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Draft Agenda

GLOBAL FORUM ON AGRICULTURE

POLICY COHERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT

30 November – 1 December 2005
30 November (Room 1, New Building) - 1 December (Room 7, New Building)
OECD Headquarters, 19 rue de Franqueville, 75016 Paris

Background

While the phrase policy coherence for development (PCD) is hard to define it recognises a very important concept – that the achievement of international development and poverty reduction targets depend not only on aid but on the policy decisions taken across a wide range of sectoral and macroeconomic policies in both developed and developing countries. It is a process whereby a government makes an effort to design policies that take account of other policy communities, minimise conflicts and maximise synergies. Achieving policy coherence is difficult because of multiple policy objectives and conflicting interests. Consequently, a degree of incoherence may be inevitable but the trade-offs should be made transparent and action taken to minimise the negative impacts on development.

At the OECD, the initial focus was on improving internal policy coherence of development policies, *i.e*. improving the targeting, management and evaluation of aid agency programmes and projects. In recent years, increased attention has been given to integrating the development dimension across the work of other policy areas, *i.e.* understanding how policies for migration, agricultural, investment etc. affect developing countries.

Objectives

The purpose of the Forum is to bring together developed and developing country representatives from both the agriculture and development communities to discuss issues relating to the inter-linkages between agricultural-related policies and development objectives. To this end, the key objectives of the Forum are the following.

a) ***Identify*** the impacts of OECD agricultural policies on developing countries and consider their relative importance and the implications for coherence with development objectives.

b) ***Illuminate*** positive examples of coherency between agricultural policies and development objectives, and discuss how these could be applied elsewhere.

c) ***Examine*** the role of various stakeholders in improving policy coherence.

d) ***Investigate*** how policy coherence for development can be better integrated into OECD government policy making with specific reference to agricultural policies.

An annotated agenda for the Forum has been developed to meet the four key objectives and to focus on the coherence of agricultural-related policies in meeting development priorities. The first session will set the scene be introducing the concept of agricultural PCD from the perspective and practice of policy makers, producers, and the poor. The second and third sessions examine the coherency of various agricultural-related policy measures (such as export subsidies, tariffs, payments, import regulations, aid assistance etc.) in addressing two of the crucial development objectives relevant to agriculture (expanding trade, and alleviating hunger and poverty). The fourth session will bring together the lessons learnt through a high-level round table discussion between invited experts from the field of agriculture and development, and the private and public sectors.

Wednesday, 30 November 2005

Chair: Neil FRASER (New Zealand)

10:00-13:00 **SESSION 1. SETTING THE SCENE**

The session will provide the context for the Forum by defining the meeting objectives, the key issues that need to be considered in terms of agricultural policy coherence for development (PCD), and introductory thoughts on the concept and practice of PCD from country, producer and poor perspectives.

10:00 ***Forum Introduction*** **– Herwig SCHLÖGL, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD**

10:10 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: An Overview of OECD Work"*** **– Kiyo AKASAKA, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD**

10:20 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Issues in Agriculture"*** **– Alan MATTHEWS, Trinity College Dublin**

This will outline the main PCD issues for agriculture, drawing on the original paper and work done by Ireland to put the framework into practice in developing countries, *e.g.* in Tanzania and Uganda.

10:35 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Making it Work"*** **– Pertti MAJANEN, Finnish Ambassador to the OECD**

This will discuss how PCD has been achieved in Finland, the issues, the obstacles, and how they have been overcome, with particular reference to agriculture.

10:50 ***General Discussion***

11:40 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: What it Means for Farmers"*** **– Raul MONTEMAYOR, Chair, IFAP's Asian Farmers Committee**

This will discuss the issue from the farmer's perspective (*e.g.* what needs to be done, what the biggest issues are, etc.) including the role of producer organisation in achieving PCD.

11:55 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: What it Means for the Poor"*** **– Ibrahim Assane MAYAKI, Executive Director, The Hub for Supporting Rural Development in Western and Central Africa**

This will provide, from the perspective of the poor, an understanding of what aspects of agricultural-related PCD are important and why, some examples of where PCD has been achieved, and comment on the role of non-government organisations/civil society in achieving PCD.

12:10 ***General Discussion***

13:00-15:00 **Lunch**

15:00-18:00 **SESSION 2. ENHANCING GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL TRADE THROUGH A FAIR AND MARKET ORIENTATED TRADING SYSTEM**

WTO members have committed themselves to achieving a fair and market orientated trading system for agriculture. This session will consider the issue of PCD in terms of enhancing global agricultural trade, examining both the extent to which policy (in)coherence is impacting on trade, and the relationship between trade and development.

15:00 ***"Enhancing Global Agricultural Trade: Status Report"* – Carmel CAHILL, Head of Policies, Trade and Adjustment Division, Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, OECD**

Drawing on recent OECD work, this will provide an overview of developments in agricultural-related trade policies (export subsidies, tariffs, payments, SPS and other NTB) and trade flows since the mid-1990s, and the work done in linking trade liberalisation and household income.

15:15 ***"How Can Policy Coherence Enhance Global Agricultural Trade?"* – Joachim von BRAUN, Director General, IFPRI**

This will discuss the role of policy coherence in enhancing trade and the link to development, providing examples of where policy coherence has enhanced trade and subsequently led to development, and where it has not, emphasising priority areas for action, and how PCD can be better integrated into the policy making process.

15:30 ***General Discussion***

16:30 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Issues for Brazil"* – Fabio CHADDAD, Professor, Ibmec Business School and Marcos JANK, President, Institute for International Trade Negotiations Studies (ICONE)**

This will provide a Brazilian perspective on the issue of PCD as it relates to agriculture, drawing on Brazil's experience with OECD agricultural-related policies (*e.g*. tariffs, NTBs, export subsidies, payments) and Brazilian agricultural-related policies (*e.g.* rural development, farm support, trade), examining the extent to which these are acting in a coherent manner, with emphasis on enhancing global agricultural trade, commenting where possible on the relevance for other Latin American countries.

16:45 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Issues for China"* – ZHANG Xiaoshan, Director, Institute of Rural Development, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences**

This will provide a Chinese perspective on the issue of PCD as it relates to agriculture, drawing on China's experience with aid policies (bilateral, multilateral and NGO), OECD agricultural-related policies (*e.g.* tariffs, NTBs, export subsidies, payments), and Chinese agricultural-related policies (*e.g*. rural development, farm support, trade), examining the extent to which these are acting in a coherent manner, with emphasis on enhancing global agricultural trade, commenting where possible on the relevance for other Asian countries.

17:00 ***General Discussion***

18:00 **Close of Session**

The OECD will host a cocktail reception following the close of Session 2 in *Espace Pascal*, located on the first floor of the New Building, Pascal Wing.

Thursday, 1 December 2005

10:00-13:00 **SESSION 3. CONTRIBUTING TO THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOAL OF ERADICATING EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER**

Of the eight millennium development goals, the first goal, to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, is most directly relevant for agriculture. This goal has two targets: to halve, between 1990 and 2015, (1) the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day; and (2) the proportion of people who suffer from hunger. This session will discuss the issues that are raised when considering this goal and targets through the lens of policy coherence.

10:00 ***"Eradicating Extreme Poverty and Hunger: Status Report"*** **– Prabhu PINGALI, Director, Agriculture and Development Economics Division, FAO**

This will provide an up-to-date account of progress towards the goal of eradicating poverty and hunger, including the main obstacles encountered and the success stories that have occurred, emphasising the extent to which these have been the result of policy (in)coherence.

10:15 ***"How Can Policy Coherence in Agriculture Contribute to the Eradication of Extreme Poverty and Hunger?"*** **– Tom ARNOLD, Chief Executive, Concern Worldwide**

This will examine the role PCD in agriculture can take in achieving the millennium development goals by 2015, including priorities for action and the role of various stakeholders in the process.

10:30 ***General Discussion***

11:30 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Issues for India"*** **– Raghav GAIHA, University of Dehli**

This will provide an Indian perspective on the issue of PCD as it relates to agriculture, drawing on India's experience with aid policies (bilateral, multilateral and NGO), OECD agricultural-related policies (*e.g.* tariffs, NTBs, export subsidies, payments), and Indian agricultural-related policies (*e.g.* rural development, farm support, trade) examining the extent to which these are acting in a coherent manner, with emphasis on the goals of eradicating hunger and poverty, commenting where possible on the relevance for other Asian countries.

11:45 ***"Policy Coherence for Development: Issues for Africa"*** **– Mohamed BEAVOGUI, Director, Western and Central Africa Division, IFAD**

This will provide an African perspective on the issue of PCD as it relates to agriculture, drawing on Africa's experience with aid policy (bilateral, multilateral and NGO), OECD agricultural policies (*e.g.* tariffs, NTBs, export subsidies, payments), and African agricultural policy (*e.g.* rural development, farm support, trade), examining the extent to which these are acting in a coherent manner, with emphasis on the goals of eradicating hunger and poverty.

12:00 ***General Discussion***

13:00-15:00 **Lunch**

15:00-18:00 **SESSION 4. WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?**

The aim of Session 4 is to review what has been learnt in relation to the four Forum objectives. The session will be organised around a ***high-level roundtable*** discussion between invited experts from the field of agriculture and development, and the private and public sectors. The roundtable participants will have an opportunity to exchange their views and assessments of the issues raised in the previous sessions, including the identification of common points and areas of divergence, areas of coherency and incoherency, and their prioritisation of the actions that need to be taken.

15:00 ***High-Level Roundtable Discussion***

Moderator: **Alexandra Trzeciak-Duval, Head of the Policy Co-ordination Division, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD**

Willem-Jan LAAN, Unilever and Vice-Chair, BIAC Food and Agriculture Committee

Kevin CLEAVER, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, World Bank

Jeremy HOBBS, Executive Director, OXFAM International

Richard MANNING, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee

Abdus Salam Mohammad KARAAN, Chairperson, National Agricultural Marketing Council, South Africa

Radha SINGH, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, India

Pinit KORSIEPORN, Deputy Secretary-General, Office of Agricultural Economics, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand

Stefan TANGERMANN, Director, Directorate for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, OECD

Jack WILKINSON, President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)

16:45 ***General Discussion***

17:45 ***Concluding Remarks*** **– Neil FRASER, Chair**

18:00 **Close of the Global Forum on Agriculture**