



Draft Agenda

MENA-OECD Investment Steering Group Meeting

Monday, 4 April 2005

Room 2
OECD Headquarters
19 rue Franqueville, 75016 Paris, France

Meeting co-chaired by
Dr. Yusuf Mansur, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Jordan Investment Board and
Mr. Shuichiro Megata, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japanese Delegation to the OECD

9h15 – 9h45

Opening Session

- **Mr. Richard E. Hecklinger**, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD
- **Dr. Ziad Bahaa –El Din**, Chairman, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, Egypt

9h45 – 10h45

Outcome of Working Group Meetings and co-operation with partner organisations

- The MENA Country Chairs of the five Working Groups will report on the outcome of their first meetings in January and February:
 - **Dr. Yusuf Mansur**, Acting Chief executive Officer, Jordan Investment Board, for WG 1: Open and Transparent Investment Policies
 - **Dr. Martin Berlin**, Chief Strategy Officer, Dubai Development and Investment Authority for WG 2: Encouraging Investment Promotion Agencies and Business Associations to act as driving forces to economic reform
 - **Dr. Zakaria Ahmed Hejres**, Chairman, Bahrain Economic Development Board, for WG 3: Providing a Tax Framework for Investment and Assessing Incentives
 - **Dr. Awwad al Awwad**, Deputy Governor, Saudi Arabia General Investment Authority, for WG 4: Promoting Policies for Financial Sector Development and Enterprise Development in Support of Diversification
 - **Dr. Nasser Saidi**, Chairman, Lebanon Corporate Governance Task Force for WG 5: Improving Corporate Governance
- Private Sector perspective: **Mr. Sherif El Diwany**, Senior Advisor to the Managing Board, Arab Business Council; Representative of **BIAC** and **TOBB**.
- Co-operation with international and regional organisations, introduction by **Mr. Jesper Kjaer**, General Manager, Private Enterprise Partnership for the Middle East and North Africa (PEP MENA), World Bank/IFC

10h45 – 11h45

Discussion

11h45 – 12h00	Coffee break
12h00 – 12h30	<p>Functioning of Working Groups and preparation of future meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Mr. Rainer Geiger, Deputy-Director, OECD Secretariat • Substantive coverage: Do the Working Groups address all key issues? Is there a need to refocus the Programme and devote more/less attention (and resources) to some of the issues? • Working methods: Are the five Working Groups functioning well? • Country participation: Are the MENA and OECD countries sufficiently involved in the Programme? How to engage other countries which are not participating yet? • Timetable for upcoming meetings: Discussion on possible dates for the next Working Group and Steering Group Meetings and Investment Ministerial
12h30 – 12h45	<p>Funding Strategy for the Investment Programme</p> <p>The OECD Secretariat will provide a status report on the funding of the Investment Programme, followed up by a general discussion.</p>
13h00 – 14h30	Lunch hosted by the OECD in the premises
14h30 – 16h30	<p>Country Teams and Action Plans for the National Investment Reform Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by Dr. Manfred Schekulin, Chair of the OECD Investment Committee • How to build a country team and develop an Action Plan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Ziad Bahaa –El Din, Chairman, General Authority for Investment and Free Zones, Egypt ○ Dr. Zakaria Ahmed Hejres, Chairman, Economic Development Board of Bahrain • Progress reports by other MENA countries and comments by the Steering Group members <p>Discussion and adoption of the Guidance Note prepared by the Secretariat</p>
16h30 – 16h45	Coffee break
16h45 – 17h15	<p>Communications Strategy for the MENA Initiative and the Investment Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the OECD Secretariat • Discussion
17h15 – 17h40	<p>Conclusions and next steps</p> <p>The Co-chairs of the Investment Steering Group will present the conclusions of the Steering Group meeting and outline the next steps.</p>
18h30 – 20h30	Reception , hosted by H.E. Ambassador Shinichi Kitajima, Permanent Representative of Japan to the OECD. Transportation will be provided, departing from the OECD headquarters at 18:00.