

Draft Programme

Building a Practical Framework for Regulatory Impact Analysis

20–21 January 2014• Manama, Bahrain

Overview

Governments and regulatory authorities need to work systematically to ensure that the regulation they develop and implement is of high quality. Poor quality regulation increases compliance costs for business and citizens, leads to unnecessary complexity and associated uncertainty as to regulatory obligations and reduces the ability of government to achieve its objectives.

Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) is a tool to improve regulatory quality. RIA helps to systematically identify and assess the expected effects of regulatory proposals, using a consistent analytical method. RIA is integrated with a public consultation process to provide better information to underpin the analysis and give affected parties the opportunity to identify and correct faulty assumptions and reasoning. RIA is now used in all OECD countries with a worldwide growing trend.

The purpose of this seminar is to provide delegates with an introduction to planning, implementing and managing RIA. Each element will be explained through a theoretical presentation, illustrated by real examples from OECD and MENA countries, which will be followed by group work. The seminar is highly interactive and delegates are encouraged to share experiences as much as possible.

At the end of this seminar the delegate should:

1. Have an informed understanding about the RIA framework and its practical implications
2. Be able to develop and display the acquired knowledge through group work

Monday, 20 January 2014

9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and introduction
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>GSO</i> ▪ <i>OECD</i> ▪ <i>Roundtable</i>
9:30 – 10:30	Context: Regulatory Policy and Governance – OECD Recommendations
	<p><i>Presented by Miriam Allam, Economist, MENA-OECD Governance Programme</i></p> <p><i>Followed by a discussion on</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do the ideas presented resonate with the participants? ▪ What are the factors in common with the regulatory techniques of the participants? ▪ What lessons can be drawn from the experiences presented?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	OECD Good Practices in Problem Definition, Policy Options and Assessing the Impact
	<p><i>Presented by Charles-Henri Montin, Senior Expert, Better Regulation, Ministry of Finance and Economy, France and Miriam Allam, OECD, followed by group discussions</i></p>
12:30 – 13.30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Group exercise: Assessing the Impact
	<p><i>Facilitated by Miriam Allam, OECD and Charles-Henri Montin, Ministry of Finance and Economy, France</i></p>
15:00 – 15.30	Wrap up day 1

Tuesday, 21 January 2014

9:00 – 10:30	Consultation, Compliance and Enforcement
	<p><i>Presented by Miriam Allam, Economist, MENA-OECD Governance Programme and Charles-Henri Montin, Ministry of Finance and Economy, France, followed by group discussions</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Case Study: Example of a RIA in France
	<p><i>Presented by Charles-Henri Montin, Ministry of Finance and Economy, France, followed by group discussions</i></p>

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Exercise: Building a practical framework for RIA
	<i>Facilitated by Miriam Allam, OECD and Charles-Henri Montin, France</i>
14:30-15:00	Conclusions and end of seminar
	GSO and OECD

Biography of the speakers:

Miriam Allam works for the OECD Middle East and North Africa Governance Programme where she is in charge of the regional policy dialogue on regulatory reform. In addition, she is involved in peer reviews and cross-country research projects on public governance in MENA countries. She has published widely on issues of political economy and stakeholder involvement in the rule-making processes. Before joining the OECD, she was working as a trainer at the European Institute of Public Administration in Warsaw, responsible for training activities on public sector reforms. Miriam has taught at the London School of Economics and the Polish National School of Public Administration. She holds a BA from the Queen's University of Belfast, MA from the University of Osnabrück (Germany) and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

Charles-Henri Montin is a senior official from the ministry of economy and finance of France and a representative of this country in the OECD Regulatory Policy Committee (and a member of the board of the committee). He is the co-chair of the MENA-OECD Working Group IV on Regulatory Reform. An alumnus of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, he first joined the ministry of foreign affairs, then opted for an international career (1989-2004) in management positions at CERN-Geneva, UN and NATO, including outreach activities for development. From 2004, he has been working in regulatory reform, including technical assistance and transfer of regulatory reform know-how: as head of better regulation for the French administration, then as regulatory adviser seconded to the European Commission (Secretariat General) to supervise aspects of the EU-wide better regulation program, and has become a leading expert on all aspects of regulatory reform. Since his return to Paris in July 2010, he has worked on regulatory issues at OECD Headquarters in Paris, where he was the main contributor to the recent review of simplification in Vietnam. His present taskings include projects in the MENA region. Mr Montin, who is bi-national French and Australian, has two mother tongues, English and French, and can work in Spanish. He is the editor of the only blog on regulatory quality directed at government officials and regulators and has published widely on regulatory reform and legislative drafting.