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# AGENDA

*OECD Headquarters - room Roger Ockrent*

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9.00 – 9.30	<b>Opening Session</b>
	<p><i>Opening remarks:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Aart Jan De Geus</b>, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Kheireddine Ben Soltane</b>, Legal and Legislative Advisor to the Government, Tunisia.</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Odile Sallard</b>, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.</li> </ul>
9.30 – 10.30	<b>Session 1: Draft Regional Declaration on Regulatory Quality</b>
	<p>Delegates to Working Group IV have highlighted the importance of integrating principles of regulatory quality into their policy reform agendas. The Regional Declaration on Regulatory Quality could be an instrument to provide guidance to Arab countries to improve regulatory policies and tools and reduce regulatory burdens. This session will give the opportunity to Arab and OECD delegates to share recent improvements on the drafting of the Declaration and discuss on the way to get political support from Arab governments.</p>
	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Choukri Sader</b>, Judge, Department of Legislation and Consultation, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Panagiotis Karkatsoulis</b>, Policy Advisor/Professor, Ministry of the Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, Greece.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mohammad Jaffer Kassim</b>, Consultant &amp; Legal Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Yemen.</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Fiorenza Barazzoni</b>, Director General, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mohssine Semmar</b>, Director of Studies and Planning, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Morocco.</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can political support be obtained and sustained over time for the Regional Declaration on Regulatory Quality?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the implications of having a Regional Declaration on Regulatory Quality for the region?</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the means needed to make the Regional Declaration on Regulatory Quality a valuable tool to integrate regulatory policy in broad sense to the decision-making process and to change the administrative culture in Arab countries?</i></li> </ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 13.00	<b>Session 2: Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) pilot projects</b>
	<p>Regulatory Impact Analysis is one of the main policy tools available to policy makers to assess the effects of their decisions and actions. During the G/d Initiative in depth discussions have encouraged interest among Arab delegates to introduce RIA in their policy making process. The RIA pilot projects are a way to move forward in this respect. In co-operation with the OECD, the goal is to systematise the use of this tool among interested countries.</p> <p>This session will give the opportunity to explore in detail the framework to develop the RIA pilot projects and the support the OECD could offer to the region. Arab countries' efforts, international cooperation and the <i>RIA Toolkit</i> are the basis for the project. The session will encourage policy dialogue, lessons learned from experiences from similar projects in OECD countries will be shared and next steps will be portrayed.</p>

	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ms. Delia Rodrigo</b>, Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Kheireddine Ben Soltane</b>, Legal and Legislative Advisor to the Government, Tunisia.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Rahif Hajj-Ali</b>, Senior Policy Analyst, Institutional Development Unit, Ministry of Administrative Reform, Lebanon.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Ali Qassem Saif</b>, Re-engineering coordinator / Director of the Training Centre, Ministry of Civil Service, <b>Mr. Mohammad Jaffer Kassim</b>, Consultant &amp; Legal Adviser, Ministry of Justice, Yemen.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mohammed Al Hiari</b>, Financial &amp; Administrative Director, Executive Privatization Commission, Jordan.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Nick Godfrey</b>, Economist, Financial Sector - Investment Climate Team, Department for International Development (DFID), UK.</li> <li>○ <b>Mrs. Valeria De Magistris</b>, Responsible of Thematic Area, Quality Dissemination and Benchmarking Area, Formez - Centro di formazione e studi, Italy.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Daniel Trnka</b>, Director, Department for Regulatory Reform and Quality of Public Administration, Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic.</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What are the benefits of implementing a RIA pilot project? Which lessons could be drawn from this exercise? How could a RIA pilot project help to introduce a systematic use of RIA afterwards?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can political support be gained for the RIA pilot projects? Who should be responsible for the project?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can international cooperation help to better undertake the related tasks?</i></li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.30	<b>Session 3: Juri-linguists and law drafting for economic growth and investment</b>
	<p>High quality law drafting is essential to build a sound regulatory system. One of the main problems faced in many Arab countries is the heritage of multiple sources of law and a complex legal system. This is a problem shared also by OECD countries. Different activities in the framework of the GfD Initiative have been put in practice. This session will give an opportunity to review these activities and to explore new ones.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Nadhir Ben Ammou</b>, Professor, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Tunis El Manar University and Coordinator of the Masters course on Jurilinguists, Tunisia.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Samer Fares</b>, Director, Institute of Law, Birzeit University, National Palestinian Authority.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. William Robinson</b>, Coordinator, Legal Revisers Group, Legal Service, European Commission.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Chris Moll</b>, Academy for Legislation, Netherlands.</li> </ul>
	<p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What should be the role of jurilinguists in the legislative process?</i></li> <li>• <i>What approaches exist to produce legislation in different languages? How to determine which is best for a country?</i></li> <li>• <i>How could international cooperation be encouraged?</i></li> <li>• <i>What kind of institutions help to improve training, awareness and coherence within the legislative system?</i></li> </ul>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00	<b>Session 4: OECD Regulatory Reform Reviews</b>
	<p>For the last 10 years, the OECD Regulatory Reform Programme has produced regulatory reviews in 22 OECD Member countries as well as in Russia. The reviews have focused on specific reforms experiences, needs and challenges in each country, and have promoted the inclusion of OECD good practices and policy recommendations adapted to better tackle national challenges.</p> <p>During this session delegates to the OECD Working Party on Regulatory Management and Reform will be able to share with their colleagues of the GfD Working Group IV the process and the outcomes of the OECD Regulatory Reform Reviews focused on their own countries. Good practices, the learning process and the influence of policy recommendations will be highlighted.</p> <p>In addition, the framework to undertake <i>GfD Peer Reviews</i> adapted to Arab countries will be envisaged. These peer reviews would be carried out in close cooperation between Arab officials and the OECD Secretariat.</p> <p>As a long term goal, in the framework of the GfD Initiative, a Government at a Glance framework of indicators will be discussed.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Panagiotis Karkatsoulis</b>, Policy Advisor/Professor, Ministry of the Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, Greece.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Nicolas Wallart</b>, Head of Section, RIA Analysis, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Federal Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Switzerland.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Hong-Keun Gil</b>, Director General, Regulatory Reform Bureau II, Prime Minister's Office, Korea.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Charles-Henri Montin</b>, Chief of Department, Regulatory Quality Bureau, General Directorate for State Modernisation, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry, France.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. David Quezada Bonilla</b>, General Coordinator for Regulatory Impact, COFEMER, Mexico.</li> </ul> <p><i>Questions for discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the main elements of a review on government capacities to produce quality regulation? Which national institutions have been involved in the reviews? What are the lessons learned from this process?</li> <li>• How did the reviews contribute to deepen the reform process in OECD countries? Is there measurable evidence of improvement due to the review process?</li> <li>• What are the financial implications of GfD Peer Reviews on Regulatory Reform?</li> </ul>
17.00 – 17.45	<b>Closing Session</b>
	<p>This session will summarise and conclude the discussions and will give time to delegates to overview future events in the framework of GfD Working Group IV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Mr. Josef Konvitz</b>, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.</li> <li>○ <b>Ms. Ghada Labib</b>, Program Director, Ministry of State for Administrative Development, Egypt.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Mustafa Baltaci</b>, Coordinator, Better Regulation Group, Prime Minister's Office, Turkey.</li> <li>○ <b>Mr. Martin Forst</b>, General Coordinator of the GfD Initiative, Acting Head, Public Sector Management and Performance Division, OECD.</li> </ul>