

III. WHAT'S NEXT?

Based on the full day's discussions and presentations, Mr. Rolf Alter, Head of OECD's Regulatory Reform Programme and Deputy Director of OECD's Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, in **looking ahead**, identified two basic areas on which further work and analysis was needed: Firstly, on **institutional issues**, Mr. Alter noted that discussions had revealed a need for an improved institutional framework to allow better cooperation between regulators and trade negotiators. Promising practices should be identified and shared.

Secondly, discussions and calls from participants had pointed to the need for further work to improve **policy instruments** to develop, assess, and communicate regulations with trade impacts and trade agreements with regulatory implications. Mr. Alter emphasised that such work should proceed in a dialogue with all important stakeholders, including regulators, trade negotiators, other international organisations as well as representatives from trade and business organisation.