

Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Investments (WGI)

Draft agenda

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Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Venue: tbd

09.00 – 9.45	Introductory remarks <i>RCC</i> <i>CEFTA</i> <i>EC</i>
9.45 – 11.00	Draft Investment Reform Action Plan The RCC and the World Bank will present an overview of the Draft Investment Reform Action Plans with key takeaways from the economy level consultation, the first implementation phase of the IRAP reform actions including the presentation of the TOR for the regional legal review on BIT/IIAs and the update cycle for IRAPs. This session will also take note on the adoption procedures of IRAPs in each participating economy. <i>Tour de Table among WGI Participants</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.30	Monitoring of RIRA The WBG will present the proposal for monitoring mechanism of forthcoming RIRA and IRAPs implementation, as well as impact assessment. This session will outline the monitoring mechanism and set the timeline for first impact assessment of RIRA in for 2019. <i>Tour de Table among WGI Participants</i>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.00	Investment promotion - WAIPA The RCC and WAIPA will present a proposal of capacity building program for the IPAs of the region. This session will set the priorities for IPA capacity building, on the national and regional levels. Additionally, WBG will present Joint Investment Promotion Initiative scheme under RIRA in more detail, as well as forthcoming activities in 2019, specifically training needs and opportunities. <i>Tour de Table among WGI Participants</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Intra EU BITs – future of WB's BITs The RCC / Bosnia and Herzegovina will present the findings and recommendations of the Study on Intra-EU BITs, prepared in cooperation with Singapore University exclusively for Bosnia and Herzegovina. This session will further deliberate on possibilities of utilizing these recommendations by other WB6 economies in future EU accession negotiations.

Furthermore, this session will start discussing the possibilities of cooperation on a regional legal review study.

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Tour de Table among WGI Participants

15.00 – 15.30 Policy Paper on Priority Investment Reforms

The RCC will present the Terms of Reference prepared for development of a Policy paper on Priority Investment Reforms of the WB6. During this session, the participating economies will share the information on the “burning” issues in investment policy reforms. These “burning” issues pertain to the reforms that could be achieved in a fast manner and without politically and administratively complexed procedures and this policy paper should address them with a clear roadmap and as an assistance tool to the economies in this work.

Tour de Table among WGI Participants

15.30 – 16.00 Closing session

Conclusions and next steps