



**MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA
INITIATIVE ON GOVERNANCE
AND INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT**

**A REGIONAL INITIATIVE
SUPPORTED BY OECD & UNDP**

Prime ministers and ministers from 18 Arab countries formally launched the Good Governance for Development Initiative at a ministerial conference hosted by the Prime Minister of Jordan under the patronage of King Abdullah II in February 2005.

OECD and the UNDP Programme on Governance in the Arab Region (POGAR) were invited to jointly support the Initiative. The OECD will provide access to the know-how developed by its member countries.

OECD expertise lies in designing and helping to implement comprehensive public governance reform strategies, drawing on its experiences with other regional and country-specific programmes.

The Initiative:

- ▶ Is driven by the MENA governments' political ownership
- ▶ Builds on a unique partnership between committed MENA and OECD countries
- ▶ Involves the private sector and civil society
- ▶ Is strengthened through close co-operation with the World Bank, the Arab League, the European Union and other international and regional organisations

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**GOOD GOVERNANCE
FOR DEVELOPMENT
IN ARAB COUNTRIES
INITIATIVE**



The Good Governance for Development Initiative is implemented in conjunction with the Investment Programme:

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Together, both shape the OECD's overall Middle East and North Africa Initiative on Governance and Investment for Development.

The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** comprises 30 member countries working with 70 other countries and the private sector to promote growth and investment worldwide.



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SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO MODERNISE PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

The Good Governance for Development (GfD) Initiative aims at modernising public governance in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). By improving the environment for entrepreneurs, investors and job creation, it works towards sustainable development of the region.

The Initiative builds upon MENA countries' ongoing reform efforts to modernise public governance. It

- ▶ Strengthens civil servants' capacity to design, implement and monitor public governance reforms
- ▶ Creates a network for dialogue between policy makers from MENA and OECD countries
- ▶ Designs innovative solutions, tailored to the specific policy environments of each MENA country
- ▶ Assists ministries and government agencies to co-operate and co-ordinate their work
- ▶ Reinforces development initiatives supported by international, regional and bilateral donors

CREATING A FORUM FOR MENA & OECD POLICY MAKERS

The Initiative creates a forum for results-oriented policy dialogue, bringing together practitioners from MENA and OECD countries.

Through this innovative partnership, policy makers share their know-how on implementing public governance policies in six priority reform areas.

These priority reform areas have been identified by MENA countries. Each is attributed to a Regional Working Group, led by a MENA country and co-chaired by member countries of the OECD.

- ▶ **Civil Service and Integrity**
Morocco, Spain, Turkey
- ▶ **E-government and Administrative Simplification**
Dubai (UAE), Italy, Korea
- ▶ **Governance of Public Finance**
Egypt, Netherlands, United States
- ▶ **Public Service Delivery, Public-Private Partnerships and Regulatory Reform**
Tunisia, United Kingdom, Italy, Canada
- ▶ **Role of the Judiciary and Enforcement**
Jordan, United States, France
- ▶ **Civil Society and the Media**
Lebanon, European Union

A Steering Group composed of the MENA Chairs and OECD Co-chairs guides and supervises the activities of the Regional Working Groups to ensure a co-ordinated approach with a government-wide and non-sectoral perspective.

SETTING CLEAR TARGETS AND MONITORING RESULTS

The three-year implementation process of the Initiative is designed to realise the outcomes of the regional policy dialogue on the national level:

Best practices and peer reviews by policy practitioners serve to design innovative solutions based on time-tested OECD working methods.

Clearly defined action targets aim for realistic change. Country-specific measures and application tools build on existing national, bilateral and multilateral reform efforts to ensure effective implementation.

Pilot projects serve as reference models for other participating countries and link the policy dialogue to actual reforms on the ground. They will be supported with technical and financial assistance by international donors.

Monitoring tools ensure a timely and results-oriented implementation of the Initiative.

What makes the GfD Initiative unique?

Policy makers rather than external consultants.

The GfD Initiative creates a unique partnership between government experts from MENA and OECD countries to share their know-how.

Diverse experiences rather than one-size-fits-all-models.

MENA and OECD countries have found a large variety of alternative paths to address their specific governance challenges. The GfD Initiative provides access to this rich pool of experiences in order to develop tailored solutions.

Regional dialogue combined with national ownership.

The GfD Initiative brings together policy experts from MENA governments to enhance regional co-operation.