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Youth Meeting of the Regional
"Universities Against Corruption" Initiative

**Towards an Arab Youth Vision to Protect Development from the Risk
of Corruption**

20-22 September 2019

Hammamet, Tunisia

Agenda



Overview

UNDP's Regional project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC) in partnership with the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) is organizing a youth meeting titled "Towards an Arab Youth Vision to Protect development from the Risk of Corruption" in Hammamet, Tunisia from 20 to 22 September 2019. The meeting is dedicated to the group of young women and men from ACIAC's regional "Universities against Corruption" initiative, which was announced in Beirut in November 2016, as a collective action initiative based on the findings of the pilot phases of 2014 and 2015 and the lessons learned from the implementation in number of Arab countries such as Jordan, Tunisia, Iraq and Lebanon, which includes more than 3,000 students and 50 professors from 30 universities in 7 Arab countries.

Forty young men and women from Tunisia, Jordan, Iraq and Lebanon are participating in the regional meeting in the presence of specialized experts. The aim of the meeting is to provide an open space to consolidate the knowledge and skills they have acquired in their previous participation in the Initiative's activities at the national and regional levels, and to enable them to network and exchange views based on their personal experiences, especially in terms of working on the establishment of integrity clubs in universities, and launching integrity and anti-corruption initiatives in their respective countries.

In addition, the Regional Meeting sought to introduce participants to the 2030 Action Plan on Sustainable Development and its 17 goals, discuss the risk corruption poses on it, and learn about the importance of using data and its role in supporting more productive dialogues and efforts to protect the Action Plan from corruption, away from populism which has often a negative impact on such discourses. On the other hand, the activity aims at allowing participants to study the impact of corruption on their political, economic and social empowerment opportunities, and discuss the steps they can take to highlight relevant challenges, mobilize support for addressing them, and formulate and implement specific initiatives in this regard within the framework of the rule of law and in complementarity with governmental and non-governmental efforts in this regard.

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Friday, 20 September 2019

14:00 - 15:30 Session 1

- **Opening Statement**

Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Technical Advisor, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, United Nations Development Programme

- **Interactive Exercises to "break the ice"**

- **Exercise to Recall Basic Concepts About Corruption and Fighting Corruption**

15:30 – 15:45 Break

15:45 – 17:30 Session 2

- **Presentation about “Gherbal Initiative” (Lebanon)**
Assaad Zebian, Director, Gherbal Initiative
- **“Corruption Hacks” (Tunisia)**
Fadwa Traboulsi
- **“Reducing the Risk of Corruption in Mechanical Inspection” (Tunisia)**
Iman Heshri
- **The “Right to Access Information” (Lebanon)**
Hind Chazbeck
- **“Youth Participation in Promoting Integrity” (Jordan)**
Ahmad Abu Sheikha
- **“Business Integrity Network” at the American University of Beirut
School of Business**
Mohammed Abdel Baki
- **Towards Establishing the Integrity Club at the Faculty of Legal,
Political and Social Sciences, University of Carthage**
Asma Obeid

Saturday, 21 September 2019

09:00 – 11:30 Session 3

- **Sustainable Development Goals Action Plan 2030**

Reem Kaedbey, Research and Coordination Officer, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, United Nations Development Programme
- **Working Groups on the Impact of Corruption on Sustainable
Development**

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Session 4

- **Presentations of Working Groups Recommendations**
Designated rapporteurs of the working groups
- **Open Discussion Around the Findings**
Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Technical Advisor, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, United Nations Development Programme
- **Conclusions on the Challenges and priorities from a Youth Perspective**

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:30 Session 5

- **The Role of Data in Promoting Dialogue in the Protection of the Sustainable Development Goals from the Risk of Corruption**
Yasmin Koujou, Arab Development Portal, United Nations Development Programme
- **Questions and Answers**
- **Exercises**

Sunday, 22 September 2019

09:00 – 10:30 Session 6

- **Working Groups Around the Formulation of a Common Understanding of Youth Empowerment Requirements**
- **Presentation of the Findings of the Working Groups**

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 14:00 Session 7

- **Interactive Learning Session on Integrity and Corruption and their Impact on Entrepreneurship**

Rania Uwaidah Mardini, International Expert and Lecturer at the University of Beirut

- **Conclusions**

14:00

Lunch
