



Regional Workshop

**Corruption in Public Procurement: Prevention,  
Detection, and Investigation Methods**

Amman, Jordan, 26-27 September 2022



**Programme**

## Overview

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a regional workshop in Amman, Jordan, on 26 and 27 September 2022 titled *Corruption in Public Procurement: Prevention, Detection, and Investigation methods*. This is in the framework of UNDP's 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 aims to deepen participants' knowledge on preventing and combatting corruption in public procurement through technical presentations and training materials that focus on the policy and operational aspects. This is expected to enhance their capabilities to support related reform efforts in their respective countries. The sessions cover foundations and criteria for enhancing integrity in public procurement at the legislative and practical levels; and for tackling corruption in public contracts through detecting fraud cases and warning signs, and the usage of investigative techniques with focus on complex corruption investigations, in addition to presenting them with examples of successful investigations in this field. The workshop will conclude with recommendations to support the efforts of Arab countries in promoting integrity and combating corruption in public procurement.

The regional workshop will be attended by specialists in the field of preventing and combatting corruption in public procurement and concerned representatives of national anti-corruption agencies, regulatory authorities, and relevant bodies in the Arab region, in addition to regional and international experts and representatives of specialized international organizations.

The languages used will be Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation available. Documents and photos will be made available at the event's page on the website [www.undp-aciac.org](http://www.undp-aciac.org) within a period of two weeks after the workshop.

## Agenda

**Monday, 26 September 2022**

**09:00 – 09:30**    **Opening Session**

### **Welcome Remarks**

- Khaled Abdel Shafi, Director, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States
- DongSung Seo, Country Director, KOICA Jordan Office

**09:30 – 11:30 Session 1: Corruption Prevention in Public Procurement**

**Moderator**

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

**Speakers**

- Jean Ellieh, Chairperson, Public Procurement Commission, Republic of Lebanon
- Minsoo Choi, Deputy Director of the E-Procurement Management Division at the Public Procurement Service (PPS), Republic of Korea
- Sonia Ben Salem, Director of TUNEPS online Public Procurement System, High Commission on Public Procurement, Tunisian Republic
- Moayad Odeh, Chairperson of the High Council for Public Procurement Policies, State of Palestine
- Isam Haj Hussein, Executive Director, The Coalition for Accountability and Integrity-AMAN, State of Palestine

**Open Discussion**

**11:30 – 12:00 Break**

**12:00 – 14:00 Session 2: Introduction to Methods of Detecting Corruption in Public Procurement**

**Presentations**

- Michael Kramer, International Expert on Investigations of Corruption and Fraud in Public Procurement
- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Investigation and Control Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

**Questions and Answers**

**14:00 Lunch**

**Tuesday, 27 September 2022**

**09:00 – 11:00 Session 3: Techniques of investigating complex corruption crimes in public procurement**

**Presentations**

- Michael Kramer, International Expert on Investigations of Corruption and Fraud in Public Procurement

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Investigation and Control Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

**Practical exercises in small working groups**

**11:00 – 11:30**    **Break**

**11:30 – 13:30**    **Session 4: Examples of successful investigations of corruption in public procurement**

**Training session**

- Michael Kramer, International Expert on Investigations of Corruption and Fraud in Public Procurement

**Questions and Answers**

**Roundtable on lessons learned from similar cases in Arab countries**

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Senior Investigation and Control Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

**13:30 – 14:00**    **Closing Session**

- **Conclusions and recommendations**

**14:00**    **Lunch**

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