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Designing a Roadmap to Recovery in MENA

2021 MENA-OECD Ministerial Week

30 March – 1 April 2021 13:00-16:00 (CET) Zoom





Overview of the 2021 MENA-OECD Ministerial Week

MENA-OECD Initiative on Governance MENA-OECD Competitiveness Forum MENA-OECD Governance Forum and Competitiveness for Development Ministerial meeting Government-Business Summit Governance Forum 30, 31 March "Visions for Recovery" 1 April (13h-16h CET) 30, 31 March (13h-16h CET) Citizens' Voice: Enhancing open government through public communication and media ecosystems Launch of the Middle East and North Africa Investment Policy 30 March (11h-13h CET) Perspectives (MENA IPP) Opening session High-level conference for European Neighbourhood South on user-centric service delivery Putting users (citizens and businesses) at the centre (with SIGMA) Economic integration at the core of recovery and growth High-level Ministerial Panel: 30 March (13h-15h CET) Enabling a sound business climate and promoting Designing a Roadmap to Recovery in investment MENA Visions for Recovery: Enhancing trade, connectivity and value chains Digital Governance and Rule of Law for more open, accessible and efficient public services (with MENA-OECD Training Centre of Caserta) 31 March (10h-12h CET) A post-COVID economy delivering decent jobs Closing session: An eco-system for youth economic empowerment Way forward and adoption of the Visions for Recovery: Moving away from informality to entrepreneurship, Ministerial Declaration Delivering for the most vulnerable employment and social resilience 31 March (14h-15h CET)

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MENA-OECD 2021 Ministerial Conference (1 April; 13h-16h CET)

Master of Ceremony: Ms. Adelina VESTEMEAN, Executive Coordinator, OECD

13:00 – 13:10 Openi

Opening Remarks

- H.E. Mr. Hichem MECHICHI, Head of Government, Tunisia (TBC)
- H.E. Mr. Angel GURRÍA, OECD Secretary General

13:10 - 15:40

Ministerial Panel: Designing a Roadmap to Recovery in MENA

MENA economies, along with the rest of the world, are currently confronted with one of the most serious health crisis in a century – the COVID-19 pandemic. This is accompanied by a severe socioeconomic crisis that will require a sustainable and inclusive recovery as well as greater resilience of MENA economies and societies.

Session 1: A new growth model for the post-COVID-19 recovery: governing the investments of tomorrow in MENA

Moderator: Mr. Andreas SCHAAL, Director, Global Relations, OECD

Panellists:

- **H.E. Mr. Ali KOOLI**, Minister of Economy, Finance and Support to Investment, Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme, Tunisia
- Ministers from MENA economies and OECD countries

Open Discussion

Session 2: People-centred policies for more resilient and inclusive societies

Moderator: Ms. Elsa PILICHOWSKI, Director, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

Panellists:

- **H.E. Ms. Hasna BEN SLIMANE**, Minister to the Head of Government in charge of Civil Service, Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Tunisia
- Ministers from MENA economies and OECD countries

Open Discussion

15:40 – 16:00

Closing Session: Way Forward and Adoption of the Ministerial Declaration

This session will present the Ministerial Declaration, which will contain regional policy recommendations on public governance and competitiveness approved by the Ministerial panels.

Chair: **H.E. Mr. Thomas SCHNOLL,** Ambassador of Austria to the OECD and Chair of the External Relations Committee of the OECD

Presentation of the Ministerial Declaration:

- **H.E. Mr. Antonio BERNARDINI**, Ambassador of Italy to the OECD, Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme
- **H.E. Mr. Erdem BASCI,** Ambassador of Turkey to the OECD, Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme
- **H.E. Ms. Hasna BEN SLIMANE**, Minister to the Head of Government in charge of Civil Service, Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Tunisia