Good Governance for Development (G*f*D) in Arab Countries Initiative

Second Steering Group Meeting at Ministerial Level

Hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt

REVISED AGENDA

Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt

19th - 20th May, 2006

Chair and Co-chair of the GfD Steering Group:

Chair: H.E. Mr. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Egypt

Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Seiichiro Noboru, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Friday 19th May

16.00-17.00	**Registration and Welcome Coffee**
17.00–17.30	**Opening Session**
	• H.E. Ahmed Darwish, Minister of State for Administrative Development, Egypt • H.E. Seiichiro Noboru, Co-Chair of the GfD Steering Group, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan • Mr. Adel Abdellatif, Director, UNDP Programme of Governance in the Arab Region (POGAR) • Mr. Richard Hecklinger, Deputy Secretary-General, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
17.30–19.30	**First Session:** **Summary by Arab Chairs of the progress achieved through the policy dialogue and activities within the six Regional Thematic Working Groups**
	• Presentation by the six Arab chairs: <u>Working Group I: Civil Service and Integrity</u> H.E. Rachid Talibi El Alami, State Minister for Economic and General Affairs, Morocco <u>Working Group II: E-government and Administrative Simplification</u> H.E. Nabil Al Yousuf, Deputy Director General, The Executive Office, Dubai, UAE <u>Working Group III: Governance of Public Finance</u> H.E. Yousef Boutros-Ghali, Minister of Finance, Egypt <u>Working Group IV: Public Service Delivery, Public-Private Partnerships and Regulatory Reform</u> H.E. Zouheir M'Dhaffer, Minister for Administrative Development, Tunisia <u>Working Group V: Judiciary and Enforcement of Judgements</u> H.E. Abed Al Shakhanbeh, Minister of Justice, Jordan <u>Working Group VI: Civil Society and the Media</u> H.E. Jean Oghassabian, Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Lebanon • Discussion
21.30	**Dinner hosted by the Arab Republic of Egypt**

Saturday 20th May

09.00 – 11.00	**Second Session:** **Possibilities of Financial and Technical Support and Co-operation**
	Discussion of possibilities of financial and technical co-operation and support by participating OECD countries, bilateral and multilateral donors, Islamic Development Bank, Arab Funds, the World Bank, and the EU in the light of the stocktaking and the action plans presented. • Presentation of the "Future Directions for Implementing the GfD Initiative" by the joint OECD/UNDP technical secretariat • Presentations by OECD countries, Arab Funds, bilateral, multilateral and International Organisations • Discussion • Wrap-up
11.00 – 11.15	**Coffee Break**
11.15 – 12.45	**Third Session:** **Presentation of Country Action Plans**
	• Presentation by Arab Ministers • Discussion
12.45 – 13.00	**Concluding Session**
	Concluding remarks by the Chair and Co-Chair of the Steering Group of the G*f*D Initiative
13.00 – 15.30	**Lunch hosted by UNDP-POGAR and OECD**