



Specialized session

Tackling Corruption Risks in the Transport Sector

Tunis, Tunisia, 9 March 2022



Programme

Overview

Given its diverse infrastructure, networks and services, the transport sector plays a critical role in achieving sustainable development as it contributes to conceiving new market opportunities, facilitating trade and access to the labor market, as well as enabling people to access basic facilities and services such as education, health care and social welfare. Many Sustainable Development Goals rely on the transport sector to achieve their objectives, for example, it plays a role in eradicating poverty and hunger, promoting social integration, and improving the quality of life, among others.

In this context, given that it is a vital component of any country's economy and often accounts for half of the construction work financed by the government, the governance of the transport sector and preventing it from corruption risks is a top priority. The embezzlement of materials and equipment, tampering with contracts for works, goods or services related to transportation, and corruption in the granting of concessions to the private sector to operate the railway, port, air and road facilities and services reduce the quality of transport infrastructure and services provided by the sector. This affects many other sectors that would undermine development efforts, and therefore makes anti-corruption in this sector a top priority.

As part of its [Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries \(ACIAC\)](#), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a specialized session on “Tackling Corruption Risks in the Transport Sector” in Tunis on 9 March 2022, in cooperation with the General Directorate of Governance and Prevention of Corruption in the Government of Tunisia, the Ministry of Transport, and the governance units in the transport sector.

The session will be attended by representatives of the General Directorate of Governance and Prevention of Corruption in the Government of Tunisia, representatives of the governance units in the transport sector, and representatives of concerned public administrations and institutions, in addition to specialized experts in the field. The session aims to introduce participants to UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology (SCRM) and share with them the good practices and lessons learned from its application, especially from the previous cooperation between Tunisia and UNDP in managing corruption risks in the health sector. The discussion will be followed by a dialogue on corruption risks in the transport sector and ways to tackle these risks and practical exercises in small working groups to deepen their knowledge and skills gained during this session.

Agenda

Wednesday, 9 March 2022

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:15 Session 1: UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology

Welcome Remarks

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Technical Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Open Discussion

11:15 – 12:00 Session 2: Governance of the Transport Sector and Corruption Prevention

- Chhavi Dhingra, International expert on governance of the transport sector

Open Discussion

12:00 – 12:15 Break

12:15 – 13:30 Practical Exercises in Small Working Groups on the Application of UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology in the Transport Sector

13:30 Lunch
