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**Working Party on Territorial Indicators**

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**12TH SESSION**

**28 June 2006,  
Room C, Château de la Muette,  
OECD Headquarters, Paris**

*The Provisional Annotated Agenda is submitted to Delegates for APPROVAL at the 12th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Indicators.*

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**12<sup>th</sup> Session**

**28 June 2006, OECD Headquarters, Paris**

*Morning Session: 10:00 – 13:00*

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| <b>1. Approval of the Agenda</b>  | GOV/TDPC/TI/A(2006)1 |
| <b>2. Approval of the Summary Record of the 11<sup>th</sup> Session</b>   | GOV/TDPC/TI/M(2005)2 |
| <b>3. The Programme of Work 2007-08 of the TDPC:<br/>Implications for the Activities of the WPTI</b>                          | GOV/TDPC(2006)2/REV1 |
| <b>4. Regional Equity in Health Systems - Part 1: The Regional<br/>Allocation of Resources</b>                                | GOV/TDPC/TI(2006)1   |
| <b>5. Agglomeration Economies and Regional Comparative<br/>Advantages: New Evidence from Regional Employment<br/>Clusters</b> | GOV/TDPC/TI(2006)2   |

*Lunch break 13:00 – 15:00*

*Afternoon Session: 15:00 – 18:00*

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| <b>6. Disseminating Regional Statistics on the Web: Lessons<br/>from the Countries' Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>France: L'Observatoire des Territoires</b></li><li>• <b>UK: Regional &amp; Neighborhood Statistics</b></li><li>• <b>Canada: The Community Information Database</b></li></ul> |                    |
| <b>7. OECD Regions at a Glance 2007: Preliminary Draft</b>   | GOV/TDPC/TI(2006)3 |
| <b>8. The OECD Regional Database: Data Collection 2006</b>   | GOV/TDPC/TI(2006)4 |
| <b>9. WPTI Special Session on Metropolitan Regions:<br/>November 2006</b>  | ORAL PRESENTATION  |
| <b>10. News on Regional Statistics in Member Countries</b>   | ORAL PRESENTATION  |
| <b>11. Other business</b>  |                    |

## WORKING PARTY ON TERRITORIAL INDICATORS

### 12<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

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### ANNOTATIONS

#### **Item 3: TDPC PWB 2007-08: Implications for the Activities of the WPTI**

1. 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. In particular, she will report on the main directions of the TDPC Programme of Work and Budget 2007-08 (PWB).

2. The Secretariat will highlight the statistical demand from the Programme of Work and make proposals on how the work of the WPTI can contribute to the expected outputs of the TDPC over the next biennium.

➤ *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

#### **Item 4: Regional Equity in Health Systems - Part 1: The Regional Allocation of Resources**

3. The Secretariat will present the results of the first part of the project on “Geographical Equity in Health” based on a comparative analysis of the OECD Member States. This part compares the main orientations of national health systems, allocation of responsibilities among the levels of government, the degree of autonomy of the regional health administrations and the resource allocation mechanisms. In particular, the document focuses on the set of rules and criteria for redistributing resources to regions; the set of national standards – if fixed by law - on the level and quality of regional health supply; and the set of incentives to encourage the convergence of productivity in regional health supply.

➤ *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

#### **Item 5: Agglomeration economies and regional comparative advantages: new evidence from regional employment clusters**

4. The Secretariat will present the follow-up of a previous study on unemployment clusters discussed at the 11<sup>th</sup> Session of the WPTI (November 2005). Its aim is to analyse the factors leading to agglomeration economies and the implications on regional comparative advantages. Further to the demand by the delegates of the WPTI, the paper looks at the geographic distribution of employment rates as a tool to identify regional clusters.

➤ *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

#### **Item 6: Disseminating Regional Statistics on the Web: Lessons from the Countries' Experience**

5. In recent years, several OECD countries have developed innovative ways (e.g.: on-line mapping, customized graphics) to disseminate regional statistics on their websites and increase data accessibility for users. Both Member countries and the Secretariat would benefit from an exchange of good practices in this field. To this purpose, Mr. Bernard Morel (France), Mr. Dev Virdee (United Kingdom) and Mr. Richard Lévesque (Canada) will present 3 recent website developments for the dissemination of regional statistics in their countries. Based on these experiences, the Secretariat will invite delegates to explore the feasibility of developing similar tools for the dissemination of the OECD Regional Database.

- *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

**Item 7: OECD Regions at a Glance 2007: Preliminary Draft**

6. This document presents the first draft of selected chapters for “OECD Regions at a Glance” to be published at the end of 2007.

- *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

**Item 8: The OECD Regional Database: Data Collection 2006**

7. This document will report on the responses to the OECD Regional Questionnaire 2006 sent to the delegates to the WPTI in May and to be filled in by the end of July. Its aim is to provide delegates with the opportunity to discuss practical and statistical issues related to the process of data collection.

- *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

**Item 9: WPTI Special Session on Metropolitan Regions - 29 November 2006**

8. Further to the demand of the delegates to the WPTI, the Secretariat will present a proposal for a “Special Session” on the “Definition of Metropolitan Regions” at the next meeting of the WPTI to be held in November 2006. This Special Session will gather experts and international organisations that have been working on a definition of Metropolitan Regions based on commuting patterns.

- *Action required: for discussion and decision on further steps*

**Item 10: News on Regional Statistics in Member Countries**

9. Delegates will present new initiatives in the field of regional statistics. Mrs. Antonia Milbert (Germany) will report on the recent development on “Assessing Regional Sustainability”; Mr. Dev Virdee, Chair of the WPTI, will present the 25<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SCORUS (Standing Committee On Regional and Urban Statistics).

- *Action required: for information*