



SESSION II

Regional reform achievements and the way ahead

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15.00-17.30: Ministerial Panel A: Public Governance

Objective

1. The Ministerial Panel on Public Governance is organised within the framework of the MENA-OECD Ministerial Conference on 23 November 2009 in Marrakech. The panel's key objective is to strengthen partnerships for reform in the MENA region and to allow for exchange of experiences on public governance between ministerial delegations from MENA and OECD countries.
2. The meeting has the purpose:
 - to confirm the commitment to the MENA-OECD Governance Programme at highest political level;
 - to report on recent progress and achievements in modernising public governance in the MENA region;
 - to present the "OECD Progress Report on Public Governance Reform in the Middle East and North Africa";
 - to explore ways to raise visibility, relevance and the impact of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme;
 - to shape the way ahead: identify priorities of the programme, opportunities, and an appropriate framework for future regional co-operation and dialogue;
3. The conclusions of the Ministerial Panel on Public Governance will contribute to the strategic planning of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme and the renewal of its programme of work.

Agenda

15.00 - 15.15	<i>Progress and Achievements in Modernising Public Governance in the MENA region, Programme Assessment and Way Forward</i>
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Statements:

- H.E. Mr. Mohamed Abbou, *Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of the Modernisation of the Public Sector, Kingdom of Morocco*

H.E. Minister Abbou welcomes participants and provides a brief overview on the objectives of the ministerial panel on public governance. Minister Abbou will report on recent achievements in MENA countries in the modernisation of the public sector. He will present the ministerial declaration and illustrate how it recognises achievements in the area of public governance and provides a roadmap for future collaboration.

- Mr. Rolf Alter, *Director of the Directorate for Public Governance and Territorial Development at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*

Mr. Alter introduces the "OECD Progress Report on Public Governance Reform in the Middle East and North Africa", which is launched on the occasion of this Ministerial Conference. Mr. Alter will also showcase the findings of the "OECD Publication Government at a Glance" and the potential impact of this publication on the MENA region as well as the MENA-OECD Governance Programme.

- H.E. Mr. Chris Hoornaert, *Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OECD and co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme*

H.E. Ambassador Hoornaert assesses the achievements of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, and outlines the strategic directions and the way forward. His intervention is based on two key documents which the Ambassador will present for discussion to the ministerial delegations: the assessment report of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme for the period 2009-10 and the framework for future activities.

15.15 - 17.20	<i>Ministerial Roundtable on Public Governance</i>
<p>The heads of the ministerial delegations from MENA and OECD countries are invited to report on past achievements of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme. They may also wish to refer to the achievements of the programme's thematic Working Groups and their role in facilitating reforms in the public sector in their respective countries.</p> <p>The ministerial roundtable further provides a venue for identifying areas of future co-operation to strengthen reform outcomes. Based on the rationale of innovations and successful reform experiences in their countries, the heads of the ministerial delegations are invited to outline how they plan to benefit from the MENA-OECD Governance Programme in the future. They will discuss and define how the policy instruments of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme can contribute to meeting national reform agendas and overcoming difficulties in maintaining the pace of governance reform in times of economic uncertainty.</p>	
17.20 - 17.30	<i>Concluding Remarks</i>
<p>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Abbou, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister in charge of the Modernisation of the Public Sector, Kingdom of Morocco and H.E. Mr. Chris Hoornaert, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belgium to the OECD and co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme summarise the discussions and close the ministerial panel on public governance.</p>	

Documents:

- OECD Progress Report on Public Governance Reform in the Middle East and North Africa
- The assessment report of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme for the period 2009-10
- The framework for future activities
- Ministerial Declaration
- Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality
- OECD Publication Government at a Glance