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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2011-2012 FOR HORIZONTAL PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2.3.5H)

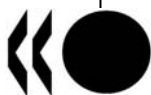
This document contains a revised draft proposal for the Programme of Work and Budget for 2011-2012 for the Horizontal Project on Sustainable Development (2.3.5H), reflecting comments received on the first draft (SG/SD(2010)3). A form is contained in the Annex of the document for member countries to indicate their order of priority of the proposed Output Results.

Action required:

The AMSDE Delegates are asked to submit the prioritisation form and to contact the Secretariat by COB, 26 May 2010 if they have comments. Unless objections are received, the draft will be submitted to the Secretary-General for his consideration in developing the OECD's draft Programme of Work and Budget for 2011-2012.

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**DRAFT PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET 2011-2012
HORIZONTAL PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2.3.5H)**

Introduction

1. This paper presents a revised draft Programme of Work and Budget (PWB) for the Horizontal Project on Sustainable Development for 2011-2012. This proposal reflects comments received from Belgium, Switzerland and the European Commission on the first draft, which was circulated to the member countries on 22 April 2010 for approval (comments were due 7 May 2010). A preliminary draft was discussed during the Sustainable Development Counsellors meeting on 13 April 2010, prior to the formal submission to the Annual Meeting of Sustainable Development Experts (AMSDE) for approval via written procedure.

2. As presented by the Secretariat during the 13 April 2010 meeting, all OECD committees are requested to submit proposals for their PWB for the 2011-2012 biennium to the Secretary-General by 4 June 2010. The Secretary-General will prepare a consolidated PWB proposal for the OECD based on the proposals received, taking into account the results of the Medium Term Orientation Survey and the Programme Implementation Report. The proposal will be discussed by the Budget Committee in the second half of 2010, and the Council will make a final decision towards the end of 2010.

3. The AMSDE Delegates are invited to approve the below outlined proposal as well as to indicate the order of priority of the Output Results by using a form included in the Annex of this document, by **COB, 26 May 2010**. Unless objections are received, the draft proposal will be forwarded to the Secretary-General.

4. Since the 2009-2010 biennium, the horizontal work on green growth is included in the Output Area 2.3.5H. The information shown in this document only includes the work on the Horizontal Project on Sustainable Development which is under the remit of the AMSDE.

Background

5. The proposal is based on ideas put forward by the AMSDE Steering Group on the Post-2010 Sustainable Development Programme at the OECD. The proposal was developed based on two rounds of teleconference calls held on 24 February and 29 March 2010, as well as written inputs from the Steering Group members. In addition, this proposal reflects comments received during the 13 April 2010 Sustainable Development Counsellors meeting.

6. During the first teleconference call held on 24 February 2010, the Steering Group agreed that the 2011-2012 work programme should focus on internal/core work of the OECD; focus on two-three items only, and focus on concrete/specific issues.

7. Input received from the Steering Group members indicated that there are roughly three focus areas:

- Contribution to the OECD's work on Green Growth.
- Mainstreaming of the sustainable development perspective in OECD work programmes.
- Development of sustainability impact assessment tools.

8. In terms of the realisation of "mainstreaming of sustainable development perspectives", input received indicated that member countries are not expecting that the OECD will expand its work programmes to address a full range of sustainable development topics. Rather, the expectation is that the OECD will serve the member countries by continuing its analysis from the economic point of view, but ensuring that sustainable development perspectives are incorporated in its work.

9. Given the limited resources available to this programme, the Steering Group agreed that contributions to the AMSDE on UN Commission on Sustainable Development, a recurring output result item since the inception of the AMSDE, should no longer be included in the PWB. However, this does not preclude the OECD from making substantive input to the future sessions of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development or Rio + 20 conference in 2012. For example, for the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, the OECD could disseminate materials, provide input to reports prepared by the UN Secretary-General on relevant themes or organise side events on themes where work is already carried out at the OECD. Also, the results of the Value Chain Project lead by Belgium could contribute to the 19th session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development on the theme of sustainable consumption and production. Furthermore, the OECD work on the Green Growth Strategy and its implementation could be an OECD contribution to the Rio +20 conference. The AMSDE could provide advice how best such contributions could be made.

Proposed outputs for 2011 & 2012

10. The following are proposed outputs for the 2011 & 2012 biennium:

Contribution to the development and implementation of the OECD Green Growth Strategy

11. The AMSDE will provide general input to the Green Growth Strategy from the sustainable development point of view, mainly in Q1 of 2011, prior to the delivery of the synthesis Green Growth Strategy report at the Ministerial Council Meeting in Q2 2011. Specific contribution is also expected in the development of the Green Growth indicators/measurements, which will further build on substantive work to be conducted in 2010, in close co-operation with the OECD internal Task Force responsible for developing Green Growth indicators/measurements and relevant committees, such as the Committee on Statistics and the Environmental Policy Committee's Working Group on Environmental Information and Outlooks (Output 1). Following the delivery of the Green Growth Strategy, the AMSDE contribution will refer as main point to the development of indicators, which is expected to continue in 2011 and 2012 (Output 2). This work will be conducted in a way so that the output can directly feed into the further work on Green Growth indicators/measurements, taking into account the on-going relevant work carried out within and outside of the OECD, rather than as a standalone activity. The AMSDE could also contribute to the development of green growth chapters in country reviews from the sustainable development point of view, as they are developed, and provide guidance for ensuring that national green growth strategies are implemented in line with national sustainable development strategies. In addition, following the release of the synthesis Green Growth Strategy report in mid-2011, further work may be identified in relation to social and distributive aspects of Green Growth and decoupling environment from economic growth.

The AMSDE is also expected to identify areas of potential contribution by the OECD to the UN Rio + 20 conference in 2012.

- Output 1 (Q1 2011): Contribution to elements of the Green Growth Strategy, with a focus on indicators/measurements from the sustainable development point of view.
- Output 2 (Q4 2012): Contribution to elements of the Green Growth Strategy, with a focus on indicators/measurements and green growth chapters in OECD country reviews from the sustainable development point of view.
- Output 3 (Q4 2012): Guidance on promoting national green growth strategies to be implemented in line with national sustainable development strategies.

Mainstreaming sustainable development

12. It is proposed that the AMSDE will actively and directly provide expert input to key OECD work programmes and country reviews from the sustainable development perspective. In practice, this will entail that the AMSDE Delegates will provide input to emerging drafts of relevant work in writing or by attending meetings. Sustainability impact assessment may play a role as one of the means to mainstream the sustainable development perspective into the OECD work programme. As there are numerous work programmes, it is proposed that this will only target selected work, e.g. primarily horizontal projects, such as water, green growth and policy coherence for development, but also provide input to projects where the sustainable development perspective is sought in particular. In order to ensure coherence in the input provided and to take stock of contributions made, a considerable portion of its annual meeting could be devoted to reviewing progress made, with the involvement of lead directorates.

13. While annual reports were used as a vehicle to generate recommendations in previous years, this new approach is proposed so that the AMSDE's contribution is more concrete (*i.e.*, helps to better facilitate uptake of AMSDE's contribution by lead Directorates). This also responds to calls from the Post-2010 Steering Group that there is a need for stronger interaction between the AMSDE and other Directorates/Committees on the issue of sustainable development; therefore, dialogues could evolve around concrete issues/proposals. The output can be summarised and presented to the Council at the end of each year. The AMSDE is also expected to identify areas of potential contribution by the OECD to the future meetings of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

- Output 1 (Q4 2011 & Q4 2012): Annual report to the Council, including recommendations for future areas of priorities from the sustainable development perspective.

Methodologies and Framework for Sustainable Development Analysis

14. The AMSDE will continue its focus on sustainability impact assessment which begun in 2007 as part of methodologies and framework that can help promote best practices in member countries in relation to sustainable development. This work will be carried out taking into account other relevant work, such as the OECD's work on the Regulatory Impact Assessment and the European Commission's Impact Assessment in a way that would not compromise the effectiveness of existing methodologies/frameworks which focus more on specific dimensions. The major output will be a methodology/roadmap which would help to ensure coherence in economic, environmental, social and development policy making. Such a methodology maybe applicable to both member countries and the OECD, based on best practices identified through a background research to be conducted in 2010. This work could also be enriched by, linked and applied to the work of the OECD on future strategy development and foresight work (*e.g.*, International Futures Programme), among others. In addition, a web-based platform to be built in 2010 to facilitate

information exchange on sustainability impact assessment “SIA-net – Knowledge Sharing Platform” will be maintained and updated.

- Output 1 (Q4 2011): Report on the methodology for sustainable development analysis (including criteria and indicators) and process steps which may be applicable to both member countries and the OECD.
- Output 2 (Q4 2012): Report on case studies of applying the established methodology.
- Output 3 (Q4 2012): Content and technical maintenance of the “SIA-net – Knowledge Sharing Platform”.

Budget

15. The Part 1 budget (210,000 EUR) will cover the secretariat support to the AMSDE. In addition, voluntary contributions of approximately 110,000 EUR per year will be sought to cover cost of holding workshops and to contract consultants and other inputs to the work programme.

16. Deliverables should be carefully assessed in order to achieve high impact/quality of the outputs and cost-effectiveness in terms of involvement of Delegates who have limited time/resources availability to contribute to the OECD’s work.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:	2	Provide Employment Opportunities for All, Improve Human Capital and Social Cohesion and Promote a Sustainable Environment		
OUTPUT GROUP:	2.3	Environmental Sustainability		
OUTPUT AREA:	2.3.5H	HORIZONTAL PROJECT ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT [AND GREEN GROWTH]		
			2010	K EUR 2011
				2012
		Base Budget	210	210
		% change per year		210
		Total Part I Budgeted Resources	210	210
		Total Estimate of Voluntary Contributions Planned	106	110

Policy Environment:

- The OECD is well placed to address the issue of sustainable development through its multi-disciplinary fields of analytical expertise. The sustainable development perspective could particularly benefit horizontal projects and cross-disciplinary work where a number of policy areas need to be taken into consideration when analyses are conducted. For example, following the 2009 MCM Declaration, the OECD launched a horizontal project to deliver a Green Growth Strategy in 2011, which work is based on recognition that environmental, economic, social and innovation policies must be considered hand in hand. Such a Strategy should be developed in line with the principle of sustainable development which tries to take a holistic view of identifying potential impacts/mitigation measures and challenges/opportunities. The outputs for the Horizontal Project on Sustainable Development are expected to facilitate integration of the sustainable development perspective in the OECD's work on green growth.
- Sustainability impact assessment, a methodology to assess economic, social and environmental impacts of proposed policies, programmes and strategies, could further facilitate mainstreaming of the sustainable development perspective in countries' current agenda.
- Progress made on sustainable development in OECD countries can provide lessons for partner countries.

Expected Outcomes:

- Contribution to the development and implementation of the OECD Green Growth Strategy from the sustainable development point of view.
- Mainstreaming of the sustainable development perspective in the OECD's multi-disciplinary work programmes.
- Increased recognition and utilisation of sustainability impact assessments in OECD and partner countries.

2011-12 Expected Output Results in Priority Order	Accountable Committee/ Subsidiary Body/ Global Forum	Ongoing/ Timebound (end-date)	2011 (K EUR)				2012 (K EUR)						
			Total Estimated Cost (TEC) ¹	Part I Budget	CPF	VCs in Hand	New VCs	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) ¹	Part I Budget	CPF	VCs in Hand	New VCs	
1. Contribution to the development and implementation of the OECD Green Growth Strategy from the sustainable development point of view.			140	90			50		140	90			50
1.1 Contribution to elements of the Green Growth Strategy, with a focus on indicators/measurements from the sustainable development point of view.	AMSDE	Time Bound 2011 Q1	56	41			15						
1.2 Contribution to elements of the Green Growth Strategy with a focus on indicators/measurements and green growth chapters in country reviews from the sustainable development point of view.	AMSDE	Time Bound 2012 Q4	81	46			35		81	46			35
1.3 Guidance on promoting national green growth strategies to be implemented in line with national sustainable development strategies.	AMSDE	Time Bound 2012 Q4							56	41			15
2. Mainstreaming of the sustainable development perspective into the OECD Work Programmes			85	55			30		85	55			30
2.1 Annual report to the Council, including recommendations for future areas of priorities from the sustainable development perspective.	AMSDE	Time Bound 2012 Q4	85	55			30		85	55			30
3. Methodologies and Framework for Sustainable Development Analysis			97	67			30		97	67			30
3.1 Report on the methodology for sustainable development analysis (including criteria and indicators) and process steps which may be applicable to both	AMSDE	Time Bound 2011 Q4	74	53			22						

¹ TEC is equal to the sum of the Part I funds (Part I Budget and CPF), Voluntary Contributions in Hand and New Voluntary Contributions.

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			Total Estimated Cost (TEC) ¹	Part I Budget	CPF	VCs in Hand	New VCs	Total Estimated Cost (TEC) ¹	Part I Budget	CPF	VCs in Hand
member countries and the OECD.											
3.2 Report on case studies of applying the established methodology.	AMSDE	Time Bound 2012 Q4						74	53		22
3.3 Content and technical maintenance of the “SIA-net – Knowledge Sharing Platform”	AMSDE	Time Bound 2012 Q4	23	15			8	23	15		8

ANNEX
PRIORITISATION FORM: DRAFT 2011-2012 PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGET
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Please return this form to the Secretariat (Naoko.Kubo@oecd.org) by **COB, 26 May 2010**.

COUNTRY:

Proposed Output Results	Order of priority
Contribution to the development and implementation of the OECD Green Growth Strategy from the sustainable development point of view.	
Mainstreaming of the sustainable development perspective into the OECD Work Programmes	
Methodologies and Framework for Sustainable Development Analysis	

Please indicate the order of priority: “1” (highest priority), “2” (second priority) and “3” (third priority).