



Deputy Secretary-General Ludger Schuknecht
Secrétaire général adjoint Ludger Schuknecht

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Dear Madam, Sir,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you to a Workshop on International Standards for Compact with Africa and G20 countries, organised by the OECD, the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the advantages of aligning reform efforts with international standards and to provide information related to adherence processes, gaps and intermediate steps. By following international good practices on investment, infrastructure, integrity and trade, Compact countries can send a strong signal to the private sector of their commitment to improve business environments. G20 countries, too, can contribute to improving investment environments in Compact countries through their adherence to standards.

We hope to gather Compact country senior experts for this discussion, alongside representatives from G20 countries, the African Union and private sector representatives.

In my earlier correspondence, I suggested a date for this workshop that unfortunately appears to be unfeasible for a number of important speakers. For this reason, we have postponed the event by two weeks. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The workshop will now take place on November 4th and 5th, 2019 at the OECD Headquarters in Paris, France. In attachment, you will find a preliminary program, which outlines the foreseen structure of the workshop and a logistics note with information about travel arrangements. We also include a background document that provides you with an overview of the standards involved, their benefits, and the process of making steps towards standard adherence.

For the moment, we would be grateful for your confirmation of participation to Vincent Siegerink (Vincent.siegerink@oecd.org) and Sabrina Gasparrini (Sabrina.gasparrini@oecd.org).

I very much look forward to your response and to seeing you in Paris.

Sincerely,

Ludger Schuknecht