

## MENA-OECD Investment Programme

### Tentative Upcoming Meeting Schedule Task Forces/Expert Meetings 2005

Title	Meeting Description	Dates	Location	OECD Directorates Responsible ( <i>refer to key at end of document</i> )
<b><u>Investment Treaties</u></b> WG 1, Output 1	Based on the draft inventory, a WG1 legal expert meeting will be organised in order to share experiences and exchange views on emerging trends in international treaties, and prospective future developments in the region.	- Legal Experts meeting (date to be determined)		- DAF/INV
<b><u>Transparency in business transactions</u></b>  WG1, Output 3	Under the aegis of the WG a Task Force will be set up, led by Jordan and UAE.			- DAF/ACD
<b><u>Tax and Incentives</u></b> WG3 WG1, Output 4 WG2, Output 3	Establish a Task Force linking the relevant work concerning investment determinants on tax and non-tax incentives. Egypt and Bahrain have volunteered to chair this Task Force, coordinate the implementation of the activity and present the preliminary results to the MENA Ministerial in autumn 2005.	- Task Force meeting (date to be determined)		<b>WG3</b> - CTP/TPS  <b>WG1 and WG2</b> - CTP/TPS - DAF/INV
<b><u>International Investment Statistics</u></b> WG1, Output 5	Development of a draft mandate for the Task Force, led by Lebanon in co-operation with Egypt. Organisation of its	- Task Force meeting (tentatively 7 & 8 June 2005)	T.F. meeting: Beirut, Lebanon	<b>WG1 and WG2</b> - DAF/INV

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WG2, Output 6	first meeting in Lebanon.			
<b><u>Regional Network of Business Organisations</u></b> WG2, Output 5	Organisation of the first network meeting in Istanbul, hosted by the Turkish Chambers of Commerce and Industry	- Network meeting (28 June 2005)	Network meeting: Istanbul, Turkey	- DAF/INV
<b><u>Tax</u></b> WG3, Output 4	Capacity building seminars and workshops: WG3 delegates have been invited to participate in six events on taxation of relevance to the work of WG3, organised by the OECD CTPA. Separate seminars/workshops targeted at WG3 may be organised for late 2005 and 2006.	- Late 2005 (and 2006) (date to be determined)		- CTP/TPS
<b><u>Financial Sector Development</u></b> WG4, Output 2	A task force will be established led by Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt and composed of interested MENA/OECD countries as well as financial institutions including Arab Monetary Fund, Arab Financial Forum, European Investment Bank, World Federation of Exchanges, International Organisation of Security Commissions, Eurasian Federation of Stock Exchanges, International Monetary Fund, Islamic Development Bank, Union of Arab Banks and World Bank Group, to take stock of the current situation, identify the constraints and develop proposals for action to be submitted to the Ministerial meeting in autumn 2005.	-Task Force meeting (date to be determined)		- DAF

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<b><u>Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship</u></b> WG4, Output 3	Through capacity building workshops. <i>The 1<sup>st</sup> workshop will be aimed at building awareness, assessing case studies from MENA countries, exchanging experiences, and developing policy recommendations.</i>	- Capacity-building Workshop (11-12 July 2005)	Istanbul, Turkey	- CFE
<b><u>Development of National Corporate Governance Codes</u></b> WG5, Output 3	A Task Force will be established to advise MENA countries, on their request, on the elaboration of corporate governance codes.			- DAF/CA
<b><u>Corporate Governance of Non-listed Companies</u></b>	Meeting on Corporate Governance of Non-listed Companies to discuss the challenges and opportunities for corporate governance in non-listed companies, particularly what specific implications they have on public policy.	- (19-20 April 2005)	Istanbul, Turkey	- DAF/CA
<b>5 Working Groups:</b>	Next round of meetings of the 5 Working Groups	<b>5-15 September</b>		
<b>Steering Group:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Group	<b>4 October</b>	<b>Paris</b>	
<b>MENA Investment Forum – Business Day</b>	Organisation of an MENA-OECD Regional Investment Forum in conjunction with the MENA Ministerial meeting	<b>16 November</b>	<b>Amman</b>	
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<b>MENA Investment Ministerial:</b>				

Key to OECD Directorates/Divisions

DAF/INV: Investment Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs

DAF/ACD: Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs

CTP/TPS: Horizontal Programme Division, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

CFE: Centre for SME Entrepreneurship and Local Development

DAF/CA: Corporate Affairs Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs