

TURKISH REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

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MENA PROJECT

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TURKEY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA INITIATIVE ON GOVERNANCE AND INVESTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

- **Turkey is among the OECD countries providing lecturers to the events for technical training with Canada, Check Republic, Netherlands and U.K. with The OECD Secretariat.**

- **The Turkish Ministry of Finance has agreed the use of The OECD Multilateral Tax Center in Ankara for the training of the officials from MENA countries about taxation.**
- **The OECD Centre for Private Sector Development in Istanbul also hosts such activities for The MENA region.**

Topics of the Seminars Decided to be Held in The OECD Ankara Multilateral Tax Center

- Tax Incentives
- Tax Modelling
- Tax Auditing of Multinational Enterprises
- Tax Auditing of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

MENA related seminars held in The OECD Ankara Multilateral Tax Center in 2006 and 2007

Tax Modelling workshop	4-8 December 2006	Ankara, Turkey
Tax Incentives workshop	12-16 March 2007	Ankara, Turkey
Tax Modelling workshop	2-6 April 2007	Ankara, Turkey
Tax auditing of multinational enterprises workshop	4-8 June 2007	Ankara, Turkey

MENA seminars which will be held in The OECD Ankara Multilateral Tax Center in 2007

Tax auditing of small and medium sized enterprises workshop	19-23 November	Ankara, Turkey
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04-08 December 2006 Contribution Provided in The Tax Modelling Workshop

Accommodation	90\$*26*7=	16.380
Food & Beverage	60\$*26*7=	10.920
Extras	30\$*26*5=	3.900
Transportation		2.000
Internet Service		364
Total		33.564 \$
		26.105 EUROS

Calculated over 22 participants 4 lecturers, 26 in total.
Lounge and personnel costs not included.

12-16 March 2007

Contribution Provided in The Tax Incentives Workshop

Accommodation	90\$*29*7=	18.270
Food & Beverage	60\$*29*7=	12.180
Extras	30\$*29*5=	4.350
Transportation		2.100
Internet Service		400
Total		37.300 \$
		29.011 EUROS

Calculated over 27 participants 2 lecturers, 29 in total. Lounge and personnel costs not included.

02-06 April 2007

Contribution Provided in The Tax Modelling Workshop

Accommodation	90\$*24*7=	15.120
Food & Beverage	60\$*24*7=	10.080
Extras	30\$*24*5=	3.600
Bus		1.960
Internet Service		350
Total		31.110 \$
		24.196 EUROS

Calculated over 20 participants 4 lecturers, 24 in total.
Lounge and personnel costs not included.

Contribution by Years

Years	In Kind	In Cash	Total
2005	---	75.000 EURO	75.000 EURO
2006	26.105 EURO*	75.000 EURO	101.105 EURO
2007	79.207 EURO**		79.207 EURO
		Sum Total	255.312 EURO

*1 Seminar held at The OECD Ankara MTC in 2006

**3 Seminars held at The OECD Ankara MTC in 2007. 3rd seminar's cost has estimated

**Participants by Countries in the MENA Related Seminars at
The OECD Ankara Multilateral Tax Center**

ALBANIA	10
ARMENIA	2
AZERBAIJAN	8
BELARUS	6
CHINA	7
EGYPT	3
ESTONIA	1
GEORGIA	2
INDONESIA	1
KOSOVA	2
MONGOLIA	4
MOROCCO	6
PAKISTAN	5
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	4
SAUDI ARABIA	2
UKRAINE	6
TOTAL	69

Some Other MENA Meetings Held in Istanbul

Promoting Investment for Development in The MENA Region	11-12 February 2004
Building Awareness of Women's Entrepreneurship in The MENA	11-12 July 2005
Steering Group meeting	3 October 2005
Informal Steering Group meeting	7 November 2006
Public-Private Partnerships workshop	8 November 2006
Promoting Women's Entrepreneurship in the MENA Region	11-12 December 2006

- Turkey has been seconding an expert from The Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA) to The Secretariat to work on the Investment pillar of The MENA Initiative.

- The Economic Policy Research Institute (EPRI) of The Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) has prepared a project entitled **“Business Development in The Middle East and North Africa”** which has been submitted to The Secretariat.
- This project will be funded entirely by TOBB and the amount reserved for the project is 150.000 US Dollars.