



GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN ARAB COUNTRIES INITIATIVE

SECOND REGIONAL MEETING OF THE

WORKING GROUP III: GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC FINANCE

AGENDA

Cairo, Egypt,

7-8 May 2006

| Day 1: Sunday May 7 | |
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| 14.30 – 15.30 | <i>Registration, informal greetings over coffee</i> |
| 15.30 - 17.00 | <p>Chairmen's reports and update Chair: Mr. Dick Emery</p> <p>Led by Mr. Hany Dimian and Mr. Helmer Vossers</p> <p>This session will bring the participants up to date on the Working Group activities since the last meeting and on what lies ahead, specially the ministerial level Steering Group meeting in Sharm el Sheikh on May 20 and beyond. The last session of the meeting will be devoted to the Country Actions Plans and the preparation of the May 20th Ministerial but this first session intends only to introduce the subject and the material and answer questions.</p> <p><i>Document:</i> Group III on Governance of Public Finance: activities since the October 5 Cairo meeting and looking forward</p> <p><i>Document:</i> Secretariat's summaries of some countries reform actions and intentions (Country Action Plans)</p> |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 17:30 – 19.00 | <p>MENA Regional Financial Management Training Center Chair: Mr. Dick Emery</p> <p>Led by Mr. Hany Dimian and Mr. Helmer Vossers and Manal Hinnawi</p> <p>At the last meeting, the Egyptian government proposed the creation of such a Center in Cairo, the delegates supported it in principle and the secretariat as well as the chairmen undertook to examine the feasibility of such a Center and to flesh out the proposal. The delegates are invited to comment on the follow-up suggested for this initiative and to inform their colleagues concerning their intended use of this center (for instance, types and numbers of trainees envisaged, themes where their needs for training are most acute, and existing national institutions which may contribute to meeting regional training needs).</p> <p>Ms. Mira Dobovisek, Director of the Center of Excellence in Finance (Slovenia) will describe how such a center was established and succeeded for South Eastern Europe.</p> <p><i>Document:</i> MENA Regional Financial Management Training Center: a Feasibility Assessment</p> |
| 20:00 – | <i>Diner offered by The Egyptian Ministry of Finance (directions will be provided during the meeting)</i> |

| Day 2 : Monday, 8 May 2006 | |
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| 9:00-10:30 | <p>Country action plans, the preparation for the Ministerial Steering Group Meeting and planning the way forward.</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Dick Emery</p> <p>Substantial progress has been made in collecting, sorting and organizing relevant country information in order to bring to a close the "stock-taking phase" of the WG III part of the GfD. Delegates will be invited to inform their colleagues as to their intentions for presenting Country Action Plans at the Steering Group meeting on May 20. The chair may invite some of the countries involved in the most comprehensive reforms to outline their actions, their plans and their specific international collaboration needs.</p> |
| 10.30 – 11:00 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | <p>Country action plans, the preparation for the Ministerial Steering Group Meeting and planning the way forward; <i>(.../ continued)</i></p> <p>Chair: Mr. Dick Emery</p> |
| 13.00 - 14.30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| <p>Note: The afternoon is devoted to workshops designed and prepared specifically for the occasion by ECORYS at the request of Mr. Helmer Vossers and financed by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Cairo.</p> | |
| 14:30 – 16.00 | Budget comprehensiveness: dealing with off budget expenditures |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Getting to MTEF and using it |
| 17.00 – 17:30 | <i>Coffee Break</i> |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | <p>Concluding Remarks of the Meeting</p> <p>Chairs: Mr. Hany Dimian and Mr. Helmer Vossers</p> |
| 19:00 – | <i>Cocktail offered by the Dutch Embassy (directions will be provided during the meeting)</i> |