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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your delegate to the first meeting of the Working Group on Sustainable Development Indicators (SDIs), which was assigned as a mandate:

- to maintain and further improve the quality of the output of the former SDIs Task Force (framework, indicators, data, inter-linkages, nowcasting and forecasting);
- to follow and evaluate preparatory work on further development of best needed indicators
- to improve the communication on SDIs, including their presentation and dissemination;
- to exchange best practices among EU Member States and associated countries;
- to support the further development of EU Sustainable Development policies through the provision of relevant SDIs.

Each Member State should send appropriate representatives, having experience with sustainable development policies and indicators, as well as with statistical production for SDIs. I would be grateful if you could appoint the appropriate expert(s) and confirm their participation in the Working Group, whether from your institution or another organisation if more relevant.

The meeting will take place:

Place:	European Commission Bech Building – 5, rue Alphonse Weicker L- 2721 Luxembourg
Room:	Quetelet Room (Bech building)
Date:	5-6 April 2006
Starting at:	09.00 - 18.00

This meeting will be preceded by a meeting jointly organised by the UN-ECE, the OECD and Eurostat on 'Statistics for Sustainable Development' which will take place in the same room on 3-4 April 2006. Invitations for this meeting will be sent by the UN-ECE, but the participants in the Eurostat meeting of 5-6 April are automatically invited to attend. Your delegate should just mention when registering (see below) whether he/she will also attend this optional meeting.

Travel expenses of only one delegate per Member State will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economical fare by rail (first class).

Air travel is acceptable if the two-way journey is more than 800 km or where the route includes a sea crossing. Air travel will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economical fare available. Only in exceptional cases, duly justified, will the Commission reimburse business class tickets. Where no justification is provided or the justification is considered inadequate, the reimbursement will be made on the basis of an economy class fare.

In order to carry out the reimbursement as quickly as possible we strongly recommend that you:

- carefully read the annex “Instructions to experts invited to meetings”, particularly point 1.2 concerning bank instructions (first application for reimbursement of expenses or change of bank account);

- return the attached application form duly completed and signed to the person responsible for the meeting.

Any error or missing information would cause a considerable delay in the processing of your payment.

All the available working documents can be consulted at the following Internet address:
<http://forum.europa.eu.int/Members/irc/dsis/susdevind/home>.

Please inform the Secretariat of unit D1 of your participation, preferably by e-mail to: Michele.Pastant@cec.eu.int, at least 10 days before the meeting takes place. We would also appreciate to know as soon as possible your observations on the draft agenda as well as suggestions on possible additions or changes.

Badges will be issued on presentation of identification and this invitation letter when entering the building.

Yours sincerely,



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Director

Encl.:

- Agenda
- Instructions to experts invited to meetings
- Application for reimbursement of expenses