Good Governance for Development in the Arab States
(GfD)

Programme on
Anti-Corruption and Judicial Reform

Chair & Co-Chair Meeting

03 August 2007

Paris - France

Programme Priorities

- Implementation of the UNCAC
- Judicial Training on Economic Laws
- Court Automation
- Enforcement of Judgments

Genesis of Programme Priorities

Dead Sea Conference (Feb 2005) ≥

1st Regional Meeting of GfD V (Sep 2005) ≥

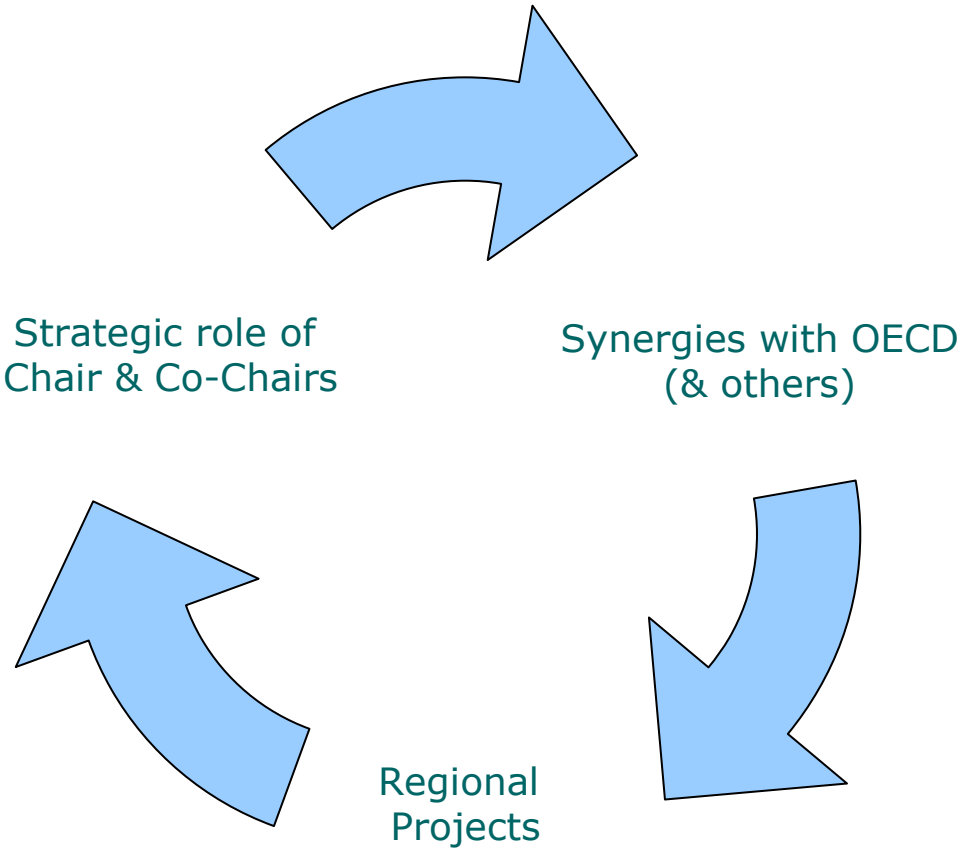
Stocktaking

2nd Regional Meeting of GfD V (May 2006) ≥

Steering Group Meeting (May 2006)

Post Steering Group Meeting ≥

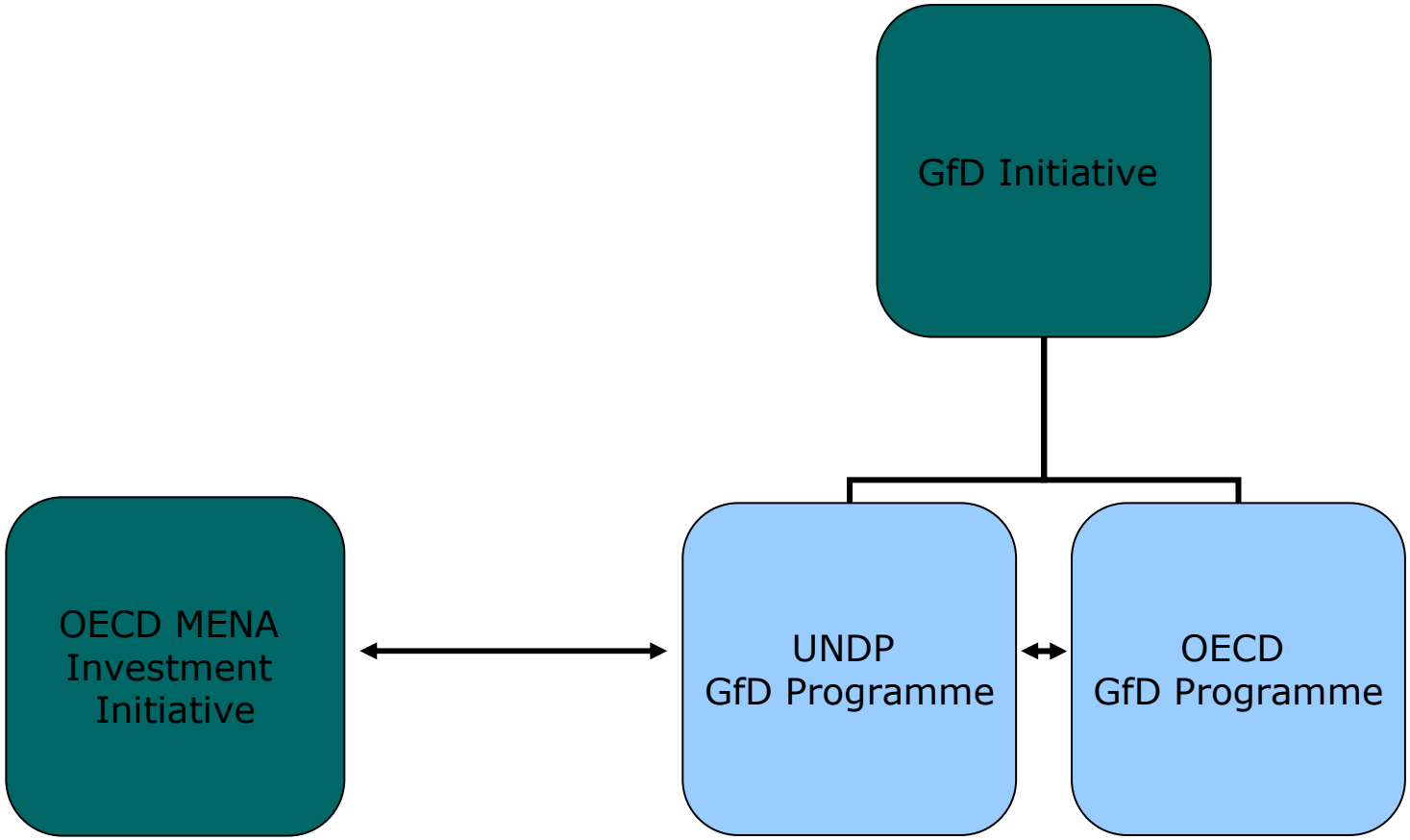
Strategy for Implementation



Strategic Role of Chair & Co-Chairs

- Providing advice on strategic directions
- Reviewing achievements
- Mobilizing resources
- Supplying technical assistance when need

Synergies with OECD



Regional Projects (1)

1. Supporting the Implementation of the UNCAC
   - Pilot countries: Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco and Yemen
   - Priority topics: Asset recovery, judicial conduct and ethics, witness protection, preventive anti-corruption bodies
   - Outputs on each topic: Gap analysis → substantive regional conference → development and implementation of national level TA programs → peer review regional conference
   - Crosscutting output: Arab ACT Network/Forum

Regional Projects (2)

2. Judicial Training in relation to Economic Laws

- Pilot countries: (divided into two sub-regional groups): Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia (first group) and Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Yemen

- Priority topics: to be decided during Aug/Sep in collaboration with l'ENM based on the common needs of the participating Arab states

- Outputs: interactive region-specific training modules on selected topics → repetitive training sessions which includes case studies and the use of IT → diffusion of information at national level through trainees

Regional Projects (3)

3. Building Capacity for Court automation

- Pilot countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Yemen
- Priority topics: automation of case tracking and judicial assignment topics
- Outputs: assessment of current state and needs of courts → guidelines for automation → diffusion of know-how through a regional conference

Regional Projects (4)

4. Strengthening the Enforcement of Judgments

- Pilot countries: Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia
- Priority topics: (not applicable)
- Outputs: technical reports of enforcement of mechanisms including legal and institutional frameworks → technical specifications → workshops to produce country-specific recommendations for legal and institutional reform → training sessions and study tours to build capacity → regional conference for peer review

Timeline for 2007-2008



UNCAC

- wksh asset recovery
- UNCAC CSP
- wksh Jud conduct
- wksh Witness protection

Gap analysis and information gathering according to topic

ECON

- Preparing module & material
- 1st wksh
- 2nd wksh

AUTO

- Pending availability of funds

EJ

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OECD

- Prep mtg
- SG mtg

Additional comments

- UNCAC project workshops will be highly substantive, addressing international norms and standards, best practices, and producing outlines of related reform actions
- Judicial training workshops will be interactive and will seek to establish a new approach to judicial training in the region
- Cooperation with OECD will be carried out and will be coordinated with the Chair & Co-Chair as needed
- Preparations for Steering Group meeting and the preparatory meeting
- It is important to try and set the next meeting for the Chair & Co-Chair
- Resource mobilization for the different projects

Thank you

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