



Meeting on the Key Environmental Indicators of the State of the Environment

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Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America

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Final agenda

Thursday, 21 March

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| 13:30 - 14:00 | Registration of participants |
| 14:00 - 14:15 | Welcome and opening remarks (CEC Secretariat) |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | CEC State of the Environment report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Communiqué• CEC 2002 Work plan• Content of CEC's SOE report:<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ How is OECD's core set changing? Where should CEC go beyond the existing OECD core set?❖ How can we focus on specific NAFTA-sensitive issues?❖ Any specific recommendation on issues? |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To develop a proposal for employing OECD key environmental indicators for North America as part of CEC 2003 SOE |
| 16:00 - 16:15 | Coffee break |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Introduction by Christian Avérous, Head of Environment Performance and Information Division OECD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on key OECD Environmental Indicators |
| 17:00 | Adjourn |

Friday, 22 March 22

9:00 - 9:15 Coffee and muffins

9:15 - 10:45 **DATA**

- OECD data format
- Data collection and processing:
 - ❖ How to improve national data service from the users' perspective?
 - ❖ How to harmonize better the data service and collection from different government sources within each national government?
 - ❖ How to harmonize better data service and collection within North America, across the three countries?
 - ❖ How to avoid duplication in reporting to OECD and CEC?
 - ❖ How to use data reported to OECD in the CEC context?
 - ❖ Is there anything to gain by submitting the same data to 2 agencies?
 - ❖ Is there anything to lose?
 - ❖ Would a dual use create sensitivity problem, conflict in any of the national and/or international agencies?
- Methodology of data processing and aggregation
 - ❖ Can we effectively use OECD's methodology in the CEC context?
 - ❖ Isn't the OECD methodology more compatible with EU users?
 - ❖ What could we apply from OECD's methodology for CEC SOE reporting, why and how?
 - ❖ Are there national differences in methodologies, metrics, transparency, etc. of data processing among the three countries?
 - ❖ How can we achieve consistency in reporting at all level?
 - ❖ Should we aggregate regional and sub national level data with methods other than OECD's?
 - ❖ Do we have sufficient data base to focus on these two areas?
- Report from country representatives on data compilation and production

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 **DATA**

- Regional opportunities: spatial and jurisdictional limitations of data availability (federal/state/provincial/watershed, airshed, transboundary ecoregional)
- Harmonization issues

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

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General discussion

- Opportunities for more in-depth North America reporting
- Users' perspective:
 - ❖ How useful/influential/frequently used are the OECD indicators in national reporting and policy-making in North America? How do experts and others (public, media, decision makers if any) use them?
 - ❖ Any applicable lessons learnt so far?
 - ❖ How could the CEC indicator set contribute to improve expert knowledge and increase indicator application by policy makers?
 - ❖ What is perceived as an existing need/demand?
 - ❖ Will a CEC reporting exercise provide opportunity to better focus on North America? If yes, how?
 - ❖ How would the reporting series serve individual countries and administrations?
- Next steps

16:00 - 17:00

Summary and closing remarks

17:00 -

Adjourn