



Towards a Regional Alliance of Women Anti-Corruption and
Integrity Leaders

Fourth Regional Meeting
**Integrating Gender Perspectives in Sectoral Anti-
Corruption Policies and Programmes**

24-25 January 2023

Beirut, Lebanon



Programme

Overview

The UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States is organizing the Fourth regional meeting “Towards a regional alliance of women anti-corruption and integrity leaders” in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada. The meeting will be held in Beirut, Lebanon on 24 and 25 January 2023, and will be attended by leaders in government, civil society, academia, and the business community as well as experts, representatives of concerned regional international organizations, and senior public officials responsible for developing and implementing sectoral anti-corruption policies and programs.

The fourth regional meeting will enable participants to engage in exploring the gender perspectives in sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes through the analysis of the different dynamics of how corruption impact gender in specific sectors that are particularly vulnerable to corruption and key for sustainable development and economic growth. Issues paper 3 prepared by UNDP and the presentations will enable participants to examine risks of corruption in the two sectors: health and education, and the necessity to integrate specific measures in sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes to make them more gender sensitive.

Issues paper 3 will also provide a basis for a subsequent discussion that facilitates conceiving, developing, advocating for integrating a gender perspective in anti-corruption sector strategies and policies even if each country and each sector are unique and call accordingly for tailored actions. Joint exchanges will allow an active reflection about measures and mechanisms over gender dimensions in sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes, including on the inclusion of women’s challenges, needs and concerns. It is expected that participants will become better prepared to explore concrete approaches to building integrity systems responsive to women’s needs in different sectors as well as good practices for mainstreaming gender considerations into related reform policies and programmes.

Accordingly, UNDP will draw on the conclusions of this regional meeting to support women and other stakeholders to closely examine and better tackle the gender dimensions of corruption and promote gender-sensitive approaches in the context of sectoral anti-corruption and integrity reforms and programmes.

The languages used will be Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation available. Documents and other materials from the regional meeting will be posted on our website: www.undp-aci.org.

Agenda

Tuesday, 24 January 2023

09:00 – 10:00 Opening session

Welcoming statement

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Anti-Corruption and Integrity Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Opening Statement

- Najla Riachi, Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Republic of Lebanon

Statement of UNDP Lebanon

- Representative of UNDP Country Office, Lebanon

Insights from the Third Regional Meeting on Integrating Gender in National Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategies: Recommendations and Proposals

- Neila Chaabane, Dean of the Faculty of Legal, Political and Social Sciences, University of Tunis

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 **Session 1: The state of sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes in the Arab region: opportunities and challenges to integrate gender perspectives**

Objective: This session will enable a joint reflection on the state of sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes in the Arab region. The session will highlight the importance of the sectoral approach to understanding and to tackling corruption, and the opportunities it presents to mainstreaming gender perspectives. Presentations will focus on examples from Arab region but will also be open to broader reflections on the policies and programmes from other countries.

Moderator

- Sarah Dix, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Presentation

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Anti-Corruption and Integrity Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Discussion

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: Corruption typologies for the education and health sectors: gender differentiation for policy impact

Objective: Based on the issues paper prepared by UNDP for this purpose, this session will focus on the different analysis and their deficient gendered considerations, as well as observations regarding specific risks women encounter in accessing services. The presentation and discussions will highlight the potential corruption risks in the health and education sectors with a view to suggesting ways to assess corrupt practices as well as exemplify tools and specific measures to Integrate in sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes to make them more gender sensitive.

Moderator

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

Presentation

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Anti-Corruption and Gender Advisor, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Session 3: Risks of corruption in specific sectors and the possible gender-corruption nexus: Jordan's health sector

Objective: Based on the issues paper prepared by UNDP for this purpose, this session will enable participants to understand the ways in which corruption affects Jordan's health sector, as well as to seek to establish a gender nexus. Discussions will explore the aspects of corruption that exist and how corruption impacts gender in this specific sector and therefore thinking and designing

gender sensitive sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes in the specific context of the Arab States region.

Moderator

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

Presentations

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Anti-Corruption and Gender Advisor, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP
- Rania Bader, Vice Chairperson of the Board, Rasheed for Integrity and transparency, Jordan

Discussion

15:00 – 16:00 Session 4: Findings from interviews on gender and anti-corruption in sectoral programmes and policies.

Objective: Sectoral researchers carrying out fieldwork will share stakeholder perspectives on the impact of corruption on gender in two sectors: higher education and social affairs. This complements the previous session, in which the health sector was addressed.

Moderator

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Anti-Corruption and Integrity Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Presentations

- Mahassen Moursel, Journalist specialized in financial crimes, Lebanon
- Hasan Latef, Professor, University of Kufa, Iraq

Discussion

Wednesday, 25 January 2025

09:30 – 10:30 Session 5: Risks of corruption and the possible gender-corruption nexus: Iraqi's Education sector

Objective: Based on the issues paper prepared by UNDP for this purpose, this session will enable participants to understand the ways in which corruption affects Iraq's Education sector, as well as to seek to establish a gender nexus. Discussions will explore the aspects of corruption that exist and how corruption impacts gender in this specific sector and therefore thinking and designing gender sensitive sectoral anti-corruption policies and programmes in the specific context of the Arab States region.

Moderator

- Sarah Dix, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Presentation

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Anti-Corruption and Gender Advisor, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

Comments

- Muriel Poisson, Knowledge Mobilization and Management Team, International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP-UNESCO)

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 13:00 Session 6: Sectoral Corruption Risk Management: methodology and opportunities to integrate gender perspectives

Objective: This session will enable participants to understand UNDP's Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology. Participants will explore how, when and why integrating gender perspectives through a targeted analysis, risk mapping, planning mitigation actions and opportunities to engage various stakeholders.

Moderator

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

Presentation

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Anti-Corruption and Integrity Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

Discussion

13:00 – 13:30 **Closing session**

Closing remarks

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Anti-Corruption and Integrity Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States

13:30 **Lunch**

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