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CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINAR ON THE “REVIEW OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION”

Good Governance for Development (GfD) in Arab Countries Initiative
11 & 12 March 2009, Cairo, Egypt

DRAFT AGENDA

First day – 11 March 2009	
9.00 – 9.30	Opening Session
Opening remarks:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ministry of State for Administrative Development: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Mahmood Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Egypt.Egyptian Regulatory Reform for Development Activity (ERRADA): Dr. Ziad Bahaa El Din, Chairman, Board of Trustees, ERRADA – Egyptian Regulatory Reform Activity, Egypt.Chair of the GfD Working Group IV on Public Service Delivery, Public-Private Partnerships and Regulatory Reform: Mr. Kheireddine Ben Soltane, Juridical Counselor, Prime Ministry, Tunisia.Co-Chair of the GfD Working Group IV on Public Service Delivery, Public-Private Partnerships and Regulatory Reform: Mr. Jeroen Nijland, Director, Regulatory Reform Group, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands.OECD Secretariat: Mr. Josef Konvitz, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, OECD.	
9.30 – 10.30	Session 1. Regulatory reform challenges
<p>This session offers an introduction to the topic of regulatory reform from an international perspective. Rules need orderly management and coordination to ensure coherence and to promote a sound regulatory system. Regulatory reform should take place when rules do not achieve the concrete policy objectives that were established at the outset. The main goal of the reform should be to help reduce regulatory and administrative burdens on businesses and citizens.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jeroen Nijland, Director, Regulatory Reform Group, Ministry of Finance, Netherlands. • Mr. Ali Abu Diak, Deputy Assistant for Legal and Professional Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Palestinian National Authority. • Dr. Ashraf Abdel-Wahab, Deputy to the Minister, Ministry of State for Administrative Development, Egypt. • Couns. Alaa Eldin Kotb, Legal Advisor , Vice-President of the State Council, Egypt. 	
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 – 13.00	Session 2. Institutions and tools to review existing legislation
<p>Mechanisms which ensure the rules’ effectiveness in achieving objectives should be systematically applied so as to promote the renewal of outdated rules and the simplification of existing regulations. In jurisdictions where systematic review mechanisms are not in place, the implementation of comprehensive reviews should take place in order to improve existing legislation.</p> <p>This session explores the available instruments and mechanisms which aid in a review of existing legislation. Countries have used different techniques adapted to their environment’s specificities. A logical sequence has three steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 INVENTORY: putting together an inventory of the existing legislation; • Step 2 REVIEW: undertaking a review of the inventory to identify rules that need improvement; and • Step 3 STREAMLINING: the actual amending of rules and reforming of the whole regulatory system according to the findings of the previous steps. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Kheireddine Ben Soltane, Juridical Counselor, Prime Ministry, Tunisia. • Mr. Jean-Christophe Geiser, Lawyer, Public Law Division, Federal Office of Justice, Switzerland. • Mr. Salih Arikan, Expert, Legislation Development and Publication, Prime Ministry, Turkey. • Mr. Sherif Fawzi Abdel Gawad, Director of Operations, ERRADA – Egyptian Regulatory Reform for Development Activity, Egypt. 	
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30 – 17.00	Workshop Part I. What to Change? Putting together the inventory
<p>Two discussion groups (A and B) are set up to evaluate how an INVENTORY of existing legislation is built (Step 1 of the review). Based on Egypt’s and international experience, the goal is to answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the INVENTORY phase vital to the success of the review? • How do we identify the existing legislation we have? • How can we put in better order what we have? • Which are the main challenges faced? • Which capacities need to be built and how can co-operation be promoted inside government? 	
<i>Discussion Group A</i>	<i>Discussion Group B</i>
<u>Moderator</u> Mr. Jean-Christophe Geiser , Lawyer, Public Law Division, Federal Office of Justice, Switzerland.	<u>Moderator</u> Mr. St John Bates , Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Strathclyde, Scotland.

<p><u>Introductory speakers</u></p> <p>Couns. Hesham Ragab, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Egypt.</p> <p>Couns. Amr Hussein, Manager - Trade Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u></p> <p>Ms. Ghena Abou Taleb, Sector Manager General Review Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p>	<p>Managing Director, Bates Enterprises Ltd, British Isles, UK.</p> <p><u>Introductory speaker</u></p> <p>Mr. Samir Ghareeb, Manager - Local Development Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u></p> <p>Mr. Abdel Shakur Zahran, Sector Manager General Review Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p>
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Second Day – 12 March	
9.30 – 12.00	Workshop Part II. How to Change it? Reviewing and improving the existing legislation
<p>This session addresses the REVIEW of the existing legislation (Step 2), which consists of identifying which legislation needs improvement. Egypt is currently developing this phase and discussions will serve to give an overview of preliminary results and challenges ahead. This session is also deals with the STREAMLINING of legislation phase (step 3), which includes providing concrete reform proposals of existing rules.</p> <p>Based on international experience and the ERRADA methodology, discussions will provide an overview on how to overcome obstacles when REVIEWING and STREAMLINING existing rules. In particular, when inter-ministerial co-operation is needed. The objective is to respond to the questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we identify which (existing legislation) is working properly? which needs improvement? • How can we improve the legislation we have? 	
Discussion Group C	Discussion Group D
<p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Mr. Vedran Antoljak, Managing Partner, Sense Consulting, Croatia.</p> <p><u>Introductory speaker</u></p> <p>Mr. Mohamed Fouda, Advisor to the Minister of Transport, Egypt.</p> <p>Eng. Sherif Fouad, Manager - Transport Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u></p> <p>Mr. Mohamed Khafagy, Sector Manager General Review Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p>	<p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Mr. Kristoffer Rudkjaer, Division for Better Business Regulation, Commerce and Companies Agency, Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Denmark.</p> <p><u>Introductory speaker</u></p> <p>Couns. Essam Abdel Aziz, Legal Counselor to the Minister of Housing, Egypt.</p> <p>Mr. Mohamed Eissa, Manager - Housing Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p> <p><u>Rapporteur</u></p> <p>Ms. Noha Sobhi, Sector Manager General Review Unit, ERRADA, Egypt.</p>
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Break</i>
12.15 – 13.00	Report to plenary session
<p>This session will serve as a wrap-up of the workshop discussions. The rapporteurs from all groups will briefly present a summary of the discussions.</p>	

13.00 – 13.30

Closing Session

Conclusions and wrap up:

- SIGMA, a joint initiative of the OECD and the European Commission, principally funded by the EC:
Mr. Edward Donelan, Principal Administrator, SIGMA, OECD.
- Egyptian Regulatory Reform for Development Activity (ERRADA):
Eng. Alaa Soueif, Executive Director, ERRADA – Egyptian Regulatory Reform Activity, Egypt.
- Ministry of State for Administrative Development:
Dr. Ashraf Abdel-Wahab, Deputy to the Minister, Ministry of State for Administrative Development, Egypt. (tbc)