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Regional workshop on

## **Innovation in Corruption Prevention**

Tangier, Kingdom of Morocco, March 03-04, 2020



## **Programme**

## Overview

In cooperation with the National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption in Morocco (INPPLC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a regional workshop in Tangier, Morocco, on 03-04 March 2020, as part of its regional project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC), which is implemented in partnership with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The regional workshop is based on a conviction that is being shaped and promoted by anti-corruption actors around the globe. It is based on the notion that tackling corruption successfully requires preventive and punitive efforts alike, and that such efforts are an integrated system that should not wait until after the occurrence of corruption to act; but should rather seek to prevent it in a pro-active manner. In this regard, prevention must not be understood simply as awareness-raising and public education, notwithstanding their importance. Instead, corruption prevention is increasingly evolving to become an elaborate set of standards, tools and approaches that have demonstrably proven their effectiveness in curbing this phenomenon.

Attended by senior representatives of agencies and ministries working on corruption prevention from several Arab countries, in addition to representatives of civil society and experts from the region and partner countries and organizations, the regional workshop aim is to inform participants about the latest innovations in corruption prevention and their successful applications around the world, and to discuss ways to benefit from them in related country and regional efforts in the region. Among the innovations that will be highlighted are management of corruption risks, behavioral insights, use of technology, social accountability, collective action, and corruption proofing of legal texts.

The regional workshop is expected to conclude with a series of conclusions and recommendations that will serve as the basis of follow-up support to governmental and non-governmental actors responsible for designing and implementing solutions in their respective countries, in line with international standards and the specificities of their country contexts.

## Agenda

Tuesday, 03 March 2020

### 09:30 – 11:00 Opening Session

- **Opening remarks**

Mohamed Bachir Rachdi, Chairperson of the National Authority for Probity, Prevention and Fight Against Corruption, Morocco

Edward Christow, Resident Representative, UNDP Morocco

- **Corruption prevention in the Arab region: visions, achievements and challenges**

Arkan El-Seblani, Chief Technical Advisor on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, Amman Regional Hub, UNDP

### 11:00 – 11:30 Break

### 11:30 – 13:00 Session 1: Comparative Reading of Corruption Prevention Approaches

- **UN Convention Against Corruption**

Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Advisor to the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET)

- **Internal Controls**

Rania Uwaydah Mardini, Lecturer, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

- **Management of corruption risks at sectoral level**

Mostafa Hunter, International expert, UNDP

- **Open discussion**

### 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

### 14:00 – 16:00 Session 2: Innovations in Strengthening the Participation of Society

- **Progress and challenges in civil society engagement**

Juanita Olaya, Member of the UNCAC Coalition

- **Experience from Lebanon: Role of civil society in advocating for access to information**

Assaad Thebian, Founder and Director of “Gherbal Initiative”

- **Experiences from Eastern European countries and the Commonwealth of Independent States**

Irakli Kotetishvili, Policy specialist, anti-corruption and public administration, Istanbul Regional Hub, UNDP

- **Open discussion**

**16:00 – 16:30**    **Break**

**16:30 – 18:30**    **Session 3: Innovations in Promoting Ethical Conduct**

- **Online asset declaration system in Ukraine**

Anna Kovtunenکو, Head of the IT systems and information protection department, National Agency on Prevention of Corruption in Ukraine

- **Behavioral Insights for corruption prevention**

Ahmad Baasiri, Nudge Lebanon

- **Open discussion**

**Wednesday, 04 March 2020**

**09:00 – 11:00**    **Session 4: Innovations in Enhancing Transparency in Public Procurement**

- **Online public procurement portals in Ukraine**

Anastasiya Kozlovtseva, Head of international relations and fundraising, Transparency International Ukraine

- **Role of national anti-corruption agencies in managing public procurement**

Romano Filippo, Director at the public procurement department, National Anti-Corruption Agency, Italy

- **Open discussion**

**11:00 – 11:30**    **Break**

**11:30 – 13:30**    **Session 5: Innovations in Corruption Proofing of Legal Texts**

- **Corruption Proofing of Legal Texts**

Cristina Tarna, Anti-corruption expert and former deputy director of the National Anti-Corruption Center, Moldova

- **Corruption Risk Management in Draft Laws**

Anouar Ben Khelifa, Advisor of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET)

- **Open discussion**

**13:30– 14:00**    **Closing Session**

- **Conclusions and recommendations**
- **Closing remarks**

**14:00**            **Lunch**

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