



هيئة النزاهة ومكافحة الفساد
Integrity & Anti-corruption Commission

Regional Workshop
**Using Technology to Prevent and Combat
Corruption**

Amman, Jordan, 15-16 June 2022



Draft Programme

Overview

In cooperation with the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a regional workshop in Amman, Jordan, on 15 and 16 June 2022. It is part of its regional project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC), which is implemented in partnership with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

The regional workshop focuses on the role of technological innovations in tackling corruption for accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This includes the prevention of corruption through strengthening transparency, enhancing internal controls, and generally reducing corruption risks in the public and private spheres, as well as the combating of corruption through facilitating the ability to detect and investigate, to track related cases and to use data for securing convictions and even recovering stolen assets.

Participants are expected to include representatives of anti-corruption agencies, oversight bodies and other government entities tasked with related roles and responsibilities from across the Arab region, in addition to experts from the region as well as partner countries and organizations. Different sessions over two days aim to inform participants about the latest technologies for preventing and combating corruption by presenting and discussing the findings of two studies that were carried out by the UNDP. The first is on the foundations necessary for using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) against corruption and the other is on new advanced technologies for sustainable development such as blockchain, big data and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Additionally, the sessions will increase participants knowledge of tested technologies and engage in discussion of success factors, related risks, and practical case studies from different countries.

The regional workshop is expected to conclude with a series of reflections on a variety of strategies and tools that will guide governmental actors responsible for designing and implementing technological solutions in their respective countries, in line with international standards and the specificities of their country contexts.

The regional workshop will be held in hybrid format with part of the participants attending in person and another part online using the Zoom platform. The languages used will be Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation available in Arabic, English and French. Documents and photographs will be made available at the event's page on the website www.undp-aciac.org.

Agenda

Wednesday, 15 June 2022

10:30 – 11:30 **Opening Session**

Opening Statements

- Muhannad Hejazi, Chairperson, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission
- Randa Aboul-Hosn, Resident Representative, UNDP Jordan

Technology for Anti-Corruption in the Context of the Arab States Region

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

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00 – 14:00 **Session 1: Laying the Foundations for Using Technology against Corruption**

Key Concepts, Definitions, and Prerequisites

- Dany Wazen, Digital Transformation Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Basic Infrastructure and Technical Building Blocks

- Abeer Faweer, Technology and Governance Expert, UNDP

Digital Cooperation as a Catalyst for Corruption Prevention

- Ammar Hamadein, Senior Advisor, Digital Cooperation Organization

Role of Cyber Security in Combatting Corruption

- Roland Abi Najem, Cybersecurity and Digital Transformation Expert

Technology-Enabled Investigations: Beyond Digital Forensics,

- Rami Nasreddine, Investigations Specialist, Office of Audit and Investigation, UNDP

Facilitated Discussion

14:00

Lunch

Thursday, 16 June 2022

9:00 – 10:30

Field Visit to the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission

Welcome Remarks

Guided Tour of the Facilities

Information Session

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00

Session 2: Latest Technological Innovations and New Frontiers for Anti-Corruption Efforts

New Technologies for Sustainable Development: Perspectives on Integrity, Trust and Anti-Corruption

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

Blockchain and its Utilization for Anti-Corruption

- Per Aarvik, Senior Programme Advisor, U4 Anti-Corruption Resource Center

Artificial Intelligence and Big Data for Anti-Corruption

- Yasmine Hamdar, Artificial Intelligence and Big Data expert, Data-Pop

Facilitated Discussion

12:00 – 12:15

Coffee Break

12:15 – 14:00

Session 3: Country Experiences in Using Technology to Prevent and Combat Corruption

Digital Applications to Prevent Corruption in Customs in Jordan

- Khaldoun Almomani, Director of IT Directorate, Jordan Customs

- Hanan Almohtaseb, IT Directorate, Jordan Customs

New Technologies for Anti-Corruption in Korea

- Myeong-Jae Moon, Professor of Public Administration, Yonsei University

Digital Transformation to Prevent Corruption in Estonia

- Siret Siibek, Attorney at Law, Estonia e-Governance Academy

Countering Public Grant Fraud in Spain: Machine Learning for Assessing Risks and Targeting Control Activities

- Mihaly Fazekas, Public Sector Integrity Expert, OECD

Technology Solutions to Mitigate Corruption Risks in Tunisia's Health Sector

- Faten Ben Ali, Head of Governance Department, Ministry of Public Health in Tunisia

Facilitated Discussion

14:00 – 14:30 **Closing Session**

Closing Remarks

- Qais Alqaisi, Chairman Consultant, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission

Conclusions and Roadmap for Follow up

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

14:30 **Lunch**
