

Ankara, 2-3 March 2011

A detailed, golden-brown geometric pattern with intricate floral and star motifs, characteristic of Islamic art, set against a green background.

**Effective Regulatory Institutions
for a State Based on the Rule-of-Law**

Workshop for high-level officials of the
Government of Iraq

Hosted by the Government of Turkey

Organised by the
MENA-OECD Governance Programme

Workshop venue: Prime Minister's Office

Wednesday, 2 March 2011

18.00 –
19.00

The role of a central regulatory oversight unit in developing a strategy for regulatory reform in Iraq

Moderator: Mr. Josef Konvitz, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.

In a roundtable discussion, Iraqi delegates will discuss regulatory reform including the creation of the institutional setting in Iraq. The objective is to identify challenges and difficulties for establishing a sound regulatory system. In particular, the session will discuss issues of addressing centralisation, applying a whole-of-government approach to avoid negative effects of sectoral fragmentation and the need to improve investment and job creation.

Roundtable discussions

19.00

Working Dinner

Thursday, 3 March 2011

9.30 – 10.00 Welcome address

Opening remarks:

- **Mr. Özer Kuntoğlu**, Deputy Undersecretary, Prime Ministry of Turkey.
- **H.E. Mr. Ali Muhsen Ismail Al-Alaak**, Secretary General of the Iraqi Cabinet.
- **Mr. Josef Konvitz**, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.

10.00 – 10.45 The institutional setting for regulatory reform in OECD countries: different models and options

Moderator: Mr. Mustafa Doğan, Deputy General Director of the DG Laws and Decrees, Better Regulation and Impact Assessment Group, Prime Ministry, Turkey.

This session will present different institutional models and solutions applied for regulatory reform in OECD countries demonstrating their strengths and weaknesses. The objective of the session is to ensure a broad knowledge and understanding of methods and techniques and discuss their relevance for regulatory reform in Iraq.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Josef Konvitz**, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.
- **Mrs. Miriam Allam**, Economist, Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.

10.45 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.00 The institutional setting for regulatory reform: the case of Turkey, Ireland and Iraq

Moderator: Mr. Josef Konvitz, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.

This session will discuss the institutional setting for regulatory reform in Turkey. Peers from the Better Regulation and Impact Assessment Group (PM Turkey) will present the step-by-step approach applied in their country for establishing a central regulatory oversight unit. The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

Speakers:

- **Mr. Halil Bağcı**, Expert of DG Laws and Decrees, Prime Ministry, Turkey

12.00 – 12.45 The institutional setting for regulatory reform: the case of Turkey, Ireland and Iraq (cont'd)

Moderator: Mr. Josef Konvitz, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD.

This session will discuss the institutional setting for regulatory reform in Ireland and present the role and function of the Better Regulation Unit (PM Ireland). The presentations will be followed by Q&A.

Speakers:

- **Mrs Lisa Hennessy**, Better Regulation Unit, Department of the Taoiseach, Ireland

12.45 – 14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 – 14.45	How to overcome barriers and implement a strategic plan?
<p><i>Moderator: Mrs Lisa Hennessy, Better Regulation Unit, Department of the Taoiseach, Ireland and Miriam Allam, OECD.</i></p> <p>The aim of the session is to present the steps to be adopted in the regulatory reform and discuss the institutional set-up for sustainable regulatory reform, considering OECD countries experiences. Delegates will discuss the implementation of the regulatory reform plan in Iraq, identify barriers that could appear during this phase and try to find solutions to overcome them before starting with the implementation phase.</p>	
14.45 – 15.45	Redefining the strategy: writing a work plan for Regulatory Reform in Iraq
<p><i>Moderator: Mr. Mehmet Bıçkıcı, Deputy General Director of DG Legislation Development and Publication, Miriam Allam, OECD.</i></p> <p>Delegates will work on a strategic plan for the regulatory reform in Iraq and the institutional settings to be organised. By end of this session, delegates will have translated the strategic plan into an action plan for the regulatory reform and the institutional setting in Iraq.</p>	
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00-16.45	Conclusions and Objectives of the OECD Regulatory Review in Iraq
<p>The concluding session will summarise the outcome of the workshop and discuss steps of the regulatory review in Iraq in partnership with the MENA-OECD Governance Programme. The review aims to support the identification of immediate needs and challenges of the regulatory policy in Iraq and propose recommendations on the strategy for successful regulatory reform. The strategy should also include the launching of an institutional body in charge of regulatory review of the existing legislation, the regulatory system itself and the quality of regulation. A sound regulatory policy is urgent in Iraq as it helps to reduce risks and uncertainty and promote investments and job creation.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ali Muhsen Ismail Al-Alaak, Secretary General of the Iraqi Cabinet. • Mr. Mehmet Bıçkıcı, Deputy General Director of DG Legislation Development and Publication, Prime Ministry, Turkey. • Mr. Josef Konvitz, Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD. 	
17.00 -	Dinner, organised by the Government of Turkey