

**OECD WORKSHOP ON SUBSIDY REFORM AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
POLITICAL ECONOMY ASPECTS**

**House of the Estates (Säätytalo)
Helsinki, Finland, 20-21 June 2006**

Purpose: This 1½ day workshop will provide input to the analytical and policy dimensions of the OECD horizontal work programme on sustainable development. Through issues papers and case studies, it will examine how to use integrated analysis and decision-making – in the economic, environmental and social spheres – to enable reform of harmful subsidies and manage the reform process.

DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY, 20 JUNE

09h15 – 10h00	<p>Welcome and Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martti Hetemäki, Under-Secretary of State, Finnish Ministry of Finance • Kiyo Akasaka, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD • Lori Ridgeway, Canada, Workshop Chair
10h00 – 11h00	<p>First Session – Enabling Subsidy Reform through Addressing their Economic, Environmental and Social Impacts</p> <p>Stephan Barg, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) – <i>Assessing the Benefits of Subsidy Reform from a Sustainable Development Perspective – Economic, Environmental and Social Aspects</i></p> <p>Case Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentti Lähteenoja, Deputy Director General, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, <i>Sustainability Effects of Subsidies to Forestry</i>
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee
11h30 – 13h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunnar Lindberg, Swedish National Transport Research Institute (VTI), <i>Sustainability Effects of Subsidies to Transport</i> <p>Discussant: Blair Comley, Minister (Economic), Australian Delegation to the OECD</p> <p>General Discussion</p>
13h00 – 14h30	Buffet Lunch
14h30 – 16h00	<p>Second Session – Enabling Subsidy Reform through Addressing Social and Transition Issues</p> <p>Anthony Cox, OECD Directorate for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, <i>Easing Subsidy Reform for Producers, Consumers and Communities: Social Issues and Transition Supports</i></p> <p>Case Studies:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janet Dwyer, Gloucestershire University, United Kingdom, <i>Transitional Issues in Subsidy Reform in Agriculture</i>
16h00 – 16h30	Coffee
16h30 – 17h30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petri Lehto, Finnish Ministry of Trade and Industry, <i>Converting Subsidies to R&D Supports in Finnish Manufacturing</i> <p>Discussant: Véronique Deli, Minister Counsellor, Mexican Delegation to the OECD</p> <p>General Discussion</p>

WEDNESDAY, 21 JUNE

9h00 –10h30	<p>Third Session – Enabling Subsidy Reform through Using Integrated and Inclusive Processes</p> <p>Mark Radka, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), <i>Whole-of-Government Decision-Making for Subsidy Reform: Institutions, Stakeholders, Processes</i></p> <p>Case Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Koplou, Earth Track, <i>Integrated Approaches to Reforming Subsidies in the Energy Sector</i>
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee
11h00 – 12h00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Brown, Institute for European Environmental Policy, <i>Integrated Approaches to Reforming Subsidies in Fisheries: the EU Case</i> <p>Discussant: Outi Honkatukia, Secretary General's Office, OECD</p> <p>General Discussion</p>
12h00 –13h00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lori Ridgeway, Workshop Chair, <i>Main Findings of the Workshop</i> • Candice Stevens, OECD Sustainable Development Advisor, <i>Implications for Future OECD Work on Subsidy Reform</i>

REGISTRATION FORM

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The workshop will take place at the House of the Estates (Säätytalo), Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki, from 9:15 (registration from 9:00) on 20 June 2006 until 13:00 on 21 June 2006. There is no conference fee.

Please fill in the registration form, and return it by 30 May 2006 to:

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Conference Hotel

Participants are asked to pay for their hotel accommodation. A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the **Scandic Simonkenttä Hotel**, Simonkatu 9, Helsinki (130€ per night). Please indicate below whether you wish us to make a hotel reservation on your behalf.

Hotel reservation

Single room _____

Double room _____

No. of nights _____

Dates: arrive _____

depart _____