



Regional Meeting
**Towards a Regional Alliance of
Women Against Corruption**
Beirut, Lebanon, 27 April 2022



Programme

Overview

Corruption exacerbates gender inequalities and prevents women from gaining access to their civil, political, social and economic rights. This has a detrimental impact on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With over a decade of experience supporting the implementation of anti-corruption and integrity reforms in the Arab states region, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is working to tackle a dual development challenge. On the one hand, women's voices are underrepresented in public affairs and policymaking. On the other hand, while corruption affects everyone, women tend to be more severely affected by certain forms of corruption and are disproportionately impacted in many sectors including healthcare, education and doing business.

UNDP Regional Hub for Arab States is organizing a regional meeting entitled *Towards a Regional Alliance of Women Against Corruption* that will be held on 27 April 2022 in Beirut, Lebanon with the possibility of online participation via Zoom. The event will bring together more than twenty women from the region who are active in leading dialogues and initiatives to strengthen transparent and accountable governance and tackle corruption, including women in government, business, civil society and academia. Participants will be presented with recent research findings and global trends on the nexus between gender and corruption and enabled to discuss and formulate recommendations to address this nexus in the context of the Arab states region. Participants will also explore the way forward to establish a regional network of women who are in positions to lead efforts aimed at integrating a gender lens into anti-corruption and integrity reforms across the region including in related national and sectoral strategies.

This regional meeting is part of the ongoing partnership with the Government of Canada in the framework of UNDP's regional project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC). UNDP will draw on the conclusions of this regional meeting to continue the consultation on how it can support women and other stakeholders to closely examine and better tackle the gender dimensions of corruption and promote gender-sensitive approaches to anti-corruption and integrity reforms.

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-aciac.org.

Agenda

Wednesday, 27 April 2022

11:00 – 11:15 Welcoming Remarks

11:15 – 12:15 **Session 1: Anti-Corruption and Gender Research Trends and Findings**

The Gender Dimensions of Corruption and Anti-Corruption

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

Facilitated Discussion

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

12:15 – 12:30 Break

12:30 – 13:30 **Session 2: New Horizons for Anti-Corruption and Gender in Arab Countries**

Strengthening Gender Sensitive Transparency and Accountability Measures in Arab Countries

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Governance and Gender Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Open Discussion

13:30 Lunch
