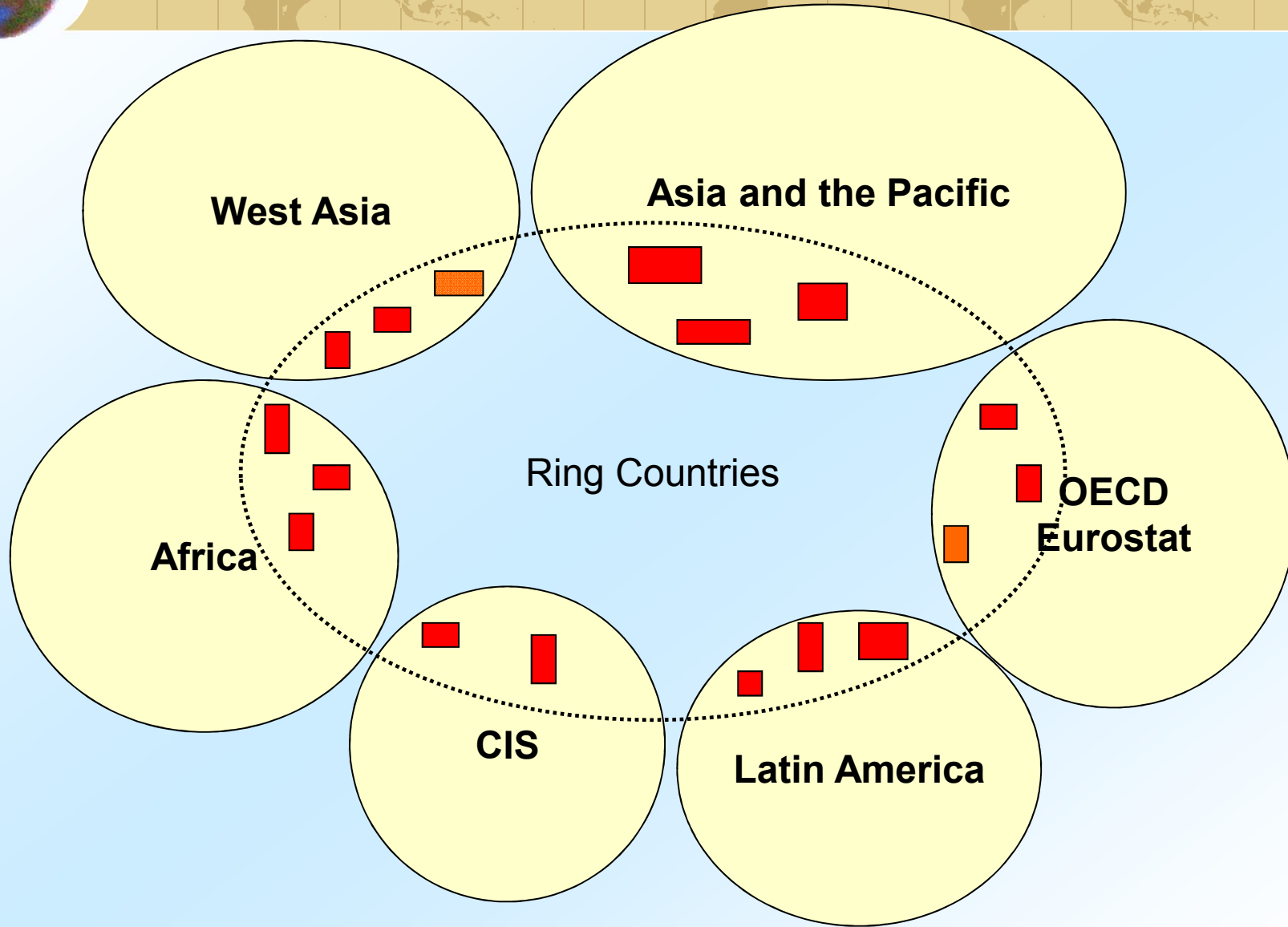
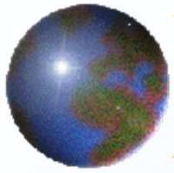


The Ring Comparison

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What-who-when



West Asia

Asia and the Pacific

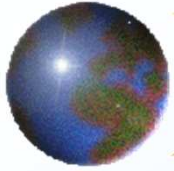
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Ring Countries

**OECD
Eurostat**

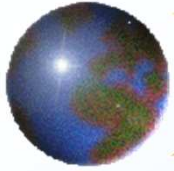
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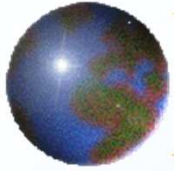
TAG and Executive Board

- ❖ **Full Multi-lateral approach**
- ❖ **Ring countries, chosen, blessed, contacted, accepted.**
 - ❖ **Some said contingent on work plan and approach for gov't construction, equipment, etc.**
 - ❖ **Concern about cost/receiving help**



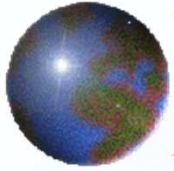
Ring Comparison

- ✦ **Africa--Egypt, Kenya, Senegal, S. Africa, Cameroon**
- ✦ **Asia—Hong Kong, Malaysia, (Singapore), Sri Lanka , Philippines**
- ✦ **CIS—Russia, Kazakhstan**
- ✦ **Eurostat/OECD—UK, Japan, Estonia, Slovenia**
- ✦ **W. Asia—Oman, Jordan**
- ✦ **LAC—Brazil, Chile**



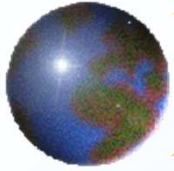
May 2004—Regional Coordinators

- ❁ **All Ring activities with countries coordinated through regions**
- ❁ **Starting point is regional lists**
 - ❁ **Need what countries pricing**
- ❁ **Specifications prepared in English**
- ❁ **SPD and Tool Pack Software be Ring platform**
- ❁ **TAG to provide methodology**



Some Issues

- ❖ **Time/Resources**
- ❖ **Multilateral, bilateral, bridge**
 - ❖ **Fall back and when**
- ❖ **Minimum requirements**
 - ❖ **#items per basic heading**
 - ❖ **Tight vs. loose specs**
 - ❖ **Seasonality**



Background—Regional Specs

- ❖ **Relative importance of product groups regionally determined**
- ❖ **Nomenclature differs/region specific terms**
- ❖ **Number of products per BH/2-79**
 - ❖ **LAC based on CPI**
- ❖ **Level of detail differs significantly**
 - ❖ **CIS/OECD/Eurostat vs others**