MENA-OECD Working Group on Open and Innovative Government

The 10th annual meeting of the Working Group on Open and Innovative Government "*A decade of regional dialogue for responsive and inclusive public sectors*" was jointly organised by the UAE and the MENA-OECD Governance Programme on 8 February 2015 in Dubai, back-to-back with the UAE Government Summit. The Working Group is chaired by Dubai and co-chaired by Italy and South Korea. It offered the opportunity to assess progress in the areas of open government, digital governance, open data and innovation in the public sector. A decision was made to produce a regional report on "Digital Governance in the MENA Region" and to continue the collaboration on open government reforms with the OECD Observatory on Public Sector Innovation (OPSI). The meeting was preceded by a study visit on Dubai Smart Government.

Applying the OECD Recommendation on Digital Government Strategies to the MENA Region

In line with the recommendations of the **MENA-OECD Working Group II on Open and Innovative Government,** the OECD will produce a new regional comparative report titled "***Benchmarking Digital Government Strategies in MENA Countries***", which assesses the current e-government and ICTs policies and initiatives of MENA countries against the **OECD Recommendations on Digital Government Strategies**, adopted by the OECD Council on 15 July 2014. The OECD Open Data Seminar held on 19-20 October in Caserta, provided the framework for a working session on digital government strategies in the MENA region, studying the case of Morocco, Tunisia and Lebanon. The draft questionnaire for data collection to support the elaboration of the regional comparative report was discussed in order to tailor the study to the needs and challenges of the region.