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Governance and competitiveness reforms for a more inclusive and resilient region

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8:30 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	Plenary Session - Opening Session
	<p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Marcos Bonturi, Director of Public Governance, OECD. ○ H.E Mr. Hedi Mekni, Secretary General of the Government, Presidency of the Government, co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Tunisia. ○ Mr. Andreas Schaal, Director of Global Relations Secretariat, OECD.
10:00 – 10:30	Family picture & coffee break
10:30 – 11:30	Session 1: The case for reforms: Building competitive economies
	<p>The world is witnessing an upswing in economic activity. All major economies in the world are growing in synchrony (i.e. none are in recession). However, this is not enough to face longer term challenges: more policy action is needed to achieve stronger, more inclusive and resilient growth. This is particularly significant in the MENA region, especially for the most open, diversified and stable economies. Among the oil importing economies, only Egypt and Morocco are expected to perform at par or above the global averages; and none of the oil exporting ones are.</p> <p>Low economic dynamism is both a consequence of and a factor in the regions' major socioeconomic challenges of unemployment, inclusion, fragility, conflict and low productivity. Ambitious reforms and political will are required to address those challenges.</p> <p>This session will discuss policy tools and good practices from the current reform agenda. The aim is to commit to a regional agenda of reform supported by the MENA Initiative.</p> <p>Chair: Amb. Erdem Basçı, Ambassador of Turkey to the OECD and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme.</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Nassib Ghobril, Chief Economist, Head of the Economic Research & Analysis Department, Byblos Bank Group, Beirut, Lebanon.</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Final Remarks: M. Zouheir Elkadhi, General Director, Tunisian Institute for Competitiveness and Quantitative Studies, Tunisia.</p>

11:30 – 12:30	Session 2: Building inclusive governance					
	<p>Unequal opportunities for participating in economic, social and political life remain a key challenge in both OECD and MENA countries. Youth unemployment is one of the highest in the region and women have the lowest work force participation in the world. Trust in government remains low among the people. Governments are driving to fill the “trust-gap” and build resilience to address current challenges for inclusiveness and social cohesion.</p> <p>This session will discuss institutions, policies and instruments available to build inclusive governance and innovative methods and tools to address the challenges both in the MENA region and OECD countries.</p> <p>Chair: H.E Mr. Hedi Mekni, Secretary General of the Government, Presidency of the Government, co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Tunisia.</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Ms. Chaima Bouhlel, President of Bar el Aman, Tunisia.</p> <p>Open discussion</p> <p>Final remarks: Mr. Mohammed Benabdelkader, Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in Charge of Administration Reform and Public Service, Morocco.</p>					
12:30 – 14:00	Buffet lunch in Roger Okrent Room (offered by the OECD)					
14:00 – 16:30	Break-out sessions					
	<p>The MENA-OECD Governance and Competitiveness Programmes will be running parallel sessions to report on the activities implemented since the Tunis Ministerial, following the renewed mandate for the MENA-OECD Initiative for the period (2016-2020). Delegates will also provide guidance on the working programme of the upcoming year.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="316 1279 1497 1480"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="316 1279 900 1339">Competitiveness Programme (CC9)</th> <th data-bbox="900 1279 1497 1339">Governance Programme (CC7)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="316 1339 1497 1480" style="text-align: center;"> See respective agendas annexed. Competitiveness Programme annex 1 Governance Programme annex 2 </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Competitiveness Programme (CC9)	Governance Programme (CC7)	See respective agendas annexed. Competitiveness Programme annex 1 Governance Programme annex 2	
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16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break					

Plenary Session (CC9)	
17:00 – 17:30	Closing remarks
	<p>This session will report on the discussions of the breakout sessions, present the key conclusions of the event and aim to set a road map for the future development of the MENA-OECD Initiative.</p> <p>Co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. José Ignacio Wert, Ambassador of Spain to the OECD and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme. <p>Co-chair of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amb. Erdem Basçı, Ambassador of Turkey to the OECD and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme. <p>OECD Secretariat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Carlos Conde, Head of Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD • Mr. Martin Forst, Head of Governance Reviews and Partnerships Division, Public Governance Directorate, OECD.
18.00-20.00	Cocktail in Roger Okrent Room

Annex 1

14:00 – 16:30 Break-out session for the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme

14:00 – 14:15	Opening and Programme Implementation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Andreas Schaal, Director of Global Relations Secretariat, OECD. ○ Ms. Kalthoum Hamzaoui, Director General for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Tunisia. ○ Mr. Carlos Conde, Head of Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD.
14:15 – 16:00	2017- 2018 : Highlights and outputs, including enhanced monitoring
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Ms. Nicola Ehlermann, Head of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD</p> <p><i>This session serves to present the activities of the Competitiveness Programme, including by its different regional fora and networks. Co-chairs of the different regional policy fora will report about the 2017 achievements and present activities envisaged for 2018. Participants will be able to supplement and to provide information about the national context in particular with regard to future activities. The OECD Secretariat will be available to offer clarifications in case of need or in the absence of co-chairs.</i></p>
14:15 – 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Women’s Economic Empowerment H.E. Marie-Claire Swärd Capra, Swedish Ambassador to Algeria
14:30 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investment and trade Mr. Ryotaro Suzuki, Minister, Deputy Permanent Representative, Japanese Delegation to the OECD
14:45 – 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMEs and entrepreneurship Mrs Maha Arabyat, Director of Operations-Support Services Directorate, Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO).
15:00 – 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Corporate governance Ms. Gabriela Figueiredo Dias, Chair of the Portuguese Securities Commission Mr. Othman Al Ali, Director of Strategy and Future, Securities and Commodities Authority of United Arab Emirates

15:15 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private sector mobilisation and social dialogue Mr. Joaquin Gay de Montella, Vice-President, Spanish Confederation of Employer’s Organizations (CEOE)
15:30 – 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business Integrity Ms. Kalthoum Hamzaoui, Director General for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Tunisia
15:45 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic resilience in fragile situations Ms. Alia Abbas, General Director of Economy and Trade, Ministry of Economy and Trade. Mr. Abdi Moalin Abdullahi, Manager, Resilience and Social Development Department, Islamic Development Bank
16:00 – 16:20	Building better evidence for better policies: Data and statistics in the Competitiveness Programme
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Carlos Conde, Head of Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD
16:20 – 16:30	Closing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Kalthoum Hamzaoui, Director General for Multilateral Cooperation, Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation, Tunisia

Annex 2

14:00 – 16:30 Break-out session for the MENA-OECD Governance Programme

This break-out session will present the activities of the regional working groups and country projects of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme. Co-chairs of the different regional dialogue fora will report about the 2017 achievements and discuss the programme of work for 2018. Participants will provide share good practices and discuss strategic priorities for future activities.

<i>Session Chair</i>	
H.E Mr. Hedi Mekni, Secretary General of the Government, Presidency of the Government, co-chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Tunisia.	
14:00 – 14:05	Introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Miriam Allam, Head of the MENA-OECD Programme, Governance Reviews and Partnership Division, OECD
14:05 – 14:35	Integrity, Anti-Corruption and Transparency in Public Procurement
	<p><i>Rapporteur: Janos Bertok, Head of Division, Public Sector Integrity, OECD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.E. Mr Moussa Abou Zeid, President of the General Personnel Council, Palestinian Authority ○ Mr. Ahmed Laamoumri, Secretary General of the Ministry of Public Service and Modernization of Administration, Morocco ○ Mr. Khaled Nofal, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance, Egypt
14:35 – 15:10	Open and Innovative Government and Local Governance
	<p><i>Rapporteurs: Edwin Lau, Head of Division, Public Sector Reform and Alessandro Bellantoni, Head of Unit, Open Government, OECD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr. Khaled Sellami, Director General, Prime Minister’s Office, Tunisia ○ Mr. Youssef Lamdansi, Member of Morocco’s Open Government Steering Committee ○ Mr. Thomas Rogé, Youth Policy, City of Paris ○ Mr. Faycal Sahraoui, Executive Director, Ministry of Women, Family and Child Affairs, Tunisia

15:10 – 15:30	MENA-OECD Senior Budget Officials Network
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rapporteur: Delphine Moretti, Senior Policy Analyst, Budget and Expenditure Division, OECD</i> ○ Ms. Lamia Moubayed Bissat, Director of the Institute of Finance and Chair of MENA-OECD Senior Budget Officials Network, Lebanon
15:30 – 15:50	Rule of Law and Regulatory Reform
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rapporteur: Nick Malysev, Head of Division, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD</i> ○ H.E. Ali Abu Diak, Minister of Justice, Palestinian Authority ○ Mr. Mohammed Alhawri, Deputy Minister of International Cooperation, Yemen
15:50 – 16:20	Women and Youth in Public Life
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rapporteur: Tatyana Teplova, Deputy Head of Division, Governance Reviews and Partnership Division, OECD</i> ○ Ms. Imen Belhedi, Director of the National Observatory of Youth, Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs, Tunisia ○ Ms. Feten Farhat, Counsellor, Head of Department, Direction of International Cooperation, Assembly of the Representatives of the People, Tunisia
16:20 – 16:30	MENA-OECD Training Centre in Caserta
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Renata Pavlov, Executive Director, MENA-OECD Governance Training Centre, Caserta
16:30	Summary