

Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Investments (JWGI)

Draft agenda

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Venue: World Bank Group – Galaxy Tower, Praterstrasse 31, 1020 Vienna

10.00 – 10.30	Introductory remarks <i>RCC</i> <i>CEFTA</i> <i>EC</i>
10.30 – 11.30	IRAP updates RCC and the World Bank Group representatives will inform on the regional developments on Regional Investment Reform Agenda (RIRA), give an update on the status of implementation and invite the participating economies to present the developments and updates on Individual Reform Action Plans (IRAPs), accordingly. The regional Business Establishment Procedure Mapping document and Regional IIA report (“Synthesis Report”) will be put up for acceptance by the JWGI participants. Tour de Table and discussion on potential additional areas of interest for regional capacity building initiatives and topics that could be supported on the regional level. Potential topics aligned with RIRA and IRAPs include: investor grievance management, incentives design / administration / cost benefit analysis, etc. <i>RCC</i> <i>WBG</i> <i>Tour de Table among JWGI Participants</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Regional Investment standards JWGI will take the opportunity to discuss the developments on the regional level commenced prior to the Poznan summit of July 2019, and deliberate on the further steps of developing the standards for negotiations of IIAs/BITs. To support discussion, the RCC and WBG will present the draft regional IIA benchmarking analysis report and Regional IIAs/BITs standards for discussion and possible endorsement. <i>Tour de Table among JWGI Participants</i>
12.30 – 12.45	Coffee break
12.45 – 13.45	Joint Investment Promotion Initiative Given that investment promotion agenda is in the final stages of preparation, the session will focus to set the concrete steps in further implementing the respective RIRA and IRAP actions, namely: - selection of a priority sector for the region, - an agreement on the format of the promotion activities, and - an appropriate M&E structure for the regional promotion activities RCC will provide an update on planned upcoming capacity building initiatives for regional IPAs in cooperation with WAIPA <i>WBG</i> <i>Tour de Table among JWGI Participants</i>
13.45 – 14.45	Lunch

14.45 – 15.45 **Cooperation with Western Balkans Chamber Investment Forum (WB CIF) in terms of investment promotion**

As WB CIF is also engaged in investment promotion of the region, JWGI will discuss aligning activities and organizing joint endeavours in investment promotion, such as information sharing, coordination of promotional events, promotional online platform, and other important items, as foreseen by IRAPs.

Tour de Table among JWGI Participants

15.45 – 16.00 **Closing session**

Conclusions and next steps
