spain, will announce their request to the OECD to undertake a Rural Policy Review of their respective countries in 2007.

### Item 5: Rural Policy Review of Germany

8. The Secretariat will introduce the report *Rural Policy Review of Germany* and its *Key Points*. 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).

9. The report compiles 3 chapters, which focus on: 1) A definition of rural Germany and its profile according to four main development concerns: demographic, social, economic and environmental; 2) an analysis of rural policy in Germany, which highlights the need for a clearer rural policy framework.; and 3) set of recommendations entitled: “Towards a modern rural policy”. A final version of the report will incorporate delegates’ comments and will be presented to TDPC for discussion and approval at its 16<sup>th</sup> Session in November 2006.

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

#### **Item 6: Rural Policy Review of Mexico**

10. The Secretariat will introduce the *Rural Policy Review of Mexico* report and its *Key Points*. This will be followed by interventions by Mr. Antonio Ruiz, Vice-Minister of Rural development of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development in Mexico, and presentations by Peer Reviewers, Mrs. Sabrina Lucatelli (Italy), and Mr. Jesús Regidor (Spain).

11. 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 16<sup>th</sup> Session in November 2006.

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

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

12. 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. This document addresses one of the topics of analysis in the Programme of Work 2007-2008. 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.*