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AGENDA

Third Steering Group Meeting

at Ministerial Level

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Conrad Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

Under the patronage of H.E. Dr. Ahmed Nazif

Prime Minister, Arab Republic of Egypt

OECD

Ministry of State for
Administrative Development

UNDP

Chaired by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Arab Republic of Egypt

Co-Chaired by H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson, Ambassador, Sweden

8.30-9.00	***Registration***
Meeting venue: Conrad Ballroom, Ground Floor, Conrad Hotel Cairo, 1191 Corniche El Nil, 11221 Cairo, Egypt	
9.00-10.00	**Opening Session** Chair: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Arab Republic of Egypt and Chair of the GfD Steering Group

Welcome and introduction of speakers by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Arab Republic of Egypt and Chair of the GfD Steering Group

Opening remarks:

- H.E. Dr. Mohamed El Twijry, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, League of Arab States
- H.E. Mr. Angel Gurría, Secretary-General, OECD
- Dr. Adel Abdellatif, Chief-Regional Programme Division, Regional Bureau for the Arab States, United Nations Development Programme
- H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden and Co-Chair of the GfD Steering Group
- H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Arab Republic of Egypt and Chair of the GfD Steering Group

10.00-10.45	***Coffee break*** 10.00-10.30 press statements of H.E. Mr. Angel Gurría, H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, and Dr. Adel Abdellatif
10.45-13.00	**Session 1: Achievements in Public Sector and Judicial Modernisation in Arab Countries** Chair: H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Arab Republic of Egypt and Chair of the GfD Steering Group

Objective of the session:

In this session Arab ministers will present, in accordance to their field of responsibility, the progress made by their countries either in the modernisation of the public sector or the modernisation of the judiciary system. Ministers are invited to describe the impact of the GfD Initiative on the process of reform. All Arab countries will have the opportunity to describe their main initiatives as well as giving an outlook of their future reform agenda. These presentations will provide with a comprehensive overview on the achievements of GfD I.

13.00-15.00	***Lunch***

15.00-17.15	**Session 2: The Way Forward to GfD II** Chair: H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden and Co-Chair of the GfD Steering Group

Objective of the session:

In this session, participants from Arab and OECD countries will have the opportunity to discuss the strategic directions, the programme of work and the mobilisation of resources for the implementation of GfD II (2008-10).

***Key themes**:*

- ***Presentation of the Strategic Directions and Programme of Work***
- ***Regional Policy Dialogue:** Discussions will address possibilities to deepen the existing regional policy dialogue and capacity building.*
- ***Peer learning:** Peer review and joint learning projects in GfD II aim to meet Arab countries' demand for more country-specific activities and support for reform implementation at local level.*
- ***Regional Centres:** Some Arab countries are currently working towards the creation of regional centres for training and capacity-building. The role of these centres in the initiative and ways to increase their regional impact will be specifically addressed.*
- ***Regional mechanisms to support co-operation and networking on anti-corruption and transparency***
- ***Strengthened partnerships and resource mobilisation:** Possibilities for strengthening co-operation and partnerships with international and bilateral actors will be discussed with a focus on the need for ensuring maximum synergies with existing programmes and projects in Arab countries.*

17.15-17.30	***Coffee break***
17.30-18.00	**Presentation of the chairman's conclusions**
18.00-18.30	***Press break*** *H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish and H.E. Ms. Gun-Britt Andersson will summarise the meeting's outcomes. Journalist will then have the opportunity to address questions to all ministers and high-level representatives attending the press break.*
20.00	***Dinner hosted by H.E. Dr. Ahmed Darwish*** Dinner venue: Prince Tazz Palace, 17 Siufia Street from El Saliba Street, El Khalifa, El Qalaa, Cairo Meeting in the hotel lobby at 19.20. Transportation to the dinner will be provided.