

Tunis, 1-2 June 2010

Agenda

**Capacity Building Seminar: “Using the
Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality
Effectively”**

Organised by the
**Regional Centre of Expertise in Regulatory
Quality, Tunisia**

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Background Information

The Good Governance for Development (GfD) in Arab Countries Initiative aims at modernising public governance in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The Working Group (WG) IV focuses on Public Service Delivery, Public Private Partnerships and Regulatory Reform. This WG is chaired by Tunisia and co-chaired by Canada, Italy and Netherlands (for more information please visit www.oecd.org/mena/governance). The WG IV launched the Regional Centre for Expertise in Regulatory Quality (RCERQ) in May 2009. Based in Tunis, the RCERQ supports knowledge-transfer and capacity-building on regulatory reform with the aim to strengthen the use of evidence-based tools in regulatory decision-making.

The Objectives of the Capacity Building Activity “Using the Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality Effectively – A Training Course for Practitioners in Arab Countries”, organised by the RCERQ

The participating countries of the MENA Initiative endorsed the Regional Charter for Quality in Regulation during the 2009 Ministerial Conference in Marrakesh. The Charter is a regional instrument to provide guidance for Arab countries in improving regulatory policy and integrate principles and good practices into policy agendas. The implementation of the Regional Charter provides a framework against which progress in the MENA region can be assessed.

Ensuring quality in regulation has become a top priority for public sector reforms in Arab countries. A fundamental objective of regulatory reform is to improve the efficiency of national economies and their ability to adapt to change and to remain competitive. The purpose of this training course is twofold: First, it discusses how the Regional Charter can be used effectively to integrate principles into policy agendas. Second, it provides participants with an introduction to planning, implementing and managing regulatory reform and impact assessments. Each element will be explained through a theoretical presentation, illustrated by real examples from MENA and OECD countries, which will be followed by group work. The training course is highly interactive and participants are encouraged to share experiences as much as possible.

At the end of this training course the participant should:

1. Have an informed understanding about the practical implications of the Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality
2. Be able to use the Regional Charter effectively as public official or policy maker involved in regulatory reform
3. Be able to develop projects to implement and manage regulatory impact assessments

Target group

This two-day training course should be of particular interest to those involved in implementing regulatory reform, policy makers and public officials in the MENA region.

Tuesday, 1 June 2010

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 9.45	Welcome address
The Regional Centre of Expertise in Regulatory Quality Mr Zouhair Skander , General Director, Centre of Legal and Juridical Studies, Tunisia.	
9.45 – 11.00	Introduction to the Regional Charter and Regulatory Reform: Principles and Practice*
Introduces the Regional Charter and principles of regulatory policy, discusses why regulatory reform is being implemented, analyses the main advantages and bottlenecks of regulatory reform. Ms Miriam Allam , Economist, Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD. The session concludes with a practical exercise, organised in cooperation with Ms Hania Bouacid , Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.	
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.45	Improving Regulatory Quality*
Presents the life-cycle of regulation and the steps from development to evaluation. It also discusses the role of the institutional setting to ensure regulatory quality. The session draws on practical examples and techniques from OECD and MENA countries to address questions of regulatory management system. The session concludes with a practical exercise in which teams work on objectives for implementation. Mr Thomas Larouche , Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.	
12.45 – 14.15	Lunch
14.15 – 16.00	Legislative Drafting Procedures: The case of the Palestinian National Authority
Provides a step-by-step approach for developing a legal database with reference to the “Al Moqtafi” database of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). It also discusses legislative drafting techniques and the future outlook for quality improvements in regulatory policy in the PNA. Mr Fayez Bikerat , Manager of the Legislative Assistance Department, Institute of Law Birzeit University. Mr Mohammed Alkhader , Manager of the Legislation and Court Judgments Database – Al-Muqtafi, Institute of Law, Birzeit University. Mr Ahmed Khaled , Coordinator of the Legislation and Court Judgments Database, Institute of Law, Birzeit University.	
16.00 – 16.15	Concluding remarks and end of proceedings day 1

* The sessions will draw on practical examples and techniques from OECD and MENA countries to illustrate experiences with the preparation, implementation and management process of regulatory reform.

Wednesday, 2 June 2010

9.00 – 11.00 Workshop: Regulatory Reform

Presents different tools to improve regulatory quality and discusses how to analyse and involve relevant stakeholders in public consultation. The workshop concludes with an exercise in which teams will work on different case studies.

Mr Andrea Renda, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Belgium.

11.00 –11.30 Coffee break

11.30 –12.30 Workshop: Regulatory Impact Analysis

Group work on the preparation and implementation of regulatory impact assessments. In this session, delegates will work on their own RIA incorporating techniques to manage impact assessments.

Mr Andrea Renda, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Belgium.

12.30 –14.00 Lunch

14.00–15.00 Group Presentations

The teams present the results of their previous group exercise.

Facilitated by **Mr Andrea Renda**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Belgium.

15.00 –15.30 Conclusions and Evaluation of Seminar