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NON-GOVERNMENT ACINET MEMBERS CONVENE TO DEVELOP ADVOCACY TOOLS AGAINST CORRUPTION

As part of the **Arab Governance Week** organized by **UNDP** in Cairo, **non-governmental members of ACINET,** will meet in Cairo with the major goal of engaging in regional dialogue on common anti-corruption priorities. The workshop will serve to discuss the latest anti-corruption developments in the Arab region and to address four priority themes: **'recovery of assets derived from corruption'**, '**protection of public lands and properties'**, **'right to access information'**, and **'stopping impunity'.**

"The goal is to support the Group to establish a common language and identify concrete recommendations on issues and topics that can increase the impact of their struggle to promote integrity and fight corruption in the region" explained **Dr Azmi Shuaibi, Coordinator of ACINET's Non-**

The workshop aims to empower participants in creating "a common ground for action in their respective countries"

Governmental Group. "The workshop will enable participants to strengthen cooperation with their governments and reinforce their role in promoting social accountability", he said. Discussions are expected to culminate in the development of position papers on each of the four thematic priorities that would constitute a common ground for action in their respective countries.

"The papers that will be developed as a result of this workshop will be powerful tools to promote change and advocate solutions rather than just highlighting problems", said **Mr. Arkan El Seblani, the Manager of the ACIAC Regional Project**, a leading UNDP initiative that supports ACINET.,

ACINET is an alliance of governmental authorities and non-governmental actors working together against corruption in Arab countries. It is considered to be the leading mechanism for policy dialogue, information sharing, and capacity development on anti-corruption in the Arab region, and the only It is the only structured platform, so far, that brings state and non-state actors together on this sensitive and critical issue. The Non Governmental Group of ACINET was established on 27 July 2010 as an independent component of the Network. It functions alongside with its governmental component, which now includes 37 national authorities from 15 Arab countries: Jordan, Bahrain, Tunisia, Djibouti, Saudi Arabia, the Palestinian National Authority, Sudan, Iraq, Qatar, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Mauritania, and Yemen.

Membership of ACINET's Non Governmental Group is open to all actors in civil society, private sector, media and academia and research who satisfy criteria set in its Rules and Procedures. For more information on ACINET and its Non Governmental Group, please visit www.pogar.org/acinet.

Non-governmental practitioners at one of the earlier meeting held in preparation for establishing the ACINET Non-governmental Group (Beirut, 2010)