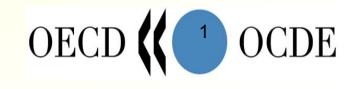
CONCLUSIONS & OUTLOOK



Session 1

- **Policy is about WHO GET'S WHAT?**
- **Implication of this is:**
 - Total Income picture needed
 - Wealth measures needed
 - Comprehensive approach needed, encompassing economic, social and environmental dimension
- Wider view of agriculture



Session 2

- Diversity of rurality and change over time
- Co-ordination between different departments necessary
- Different approaches already exist in IO s and in countries
- Agricultural statistics are required to study status of natural resources, environment and poverty related issues
- Appropriate definition and unit of observation needed
- Convergence desirable



Session 3:

- Sustainibility concepts pose considerable problems for developing appropriate indicators
- The three dimensions of SD (eco social env) need a balanced approach
- Underlying data is too often of poor quality
- Lacking precision in formulation of problem impacts on degree of adequacy of data and its selection



Session 4:

- Agriculture is the principal component of rural sustainability
- Labour input measurement constraints
- Significant differences in measurement across countries
- We simply do not know with precision what we measure!



Session 5:

- Improvements in productivity measurement have been made for 17 OECD countries and at Eurostat
- Farm versus household needs to be investigated and harmonised
- Macro data needs to be complemented by micro data or vice versa
- **Definitions of (farm) household(s) is critical issue**
- Environmental EAA to be developed



Session 6:

- Complex issues such as biodiversity, farming practices, and rural development need further indicator development
- Priorities for indicator development need to be formulated
- Geographic level of AEI is crucial
- Again, quality of basic data determines result
- Interpretability of highly aggregated indicators?



Where to go from here?

- Many methodological issues identified requiring further action, concertation and co-ordination
- IWG.AGRI should play facilitating role in setting up "networks"
 - thematic approach with country agencies (task forces)
 - variable geometry, feedback
- Possible themes: Rural Statistics, Agr. Household Unit, Env. EAA

