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**OECD Ministerial Meeting, Forum and Other Events in May 2004**

Health policy and the outlook for the economy and world trade will be focal points for a series of events at the OECD in May 2004 culminating in the OECD's annual Ministerial Council Meeting on 13-14 May 2004.

The OECD Forum 2004 on 12-13 May and a meeting of OECD health ministers on 13-14 May will address health policy in the broader context of the global economy and multilateral cooperation. Earlier in the week, the OECD will release its latest Economic Outlook on 11 May. On 13-14 May, in parallel with the meeting of health ministers, economic affairs and trade ministers will review prospects for the world economy and trade at the OECD's Ministerial Council Meeting.

**OECD Economic Outlook, 11 May** - Jean-Philippe Cotis, the OECD's Chief Economist, will present the Organisation's latest economic projections at a news conference at OECD headquarters at 11.00 a.m. Paris time.

**OECD Forum 2004, 12-13 May** - This year's OECD Forum, under the theme "*The Health of Nations*", will focus on health policy challenges, from ageing and obesity to technology and financial sustainability. The Forum is being held at the Centre de Conférences Internationales, 19 Avenue Kléber, Paris 75016. It will be opened by OECD Secretary General Donald J. Johnston at 9.30 a.m, Wednesday 12 May, and it will include a Ministerial session on technology and innovation in health systems. Participants will include World Trade Organization Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi; French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin; Jean-Pierre Garnier, CEO of GlaxoSmithKline; Mary Robinson, executive director of Ethical Globalisation Initiative and a former president of Ireland; and Henry McKinnell, chairman and CEO of Pfizer. For further details, please see: <http://www.oecd.org/forum2004/>

**OECD Health Ministers Meeting, 13-14 May** - Health ministers from OECD countries will discuss policy issues including the financial sustainability of health systems, technology and innovation, and health care efficiency. The meeting will be chaired by Mexican Health Minister Julio Frenk Mora.

**OECD Ministerial Council Meeting, 13-14 May** - Ministers from OECD and other countries will discuss economic policy issues, including the impact of ageing populations and prospects for international trade negotiations. The meeting will be chaired by Mexican Foreign Affairs Minister Dr. Luis Ernesto Derbez. Other participants will include US Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick and EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy.

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Details of news conferences and media briefings will be announced on the OECD's website. Media facilities, including a press room with computer and phone hook-ups, will be available. The OECD's TV, radio and videoconference studios will be available at OECD headquarters free of charge to broadcast journalists on a first come, first served basis. This includes cameras, editing facilities, ISDN lines and the necessary technicians.

Journalists can register for the OECD Forum and OECD Ministerial Council meeting through the online registration form (<http://webnet3.oecd.org/forumonline/frmregistration.aspx?lg=en-US&type=j>)

For further information about the Economic Outlook, the OECD Ministerial Council Meeting or the meeting of OECD health ministers, journalists are invited to contact the OECD Media Relations Division (tel: [33] 1 45 24 97 00 or [news.contactecd.org](mailto:news.contactecd.org)). For further information about the Forum, journalists should contact Meggan Dissly (tel: [33] 1 45 24 80 94 or [meggan.disslyecd.org](mailto:meggan.disslyecd.org)).