



**GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ARAB COUNTRIES INITIATIVE**  
**WORKING GROUP IV: FOCUS GROUP ON REGULATORY REFORM**  
**AND A**  
**SPECIAL SESSION OF THE OECD WORKING PARTY ON REGULATORY MANAGEMENT**  
**AND REFORM**

**AGENDA**

*25 April 2006*

*Château de la Muette, Room Franqueville*

*Paris*

*Chairs:*

*Dr. Panagiotis Karkatsoulis (morning session)*

*Senior Advisor, Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralisation, Greece*

*and*

*Mr. George Redling (afternoon session)*

*Assistant Secretary, Privy Council Office, Canada*

<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Overview of the Initiative and Progress made in Working Group IV: Stocktaking and Action Planning Activities</b>
	Opening remarks by Mr. Richard Hecklinger, Deputy Secretary General, OECD
<b>10:00 – 11:15</b>	<b><u>SESSION 1</u></b> <b>Stocktaking and future actions: Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)</b>
	<p>This session will link stocktaking to future action plans concerning regulatory impact analysis. Discussion will focus on how RIA can be introduced, and on its potential to help reduce administrative burdens.</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Choukri Sader, Head, Legal Department, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon</li><li>• Mr. Mark Courtney, Deputy Director, Better Regulation Executive, Cabinet Office, UK</li><li>• Mr. George Redling, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet, Regulatory Affairs and Orders in Council Secretariat, Privy Council Office, Canada</li><li>• Mr. Recep Kizilcik, Director of Better Regulation and Deputy General Director of Laws and Decrees, Prime Ministry, Turkey</li></ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Is there any formal assessment of impacts for laws, regulations, decrees, etc.?</li><li>• If it is the case, which are the analytical methods used, who is responsible for its quality, which are the means of ensuring data quality?</li><li>• If it is not the case, what are the real possibilities for its introduction and implementation?</li></ul>
<b>11:15 – 11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45 – 13:00</b>	<b><u>SESSION 2</u></b> <b>Stocktaking and future actions: Law-making procedures</b>
	<p>The objective of this session is to link stocktaking to future action plans concerning law-making procedures. The session will deal with concrete elements, such as training of law drafters, on-line systems for laws and regulations, and a policy on law making.</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr. Ahmed Zarrouk, General Director, Administration and Civil Service, Prime Ministry, Tunisia</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Jean-Christophe Geiser, Lawyer, Legislation Projects and Methodology Division, Federal Office of Justice, Switzerland</li> <li>• Mr. Sergio Juárez Plata, General Coordinator for Special Projects, Federal Regulatory Improvement Commission (COFEMER), Mexico</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the institutional body in charge of controlling the legal/technical quality of laws and regulations?</li> <li>• Are there specific “plain language” drafting requirements for law proposals?</li> <li>• Are there training programmes and recruitment strategies for specialists who can draft laws and regulations?</li> <li>• Have central registries of laws, regulations, and formalities been set up? To what extent are electronic means used, and how effective have they been?</li> <li>• Can citizens follow the steps of drafting and revising laws on-line?</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:45</b>	<p><b><u>SESSION 3</u></b></p> <p><b>Stocktaking and future actions: Regulatory frameworks for PPPs and public service delivery</b></p>
	<p>The objective of this session is to identify issues to improve public-private partnerships and to share experiences about the various economic and legal instruments used to design regulatory frameworks for Public-Private Partnerships and public service delivery.</p> <p><i>Presentations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Tharwat Nouredin-Ebzakh, Privatisation Manager, Executive Privatisation Commission, Jordan</li> <li>• Mr. Peter Stein, Stein Brothers Consulting, Sweden</li> <li>• Mr. Barry Anderson, Head, Budget Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key sectors identified by Arab governments as priorities to be improved? Have public-private partnerships been introduced in the last five years? In which sectors?</li> <li>• What are the most used delivery systems for public services, i.e. public provision, contracting out, etc.?</li> <li>• What is the institutional design of the regulatory authority in charge of PPPs, is it a ministry, or an agency? Which are key elements for the design of regulatory authorities?</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 – 16:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>16:15 – 17:30</b>	<p><b><u>SESSION 4</u></b></p> <p><b>Stocktaking and future actions: Regulatory transparency in public service delivery</b></p>
	<p>The goal of this session is to discuss the use of different regulatory tools as a means to discover the views of those affected by regulation, to obtain data useful in regulatory development and analysis, to balance opposing interests, and to enhance compliance and enforcement of regulations.</p>

	<p><i>Presentations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Mohssine Semmar, Director of Studies and Planning, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Morocco</li> <li>• Mr. Andreas Rahlf Hauptmann, Head of Section, Division for Better Business Regulation, Danish Commerce and Companies Agency, Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Denmark</li> <li>• Mr. John F. Morrall III, Branch Chief, Health, Transportation and General Government, Office of Management and Budget, US</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
	<p><b>Questions for discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can regulatory tools contribute to increase transparency in public service delivery?</li> <li>• What are the procedures for public consultation when regulations are being developed? Are consultation mechanisms formal or informal?</li> <li>• Are there formal guidelines on how consultation should be conducted? If there are guidelines, what do they specify? How can they be improved?</li> </ul>
<p><b>17.30 – 18.00</b></p>	<p><b><u>OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FOR COUNTRY ACTION PLANS: WRAP-UP AND HOW TO MOVE FORWARD</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Martin Forst, Principal Administrator, Coordinator of the GfD Initiative, OECD</li> </ul>