



Regional Workshop on

**"Developing Non - Governmental Collective Action Capacities
for Integrity and Anti-Corruption in the Arab Region"**

18-20 September 2019

Hammamet, Tunisia

Programme

Overview of the “Non-Governmental Groups” in the “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

The Non-Governmental Group was established on July 27, 2010 as an independent component of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, which is the main regional mechanism for capacity development, exchanging experience and policy development in this area, in line with national priorities and relevant international and regional standards. The Group seeks to provide an appropriate platform for empowering competent non-governmental entities to carry out their responsibilities in this regard by developing their technical capabilities, providing support for their initiative and facilitating dialogue among each other, with official bodies and counterparts in the Arab region and the world. The membership of the Group is open to independent non-governmental organizations belonging to civil society, business community and academia, that meet the requirements of the "Rules of Procedures". It currently has 26 members and is coordinated by the Chairman of the Bahrain Transparency Society, Mr. Sharaf Al-Moussawi with the support of the Regional Support Unit of the Network.

In addition to the “non-governmental group”, the Arab Network comprises 47 ministries, governmental and judicial bodies from 18 Arab countries: Jordan, Bahrain, Algeria, Comoros, Tunisia, Djibouti, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Iraq, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania and Yemen, as well as two observer members from Brazil and Malaysia, making it the first specialized Arab regional mechanism that allows the various parties concerned in this field to meet periodically to consult and cooperate on issues of common interest.

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Introduction

The Non-Governmental Group of the Arab Network for Integrity and Anti-Corruption is holding a regional workshop in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 18-20 September 2019, with the support of the UNDP Regional Programme for the Arab States, with the participation of 18 members of the Group and selected guest experts and activists in the field.

The meeting aims to provide a specialized space for participants to get acquainted with the most important developments of the Arab Network in general and the NGO Group in particular, and discuss the efforts exerted to promote integrity and fight corruption at the regional and national levels in the Arab region, in order to explore their strengths and weaknesses and identify priorities for an action plan. Non-governmental group "for the period 2020-2022.

In particular, the discussion focuses on a series of priority topics, namely: (i) the complementarities between the role of the Group and the 2030 Global Agenda on Development Goals and how this integration can be invested in the work of the Group and its members; (3) involving the private sector in establishing principles and practices of integrity, and (4) ways to empower young people and mobilize their capacities in the face of corruption. In addition, the Regional Workshop provides an opportunity for participants to raise any other topics to consider whether to include them in the Action Plan or to devote other efforts to deal with them in the future.

Agenda

Wednesday, 18 September 2019

09:00 - 11:00

Session 1

- **Updates on the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network**

Arkan Al-Seblani, Head of the Regional Support Unit of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, Chief Technical Advisor and director of the Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries at UNDP

- **The status of the Non-Governmental Group**

Sharaf Al-Moussawi, President of the Bahrain Transparency Society, and Coordinator of the Non-Governmental Groups of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

- **Open discussion**

11:00 – 11:30

Break

11:30 – 1:30

Session 2

- **Overview of the reality on the ground of integrity efforts and fighting corruption in the Arab region**

Mr. Anwar Ben Khalifa, Regional Consultant, the Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries at UNDP

- **Open discussion**

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

14:30 - 17:45

Session 3

- **Continuation of the Overview of the reality on the ground of integrity efforts and fighting corruption in the Arab region**
- **Sudan: prospects for cooperation in the light of developments on the ground**

Dr. Nazik Al Hashimi, University Professor and Compliance Director, Sudanese French Bank

Thursday, 19 September 2019

09:00 – 10:15

Session 4

- **Complementarity between the role of the Group and the 2030 Global Agenda on Development Goals Ways of investing this integration in the work of the Group and its members**

Mr. Majdi Abu Zeid, Executive Director, Coalition for Accountability and Integrity (AMAN), Palestine

Mr. Jamal Al-Salah, Rashid for Integrity and Transparency, Jordan

- **Open discussion**

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 13:00

Session 5

- **The right to access information in the Arab region and ways to promote it**

Mr. Assad Zebian, Executive Director, Gherbal Initiative, Lebanon

Mr. Mohamed Meskawi, Moroccan Network for the Protection of Public Funds

- **Open discussion**

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Session 6

- **Involve the private sector in establishing integrity principles and practices**

Ms. Rania Owaida Mardini, Lecturer at the American University of Beirut

Mr. Majdi Hassan, Executive Director Arab Institute of business Managers, Tunis

- **Open discussion**

16:00 – 16:15 **Break**

16:15 – 17:30 **Session 7**

- **Ways of empowering young people and mobilizing their capacities in the fight against corruption**

Ms. Hilda Ajailat, Executive Director, Transparency Jordan Center

Mr. Julian Courson, Executive Director, Lebanese Transparency Association

- **Open discussion**

Friday, 20 September 2019

9:00 – 12:00 **Session 8**

- **Components of the Non-Governmental Groups Action Plan (2020-2022)**

Mr. Sharaf Al-Moussawi, President of the Bahrain Transparency Society, and the Coordinator of the Non-Governmental Groups of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

- **Towards a new regional strategy for non-governmental collective action in the area of the promotion of Integrity and anti-corruption**

Mr. Arkan Al-Seblani, Head of the Regional Support Unit of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, Chief Technical Advisor of UNDP's "Anti-corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries" Regional Project

- Open discussion
- Conclusion
