



## ***Better Regulation for the Green Transition***

### **Special session of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Regulatory Reform and the Rule of Law**

Thursday 30 November 2023  
(12:30 – 13:45, Paris Time)  
*Room E, OECD, Paris*  
& *Online via Zoom*

#### Agenda



## Meeting Overview and Objectives

The MENA-OECD Working Group on Regulatory Reform and the Rule of Law (WG IV) is organising a special session on **Better Regulation for the Green Transition on Thursday 30 November 2023 from 12.30 to 13.45 (CET)**.

The Working Group promotes a forum for MENA countries and OECD member countries to exchange on good practices in regulatory reform and discuss how to ensure effective access to justice services and strengthen the rule of law. The 2022 Working Group Meeting focused on how to navigate the legal environment and comply with regulations which tend to be cumbersome for small businesses which are also less resilient in the face of legal challenges when compared with large businesses. Discussions demonstrated the need to create a business-enabling environment to support the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and emphasized the crucial role of regulatory impact assessments and the adoption of a long-term vision for regulatory governance.

The effects of climate change have turned environmental justice into a major policy concern globally. Ensuring policy alignment, and the integration of environmental consideration in different policy areas is crucial to promote greener policies and regulations. In this context, this special session will discuss how to implement environmentally sustainable regulations and policies. This meeting will also explore the efforts undertaken in the MENA region to address environmental concerns and the challenges it is facing in enabling an inclusive and sustainable environment for all. Overall, this year's special session of the working group will enable and promote discussions on the role of regulations and governance in addressing environmental challenges and achieving inclusive growth.

The Working Group is aligned with the Public Governance Committee and the Regulatory Policy Committee and delivers on the [2021 MENA-OECD Ministerial Declaration](#). It will complement the MENA-OECD Governance programme of work on Good Governance and the Rule of Law. Over the past years, the programme published several country assessments and regional reports on Good Governance and legislative drafting manuals that benchmarked practices in the MENA region against OECD and international practices.

### For more information:

- OECD (2023), [Policy Paper: Better regulation for the green transition](#)
- OECD (2021), [Recommendation for Agile Regulatory Governance to Harness Innovation](#)
- OECD (2021), [Regulatory Policy Outlook](#)
- OECD (2020), [Regulatory Impact Assessment](#)
- OECD (2020), [Regulatory Quality and COVID-19 Note: Managing the Risks and Supporting the Recovery](#)
- OECD (2018), [Regulatory Reform in the Middle East and North Africa: Implementing Regulatory Policy Principles to Foster Inclusive Growth \(Arabic version\)](#)
- OECD (2018), [Legislation and Good Governance: The Role of Legislative Drafting Manuals](#)
- OECD (2016) [Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality, MENA-OECD](#)
- OECD (2013) [Regulatory Reform in the Middle East and North Africa: Implementing Regulatory Policy Principles to Foster Inclusive Growth](#)
- OECD (2012) [Policy Recommendations of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance](#)

12:30-12:40

**Opening remarks:**

Palma D'Ambrosio, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OECD on behalf of the Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme*

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Regulations are one of the most important tools governments have at hand to achieve their environmental goals. The quality of regulatory design and delivery is therefore of utmost importance. Governments however continue to face challenges with designing and implementing regulations for the environment, as highlighted by the [OECD Regulatory Policy Outlook 2021](#). A lack of policy coherence, transparency and effectiveness in regulatory design means that regulations do not pursue environmental goals in a consistent manner or balance competing economic and environmental objectives and trade-offs effectively. This session will explore measures to ensure that regulations deliver on climate and environmental goals while allowing for technological innovation and economic growth. It will discuss the need for a shift towards more agile approaches to regulating, as underlined by the [OECD Recommendation on Agile Regulatory Governance to Harness Innovation](#), to facilitate the green transition. Finally, the session will focus on ways to reduce administrative burden stemming from environmental licensing and permitting.

12:40-13:40

**Chair:**

Ms. Suzanne Van Melis, *Strategic Legal Advisor Regulatory Policy at the Ministry of Justice and Security and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Regulatory Reform and the Rule of Law, The Netherlands*

**Intervention:**

- Daniel Trnka, *Deputy Head of the Regulatory Policy Division, OECD*
- Rakan Abdullah Alsheikh, *Deputy Minister for Policies and Economic Development, KSA*
- Mostafa Kamal, *Judge, Legal Advisor, National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt*
- Dr. Sung Won Kang, *Chief Research Fellow, Korean Environment Institute, Korea*

**Country interventions from MENA and RPC delegates & open discussion:**

Participants: Australia (RPC), Denmark (RPC), Jordan (National Information Centre), Lebanon (OMSAR, ACRLI), Morocco (General Secretariat of the Government), Oman (Centre for Governance and Sustainability), Romania (RPC), Tunisia (Presidency of the Government), United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi Quality and Conformity Council).

13:40 –13:45

**Closing remarks and steps forward**

Amr Soliman, *Policy Analyst, MENA-OECD Governance Programme*

*Simultaneous interpretation between English and Arabic will be available.*

## MENA-OECD Working Group on Regulatory Reform and the Rule of Law

The MENA-OECD Working Group on Regulatory Reform and the Rule of Law (WG IV) promotes a forum for MENA countries and international experts to exchange on good practices in regulatory reform and discuss how to ensure effective access to justice services and strengthen the rule of law. The Working Group is part of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme - a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view to disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The outcomes of discussions will be presented to the OECD Public Governance and Regulatory Policy Committees.

The Working Group aims at enhancing the regulatory environment by using sound evidence, systematic consultations, regulatory tools, and regular reviews of the stock of legislation is a common priority for MENA countries. It has also developed a Regional Charter for Regulatory Quality (2016) providing MENA countries with a common framework of principles and good practices for regulatory management. It is also based on the OECD Recommendation on Regulatory Policy and Governance (2012) which supports the implementation of regulatory reform to achieve strategic public policy objectives. The Working Group is aligned with the Public Governance Committee, the Regulatory Policy Committee and the Access to Justice roundtable.

## The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.

## The OECD

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