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Business Roundtable: introducing the OECD Initiative to promote Covid-free International Mobility

Draft Virtual Meeting Agenda

11 February 16:30-18:00 (Paris time)
Zoom Virtual Conference

Roundtable-in-Brief

A *Business at OECD*-OECD joint roundtable to introduce the OECD draft initiative to promote Covid-free International Mobility.

Participants will be able to exchange with senior OECD officials, and to provide initial input on the contours of the project.

This event should allow participants to:

- **Familiarize** themselves with the OECD research on the subject, identifying key issues to consider to achieve international mobility
- **Share** business perspectives and initiatives on how to best address safe travel protocols following the Covid-19 pandemic
- **Participate** in follow up business input coordination efforts with the OECD

16:30 – 16:35   Welcome and opening remarks by *Business at OECD*

- **Ali Karami-Ruiz**, Senior Director, Strategic Engagement and Communications

16:35 – 17:05   Briefing by the OECD on the Initiative to promote Covid-free international mobility

Briefing by the OECD
• Mark Pearson, Deputy Director, Employment, Labour, and Social Affairs Directorate, OECD
• Other OECD officials, tbc

Introduction to the stakeholder consultation
• OECD expectations from stakeholder consultations and potential next steps
• Introduction of questions to be asked to participants

17:05 – 17:50   Open discussion

Questions to facilitate the discussion:

1. What would do you think are the essential elements for such an initiative from the business perspective? Are there any specific elements in what we have presented that raise concerns?

2. Requiring tests before travel is expensive; requiring travellers to self-isolate is burdensome and excludes tourism and much business travel. Do you think travellers could absorb the extra costs of testing to enable an increase in travel on a meaningful scale?

3. What constraints does your sector face when resuming or planning to resume international travel, and what approaches that countries have followed have you found effective or ineffective, and why?

17:50– 18:00   Conclusions and next steps