

Preliminary Draft Agenda

Meeting of the Steering Group

Monday, 3 October 2005

Istanbul, Turkey

Organised by
MENA-OECD Co-Chairs of Steering Group

Hosted by
Undersecretariat of the Treasury of the Republic of Turkey

Venue
Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Istanbul

MENA-OECD Investment Programme - Steering Group Meeting

Objectives

The purpose of this 4th meeting of MENA-OECD Steering Group is to decide on the results and recommendations that evolved from the 5 Working Groups which met in September. If agreed upon, these results will be presented to the MENA Investment Ministerial Meeting in November 2005 in Jordan. The Steering Group will also be invited to discuss the preparation of the Ministerial meeting and the Business Day including the finalisation of the draft Declaration to be adopted by the Ministerial Meeting, "ATTRACTING INVESTMENT TO MENA COUNTRIES – COMMON PRINCIPLES AND GOOD PRACTICE".

Meanwhile a number of MENA countries have elaborated their National Investment Reform Agendas. These countries will be asked to present the items they agreed upon to the Steering Group and report on reform progress made so far. The Steering Group will review the progress made by MENA countries in developing and implementing National Investment Reform Agendas.

Participants

Representatives of MENA, OECD countries and International Organisations will attend this meeting. Partner organisations include among others the World Bank, IFC, EIB, MIGA, UNIDO, WAIPA, European Commission/ANIMA, Islamic Development Bank, the Arab League and the Arab Business Council, G8 Investment Task Force, TOBB, BIAC, Union of Arab Banks, and the Federation of Arab Businessmen's Associations.

Documentation

The relevant meeting documents together with a more detailed agenda will be sent to you in a separate mail. For information please visit our website: www.oecd.org/mena/investment.

Draft Agenda Overview

Sunday, 02 October 2005

Reception for Participants

19:30 **Location: Pera Palas Hotel, Mesrutiyet Cad. 98/100, Tepebasi 80050 Istanbul**

Monday, 03 October 2005

09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Session**

- **Mr. İbrahim H. ÇANAKÇI**, Turkish Undersecretary of the Treasury
- **Mr. Richard E. Hecklinger**, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD
- Co-chairs of the MENA-OECD Investment Programme, **Dr. Maen Nsour**, Chairman, JIB, Jordan and **Mr. Graham Minter**, UK Government Representative

09:30 – 10:00 **Break – Press Contact**

10:00 - 11:00 **Outcome of the Working Group Meetings**

The MENA Country Chairs of the five Working Groups will report on the outcome of their first meetings in September.

- **Dr. Maen Nsour**, Chief Executive Officer, Jordan Investment Board, for WG 1: Open and Transparent Investment Policies
- **Mr. Zeyad Al-Majed**, Dubai Development and Investment Authority for WG 2: Encouraging Investment Promotion Agencies and Business Associations to act as driving forces to economic reform
- **Dr. Mohammed Omran**, Advisor to the Minister, Egypt, Ministry for Investment for WG 3: Providing a Tax Framework for Investment and Assessing Incentives
- **Mr. Khaldoon Z. Mahasen**, Head of Studies Department, Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority, for WG 4: Promoting Policies for Financial Sector Development and Enterprise Development
- **Dr. Nasser Saidi**, Chairman, Lebanon Corporate Governance Task Force for WG 5: Improving Corporate Governance
- **Discussion**

11:00 - 12:30 **Preparation of Declaration to be adopted at the Ministerial Meeting**

“ATTRACTING INVESTMENT TO MENA COUNTRIES – COMMON PRINCIPLES AND GOOD PRACTICE”

Discussion led by **Mr. Cavit Dağdağ**, Turkish Deputy Undersecretary of the Treasury

12:30 - 13:00 **Financial Situation and Communications Strategy**

13:00 – 14:30	Lunch – Istanbul Chamber of Commerce
14:30 - 15:00	Preparation of Business Day, Business Statement and Investor of the Year 2005 Award
15:00 - 17:30	Presentations on progress made for the National Investment Reform Agendas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Egypt• Bahrain• Jordan• Morocco• Other countries
17:30 – 18:00	Conclusions and Next Steps <p>The Co-chairs of the Investment Steering Group will present the conclusions of the Steering Group meeting and outline the next steps.</p>

Tuesday, 04 October 2005

08:30- 09:00	Press Breakfast <p>A press breakfast will be held in the Pera Palas Hotel, Mesrutiyet Cad. 98/100, Tepebasi 80050 Istanbul.</p>
09:30 – 12:30	Meeting Continued <p>If necessary the meeting will continue on 04 October am in the OECD Istanbul Centre to finalise the Draft Declaration for submission to the Ministerial Meeting.</p>

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