



GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IN ARAB COUNTRIES

WORKING GROUP IV: FOCUS GROUP ON REGULATORY REFORM

AND A

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MANAGEMENT AND REFORM

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AGENDA

ROOM 7

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9.30 – 10.00	OPENING OF THE MEETING: Overview of the Initiative, Progress in Working Group IV
	Opening remarks by the Chair and OECD Secretariat.
10.00 – 11.00	<u>SESSION 1</u> PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY AND REGULATORY REFORM
	<p>The goal of this session is to discuss linkages between public service delivery and regulatory reform.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ms Roxanne Sutton (Better Regulation Executive, Cabinet Office, UK)</i> • <i>Mr. Fethi Bdira (Chief of Staff to the Minister in charge of the Civil Service, Prime Minister’s Office, Tunisia)</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the priorities of countries to improve public services? • How does regulatory reform support the better delivery of public services? • What are recent initiatives to improve the regulatory environment, and what are the main challenges for future action?
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	<u>SESSION 2</u> PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN REGULATORY REFORM
	<p>The objective of this session is to identify the main challenges when improving the economic and social outcomes of regulations, and when improving the policies and processes by which regulations are drafted and reviewed, and key elements required to make progress.</p> <p><i>Presentations from Arab countries:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The experiences of Arab countries in establishing independent regulatory institutions in infrastructure sectors”- Ms. Sherine al Shallah (Connexus, Lebanon)</i> • <i>“Public-private partnerships for the management of infrastructure: the Moroccan experience” – Mr. Mohssine Semmar (Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Economic Restoration, Morocco)</i> <p><i>Presentations from OECD countries:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“The Mexican experience on regulatory reform” – Mr. Carlos García (Head, Federal Regulatory Improvement Commission, COFEMER, Mexico)</i> • <i>“Regulatory reform in a transition economy: the Czech Republic”- Mr. Daniel Trnka (Deputy Director, Department for Regulatory Reform and Central State Administration, Office of the Government, Czech Republic)</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>

	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the objectives of regulatory reform? • Which are key elements to make progress toward a comprehensive approach? How can countries set goals? • Who should be consulted in the design of regulations and when? What information should be made public, and how? • How do countries ensure that all groups in society benefit from reform?
13.00 – 14.30	LUNCH
14.30 – 15.30	<p><u>SESSION 2</u> [to continue]</p> <p>PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES IN REGULATORY REFORM</p>
	<p>The objective of this session is to identify the risks of managing transition and change in regulatory regimes.</p> <p><i>Presentations from OECD countries:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Risks of managing transition and change in regulatory regimes” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Seven success factors for improving regulatory regimes”- Mr. Edward Donelan (SIGMA Programme)¹ ○ Ms Caroline Varley (Consultant, Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development, OECD) • “Regulatory reform in Korea”- Mr. Myung-Kyu Lee (Director General, Regulatory Reform Bureau, Prime Minister’s Office, Korea) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which risks are associated with deregulation and regulatory reform? • How can countries manage the process of change in a more effective way? • What are the areas of interest for policy dialogue?
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.15	<p><u>SESSION 3</u></p> <p>CHANGING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CULTURE: PARTICULAR TECHNIQUES</p>
	<p>This session will focus on particular techniques that can contribute to change the administrative culture, such as: 1) capacity building; 2) an ombudsman; 3) constituency development; 4) consultation, and 5) appeals processes.</p> <p><i>Presentations from OECD countries:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Examples of action plans and other tools” - Mr. Alexander Hunt (Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, US) • “The role of consultation mechanisms in the regulatory process” – Ms Majken Haals (Division for Better Regulation of Businesses, Ministry of

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	<p><i>Economics and Businesses Affairs, Denmark)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “<i>The Italian Human Governance Initiative</i>” – <i>Mr. Stefano Pizzicannella (Director for International Affairs, Department for Public Administration, Italy)</i> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the skills and qualifications of public officials be improved? • How can governments build a constituency for regulatory reform? • How can governments develop a service ethos amongst civil servants?
17.15 – 18.00	<u>CLOSING SESSION: WRAP-UP AND HOW TO MOVE FORWARD</u>
18.15	<u>COCKTAIL HOSTED BY THE OECD SECRETARIAT</u>