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The Deauville Partnership with Arab Countries in Transition

open economies,
inclusive growth



Foreword



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The Arab Spring presents a historic opportunity for the people of the Middle East and North Africa region to create more stable, prosperous and inclusive societies based on the building blocks of democracy.

The people of the Middle East and North Africa have a historic opportunity to work towards more stable, prosperous and inclusive societies.

Change in the Middle East has been led by people of the region - it is not for the international community to dictate a particular solution. However, there is a vital role for us to play in supporting those working to create jobs; to build respect for universal rights, including the

rights of women; and to strengthen the rule of law. This matters for the long-term stability of the region, and the world.

During the UK's Presidency, the G8 Deauville partnership is supporting Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Morocco and Yemen to build more of the open economies and inclusive societies their citizens aspire to. The Partnership will bring countries and international financial institutions

together to help trigger opportunities for trade and investment, support the development of SMEs, and improve economic opportunity for women and young people in transition countries.

We look forward to working closely with all members of the Partnership in 2013 to help Deauville transition countries take practical steps which deliver real, tangible benefits to meet these historic challenges.

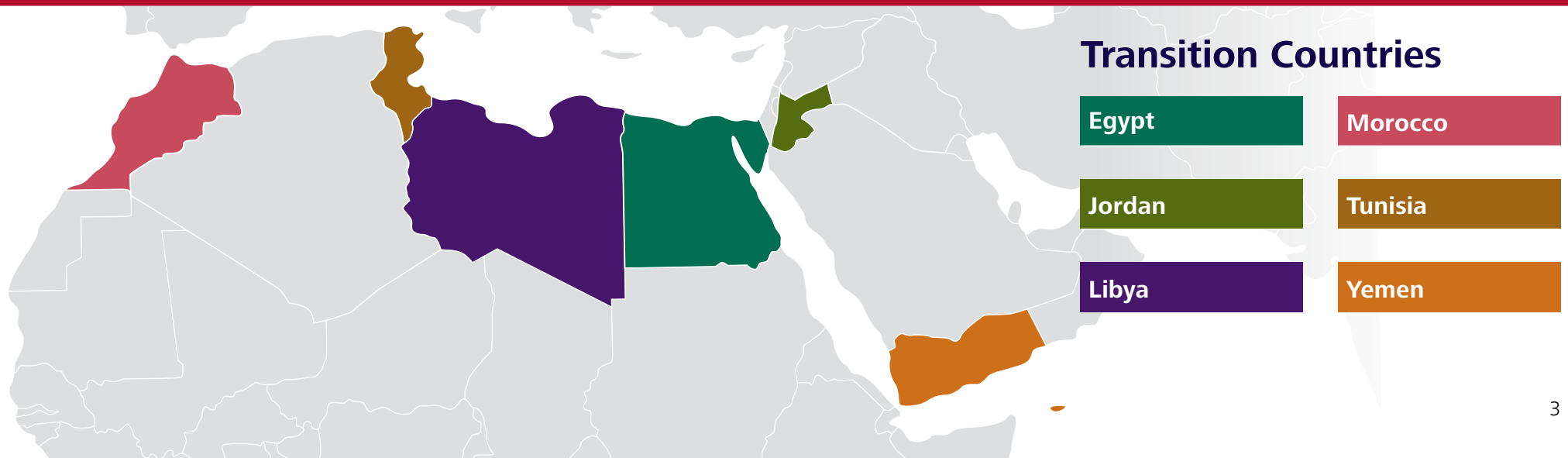
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Open Economies, Inclusive Growth

The UK holds the Presidency of the G8 in 2013, which means it also has the Chairmanship of the Deauville Partnership with Arab countries in transition. The Partnership's vision for 2013 is Open Economies, Inclusive Growth.

The Deauville Partnership helps maintain support for the historic transitions of the people in Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Jordan and Yemen.

Alongside the transition countries, the Partnership also includes the G8 countries (Canada, the EU, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, UK, and the US), regional partners (Kuwait, Turkey, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE), and International Financial Institutions (IFIs).



Our Vision

Open Economies, Inclusive Growth

Political and economic reforms can pave a way to open and inclusive economies – economic growth and job creation for all in society.

Throughout the UK's Presidency, we will support reforms in transition countries which focus on delivering practical assistance.

We will encourage an increased role for the private sector (key to long lasting growth and bringing in a wealth of knowledge and new ideas), and increasing opportunities available to youth and women.



Ensuring delivery of practical assistance









We are implementing an SME mentoring scheme, which will match at least 250 entrepreneurs from transition countries with mentors from leading companies from across the Deauville Partnership, for the purpose of sharing skills. This scheme will give tangible and practical support to SMEs in the region, which will help in expanding businesses and potentially creating new jobs.



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2013 Priorities

Trade 	Women's economic participation 	Investment 
Capital Markets Access 	Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) 	Asset Recovery 
European Bank of Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) Expansion 		Transition Fund 

We have identified eight priority areas which together will help build open economies and inclusive growth.

In all of the priority areas the Partnership will:

- >> provide political support to the transition countries
- >> deliver targeted practical assistance
- >> ensure greater impact of the IFIs' resources

Case Study – Transition Fund

What do we mean by targeted practical assistance?

G8 and regional partners continue to pledge money to the Transition Fund, a pooled resource from which transition countries can bid for grants to support highly-targeted reform projects.

In February, the Fund approved projects totalling \$41 million . These projects will help bring about vital reforms in the transition countries.

For example, Jordan's project with the World Bank will help the Jordanian government adopt better ways to assess the welfare of households, allowing for a fairer, more accurate distribution of cash transfers. The project addresses a very pressing issue: Protecting individual households from rises in fuel and food prices caused by necessary cuts in government subsidies.

Through such projects, the Transition Fund responds quickly to the needs of transition countries, helping to deliver practical benefits to citizen's lives.



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Investment



Showcase investment opportunities in transition countries, and discuss potential measures to overcome barriers to investment - including a high profile conference in London.

Trade



Push for progress on trade agreements and market access.

European Bank of Reconstruction & Development (EBRD) Expansion



Support work on expansion of mandate of EBRD to the region, to allow investment of up to €2.5 billion per year in private sector development.

Capital Markets Access



Support greater access to private capital for governments to finance investments, and for increased access to finance for the private sector.

Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs)



250 SMEs from transition countries mentored for one year by leading companies from across the Deauville Partnership and SME Action Plans implemented

Women's economic participation



Improve economic opportunities for women, improve the business environment for women professionals and facilitate links between business and professional women in transition countries, the G8 and regional partners

Transition Fund



Make sure the Transition Fund can finance and deliver good quality projects throughout the year.

Asset Recovery



Including providing practical and technical assistance on asset recovery and helping countries to establish more efficient and transparent asset recovery processes

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