



الهيئة الوطنية لمكافحة الفساد
National Anti-Corruption Commission



Workshop

**Towards a Specialized Methodology for Reviewing Legal
Texts to Mitigate Corruption Risks**

Beirut, Lebanon

30 May – 1 June 2023



PROGRAMME

Overview

The National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) in Lebanon is carrying out the implementation of its first action plan for 2023-2024 emanating from the capacity development report that it had developed with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the framework of its regional partnership with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC).

Various international development partners are supporting this important reform effort, in a coordinated manner, including UNDP through its Country Office and Regional Programme. To this effect, the UNDP is organizing a workshop titled “Towards a Specialized Methodology for Reviewing Legal Texts to Mitigate Corruption Risks” over a period of three days starting on 30 May and ending on 1 June 2023. With the support of KOICA, and in cooperation with the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET), which the NACC has joined earlier this year, this workshop serves the effort to support the implementation of the third component of the NACC action plan related to developing its capacities on monitoring and evaluation, and in the case of this workshop, specifically in relation to analyzing corruption risks in legal texts.

Agenda

Tuesday, 30 May 2023

10:30 – 13:00 Preparatory Session

Welcome remarks

- Judge Claude Karam, Chairperson of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Lebanon

Introduction

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

Corruption Proofing Methodology: An Overview

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Discussion

Institutional Integrity Assessments and Integrity Testing: An Example of Innovations for Anti-Corruption Authorities

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Anti-Corruption Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

Wednesday, 31 May 2023

09:00 – 10:15 Session 1: Corrupted laws or corrupted legal drafting processes?

Importance of the intent of the legislator/drafter in generating corruption risks – State capture

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Joint Exercise #1

- Brainstorming and presenting examples of tailor-made laws in Lebanon

Discussion

10:15 – 11:00 Session 2: Key concepts of corruption proofing

Scope, goals and responsible institutions

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:00 Session 3: Structuring corruption proofing opinions

Assessing corruption risks in the legislative drafting process, describing corruption risks and corruption risks factors in the legal provisions

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Session 4: Corruption risks in laws: favoring corruption or making it legal?

Bribery, abuse of office, other corruption acts and prosecution perspectives

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Joint Exercise # 2

- Group work on identifying cases of corruption favoring and corruption legalization in selected Lebanon laws

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 Session 5: Corruption risks factors. Typology (First Part)

Category I: Legal wording and coherence

Category II. Transparency and access to information

Joint Exercise # 3

- Group work on identifying corruption risk factors from categories I and II in selected Lebanon laws

Category III. Competences, procedures, rights and obligations

Thursday, 1 June 2023

09:00 – 11:00 Session 5: Corruption risks factors. Typology (Second Part)

Category IV. Oversight mechanisms

Category V. Liability and sanctioning

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 5: Corruption risks factors. Typology (Third Part)

Joint Exercise # 4

- Group work on identifying corruption risk factors from categories III-V in selected Lebanon laws

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 Session 6: Preparation for implementing the methodology of corruption proofing

Steps in preparing for corruption proofing opinion on a certain draft law – Examples of identifying private interests promotion

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Joint Exercise # 5

- Group work on identifying stages in preparing to conduct corruption proofing opinion on a chosen Lebanon draft law

Discussion

15:15 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Session 7: Wrap-up session on what makes corruption proofing effective

Principles of conducting corruption proofing – effectiveness boosters

- Cristina Ciubotaru, Senior Expert, UNDP Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC)

Joint Exercise # 6

- Individual work (ideally, using a PC or laptop) to write one objection for a corruption proofing opinion, identify corruption risks and corruption risk factors in selected Lebanon laws.
- Individual presentations, discussions and evaluation.

Discussion

Conclusions

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States
- Judge Claude Karam, Chairperson of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Lebanon
