

# SEEIC – CEFTA Joint Working Group on Investment Meeting (WGI) Draft Agenda

9 October 2014
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

### Wednesday, 8 October 2014

Arrival of Participants to Sarajevo

Thursday, 9 October 2014

Venue: RCC Secretariat Trg BiH 1 / V, Sarajevo

**Chaired by: RCC Secretariat** 

### 09.30 –10.00 Welcome address by SEEIC Co-Chairs

- Regional Cooperation Council Representative
- Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Croatia Representative

Followed by the adoption of the of the Joint WGI  $1^{\rm st}$  meeting conclusions and  $2^{\rm nd}$  meeting agenda

### 10.00 – 11.30 Coordination of Investment Policies

## **Investment Policy and Regional Integration**

This session will recap of a previously endorsed proposal for cooperation between the RCC, CEFTA and UNCTAD on the matter of conducting a diagnostic benchmark study of the regional investment policy. In alignment with the investment policy reform work, Joint WGI will discuss the proposal for a regional cooperation in the investment reforms for the CEFTA parties / SEEIC economies, from the perspective of the IFC/World Bank group, including identification of modules through which a regional investment policy agenda could be pursued among the region. The session will also clearly distinct the activities stipulated within envisaged cooperation between UNCTAD and IFC, so as to avoid any overlaps.

 Investment Policy Reform by core areas: Investment Entry, Investment Protection, and Investment Incentives

Mr. Harald Jedlicka, IFC/World Bank



Tour de table discussion - presentation is to be followed by the comments from the WGI members and their views of the proposed regional cooperation agenda in investment policy area, followed by an agreement on further actions and steps to be taken in this sphere.

# 11.30 – 11.45 Coffee break

# 11.45 – 12.45 Market Access for Investment in Goods and Services

This session will focus on the factors which make it necessary for CEFTA Parties which are all investment-seeking jurisdictions, to consider a common, predictable set of rules for all investment (manufacturing, mining, agriculture and services) rather than deal with investment in services only (as Mode 3) in terms of market access. Best practice approaches to investment rules and market liberalization in other FTAs will be examined. It will also explore the link with CEFTA Protocol on Trade in Services.

Mr. Ramesh Chaitoo, CEFTA Consultant

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch – Restaurant "4 Seasons", ALTA Centre, fl.3T

### 14.00 – 15.00 Coordination of Investment Promotion Activities

This session will review the proposal agenda in the area of joint investment promotion, as stipulated by the SEE 2020 priorities. Joint WGI will discuss the proposal for a regional cooperation in the investment reforms for the CEFTA parties / SEEIC economies, from the perspective of the IFC/World Bank group, in the areas of investment promotion. Discussion will follow in a form of a tour-de-table among participants, with a focus on identification of investment promotion mechanisms and tools with common grounds.

Mr. Harald Jedlicka, IFC/World Bank

Discussion

# 15.00 – 16.00 SEE 2020 Monitoring – Integrated Growth

Session will deliberate on the qualitative and quantitative indicators for SEE 2020 monitoring within the pillar of Integrated Growth. Joint WGI members will be expected to provide their comments to the selected indicators (in particular to their availability on national level) and endorse the final set of indicators within the investment dimension of the respective pillar.

Review of qualitative and quantitative indicators for monitoring the SEE 2020 - Integrated Growth Pillar – Investment Dimension

Ms. Dragana Djurica, RCC Followed by Tour de table among members

### 16.00 – 16.30 Conclusions and steps forward

Recap and final agreement on upcoming activities, to be proposed for official adoption at the next SEE Investment Committee meeting.

### 20.00 Dinner

Venue: Restaurant "4 Sobe gospodje Safije" Cekalusa, Sarajevo

