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This document presents the provisional draft agenda of the 12th meeting of the WPEI.

The meeting will be held in the OECD Conference Centre, starting early afternoon on the 22nd and ending at mid-day on the 24th (CET). The meeting is organised as an in-person meeting.

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Draft agenda – Overview

Please note that the sequence and time allocated to the different agenda items is indicative and may be revised.

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17:30	**Improving data collection and accounts**		
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10:00	**Communicating environmental indicators**		
Item 8	Environment at a Glance	Oral presentation	*For discussion*
	– Environmental country profiles: progress report and country feedback		
	– Environment at a glance for Latin America and the Caribbean		
11:30	**Monitoring material flows, resource productivity and the circular economy**		
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	– Net effective carbon rates: preliminary results		
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9:30	**Monitoring climate change**		
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	– Progress report on OECD work		
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	– Recent developments in related international work: UNSD, UNECE		
	– Indicators on greenhouse gas emission trends and targets: update and methodological note	ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)11	*For discussion*
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12:10	**WPEI management issues**		
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Annotated draft agenda

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Day 1 – Tuesday, 22 November 2022, starting at 14:30 (CET)

Introduction

14:30

Item 1. Welcome and approval of the agenda

ENV/EPOC/WPEI/A(2022)2

Delegates are invited to adopt the draft agenda. Should delegates wish to raise other items of business, they are advised to inform the Secretariat before the meeting.

For approval

14:40

Item 2. Opening remarks by the OECD Environment Director

Ms Jo Tyndall, the new Environment Director, will introduce herself to WPEI and inform delegates of recent developments that are of relevance to the Working Party's activities in the next biennium.

For information

14:55

Item 3. Report from the Secretariat

Oral presentation

The Secretariat will report on key activities and developments that have taken place since the last WPEI meeting in March 2022.

For information

Improving environmental information and reporting

15:10

Item 4. Round Table on Environmental Information (RTEI)

Item 4.a. New initiatives and key challenges

Round Table compilation document

Delegates will be invited to share information on new initiatives, emerging issues or key challenges related to environmental information in their country or institution (OECD countries, candidate accession countries, partner countries, international organisations), and to note the preparation of the 2022 RTEI contributions.[1]

To ensure a smooth running of the Round Table, oral interventions should not exceed 3 minutes. Participants who wish to make a presentation (10 minutes max.) are invited to inform the Secretariat by Tuesday 15 November 2022. Presentations by candidate accession countries would be particularly welcome.

For discussion

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[1] Written contributions to the RTEI are to be provided through the WPEI community site (dates to be communicated). The updated compilation of countries' contributions will be made available to participants via the community site when ready.

15:40

Item 4.b. Monitoring public awareness and attitudes

Public awareness and attitudes play an important role in the development, uptake and success of environment policies. Monitoring public awareness and attitudes provides important information to understand the perceived effectiveness of the policies, and their perceived distributional impacts on lower-income households (inequality concerns).

Drawing on ongoing work in countries[2] and at the OECD[3], the following questions will be discussed:

- How does the understanding of and attitudes toward environmental policies vary across countries?
- What are some of the methods for measuring people's perceptions, awareness, and attitudes?
- What are the key determinants of people's acceptance of and support for environmental policies?

Delegates who would like to contribute to this round table discussion are invited to inform the Secretariat by Tuesday 15 November 2022.

For discussion

Coffee break

16:50

Item 5. Implementing, disseminating and monitoring the Council Recommendation on environmental information and reporting

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)9

The new consolidated Recommendation on Environmental Information and Reporting was adopted by the OECD Council on 8 June 2022 at its meeting at Ministerial level (MCM).

The Secretariat will present options for supporting the implementation, dissemination and monitoring of the Recommendation and foster co-operation with non-Adherents, drawing on the Action Plan on OECD work on Environmental Information and Reporting. The proposed actions will subsequently be integrated in a draft work plan for 2023-24 and beyond.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Discuss the way in which the Recommendation and the associated dissemination, implementation and monitoring process could best help Adherents in improving their environmental information systems in the coming years.
- Report on the actions planned in their country to implement and disseminate the Recommendation.
- Advise on those actions and topics that should be given priority in the coming years considering the usefulness for their country.
- Provide views on how best to foster co-operation with non-Adherents.

For discussion

Improving data collection and accounts

17:30

Item 6. Data collection, quality assurance and questionnaires: Secretariat progress report

Oral presentation

The Secretariat will update the Working Party on:

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[2] For example work in South Africa to develop an environmental awareness index.

[3] See OECD work on (i) international attitudes toward climate policies ; Dechezleprêtre, A., et al. (2022), "Fighting climate change: International attitudes toward climate policies", OECD Economics Department Working Papers, No. 1714, OECD Publishing, Paris, https://doi.org/10.1787/3406f29a-en; and (ii) the Environmental Policies and Individual Behaviour Change (EPIC) survey (ENV/EPOC/WPIEEP(2022)9).

- The ongoing 2022 data collection and treatment process (annual quality assurance of OECD reference data for environmental indicators; biennial data collection on waste and inland waters), and the timelines for data validation and release in 2023.
- The planning and timelines for data collection in 2023.
- Outstanding data quality issues and questionnaire revisions (inland waters).

For information

17:45

Item 7. Implementation of the SEEA – recent and planned developments

Oral presentation

The Secretariat will update Delegates on:
- The results of the latest meeting of the UNCEEA (27-28 June 2022) and the roadmap for global SEEA related databases.
- Preparations for the eighth OECD-UNECE seminar on the implementation of the SEEA (13−15 March 2023, Geneva).

For information

18:00 End of first day

Day 2 – Wednesday, 23 November 2022 - 10:00 -17:30 (CET)

Communicating environmental indicators – Environment at a Glance

10:00

Item 8. Environment at a Glance

Oral presentation

Item 8.a. Environmental country profiles: progress report and country feedback

The Secretariat will update the Working Party on advances made with the preparation of environmental country profiles featuring key indicators (https://www.oecd.org/environment/environment-at-a-glance/) and inform about remaining measurement and documentation gaps and interpretation issues. It will present options for streamlining the content and structure of the profile so as to facilitate their regular updating.

Delegates will be invited to:
- Provide their views on the current scope and structure of the country profiles.
- Discuss the steps needed to complete the set of country profiles and ensure their regular updating.
- Advise on how best to fill remaining gaps in data and documentation and facilitate interpretation.

For discussion

Item 8.b. Environment at a glance for LAC: project presentation

Oral presentation

The Secretariat will present a new project initiated as part of the OECD-LAC Programme and carried in co-operation with UNECLAC.

For information

Coffee break

Monitoring material flows, resource productivity and the circular economy

11:30

Item 9. Monitoring progress towards a resource efficient circular economy: draft conceptual framework and indicator set

ENV/EPOC/WPRPW/WPEI(2022)2

The Secretariat will present the draft conceptual framework and indicator set for monitoring progress towards a resource efficient and circular economy, developed jointly with the Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste (WPRPW) and with the support of the OECD informal Expert Group on a new generation of information for a resource efficient and circular economy (RECE-XG) and the UNECE Task Force on Measuring the Circular Economy. UNECE will update the Working Party on the work of the UNECE Task Force and the joint draft report being prepared.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Review the list of proposed core indicators considering their relevance for international and national work, and advise on those indicators that should be retained in the final set.
- Review the list of proposed complementary indicators and advise on those to be retained in the final set and on their desirable level of detail and application.
- Advise on the best ways to fill major measurement gaps, including through novel and alternative data sources and measurement methods.

For discussion

12:10

Item 10. Measuring demand-based material flows: updated guidance and roadmap

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)7/REV1
ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)8/REV1

The Secretariat will present an updated version of the consolidated guidance document on the measurement of demand-based material flows and an associated updated roadmap.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the consolidated guidance document.
- Discuss the updated roadmap and the options for improved international coordination.
- Advise on any next steps they would like to take in 2023-24 to advance the measurement agenda.

For discussion

Lunch Break

Monitoring the economic and policy aspects of environmental performance

14:30

Item 11. Measuring fossil fuel support

Item 11.a. Draft guidance note

COM/ENV/CTPA/TAD/FFS(2022)1

The Secretariat will present the consolidated draft guidance note on measuring fossil fuel support prepared by a consultant with the support of the informal OECD Task Team on the Measurement of Fossil Fuel Subsidies (ITT-FFS).

Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the content and scope of the draft guidance note.
- Contribute to the further development of guidance on the integration of FFS data into official statistics.

For discussion

Item 11.b. Net effective carbon rates

Oral presentation

The Secretariat will present preliminary Net ECR indicators (i.e. effective carbon rates net of pre-tax direct transfers), calculated by integrating data on budgetary transfers from the OECD Fossil Fuel Support Inventory into the OECD framework on effective carbon rates (ECR).

For information

15:10

Item 12. Measuring climate related expenditure and budgets

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)6/REV1

The Secretariat will present a revised issues note and project proposal to advance the measurement of climate-related expenditure in countries and at international level and build bridges between green tagging approaches and international statistical frameworks used for compiling environmental expenditure and revenue accounts.

The Working Party will also be updated on recent developments concerning the harmonisation of international classifications of environmental activities.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Discuss the purpose and scope of the proposed project and express interest in joining the proposed international Task Force.
- Share their country's experience in mobilising data on climate-related expenditure and transfers for the questionnaire on environmental protection expenditure accounts.

For discussion

15:30

Item 13. Tracking Policy INstruments for the Environment (PINE): database progress report and updated tagging method

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2020)1/REV1

The Secretariat will inform about (i) the ongoing 2022 update of the PINE database using a new data collection platform, (ii) recent updates of environmentally related tax revenue (ERTR) series, and (iii) an expanded list of environmental domains.

Delegates will be invited to comment on the revised domain tagging method.

For discussion

Coffee break

16:30

Item 14. Environmentally related tax revenue accounts: updated guidelines

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2018)6/REV2

In a follow-up to item 6 of the agenda, the Secretariat will take stock of the experience from two rounds of data collection (2019 and 2021) and introduce a revised version of the guidelines.

Delegates will be invited to comment on the revised guidelines with the view of making them available to the public.

For discussion

16:50

Item 15. Measuring environmentally adjusted multi-factor productivity (EAMFP) growth

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)10

The Secretariat will present initial results from the inclusion of selected renewable natural resources in the OECD EAMFP measurement framework.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the draft paper (data, method, results, interpretation)
- Comment on the options for inclusion of other renewable natural resources in future work.

For discussion

17:30 End of second day

Day 3 – Thursday, 24 November 2022 – 9:30 -12:30 (CET)

Monitoring climate change and climate objectives

9:30

Item 16. Climate-related data and indicator sets

Item 16.a. Progress report on OECD work

ENV/WKP(2022)13

ENV/WKP(2022)15

The Working Party will be informed about advances made with (i) the production of indicators on climate-related hazards; (ii) the development of the climate actions and policies measurement framework and its harmonised database; (iii) the preparation of quarterly emission accounts jointly with Eurostat and the IMF; and (iv) work on carbon embodied in international trade.

For information

Item 16.b. Updated indicator set and climate action dashboard for IPAC

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)3/REV1

The Secretariat will present (i) the proposed updated set of indicators to monitor progress towards climate objectives for IPAC and use in OECD policy work, and (ii) the expanded interactive climate action dashboard.

Delegates will be invited to:
- Discuss the list of proposed core indicators, paying particular attention to the narrative behind the indicators and their linkages with the Climate Action Dashboard.
- Review the list of proposed complementary indicators and advise on those to be retained in the final set and on their desirable level of detail and application.

For discussion

Item 16.c. Recent developments in related international work

The Working Party will be informed about recent and planned work regarding the UN global set of climate indicators (UNSD) and the UNECE set of climate change related indicators.

For information

Coffee break

11:00

Item 16.d. Indicators on greenhouse gas emission trends and targets (GETT)

ENV/EPOC/WPEI(2022)12

The Secretariat will update the Working Party on ongoing work to produce harmonised indicators on GHG Emission Trends and Targets (GETT) and present a harmonised methodology for quantifying the 2030 NDC GHG emission targets for IPAC countries.

Delegates will be invited to:

- Comment on the general approach for determining physical levels of GHG emission targets in line with countries' NDCs.
- Comment on the proposed indicators, paying particular attention to the narrative behind the indicators and to the interlinkages with other indicators featuring in the Climate Action Dashboard and in the broader indicator set.

For discussion

11:30

Item 17. Climate adaptation policy indicators

Workshop discussion highlights

The Secretariat will report on the workshop on "Developing meaningful adaptation policy indicators" organised jointly with the OECD Task Force on Climate Change Adaptation (TFCCA) and on possible next steps.

Delegates will be invited to discuss the next steps and advise on how the expertise of the WPEI could best be used to enhance collaboration between data and information providers and users and overcome major information gaps concerning adaptation policies and their outcomes.

For discussion

WPEI management issues

12:10

Item 18. Designation of the Bureau for 2023

In accordance with OECD Rules of Procedure, a Bureau should be designated for the coming year at the last meeting of the current year. WPEI Delegates interested in serving on the Bureau are requested to notify the Secretariat of the WPEI, attaching their CV, by Tuesday 15 November 2022.

For approval

12:20

Item 19. Other business

Delegates are invited to indicate if they wish to raise items under "Other Business" before the meeting.

The proposed dates for the next WPEI meeting are: 21-23 November 2023.

12:30 End of meeting