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Workshop

Planning and implementing measures to mitigate corruption risks by the Lebanese University



الجامعة اللبنانية
UNIVERSITE LIBANAISE

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Programme

Overview

The Lebanese University continues its cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to implement the Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology aiming at enhancing the governance integrity within the university, enabling it to improve the University's role performance capacity. This initiative aligns with both the university's development strategy and the national anti-corruption strategy, particularly its seventh outcome regarding sectoral corruption prevention. This joint work contributes to the support of efforts related to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, notably SDG4 on quality education, and SDG16 on peace, justice and strong institutions, given the important role that the Lebanese University plays in this field as the only national public university in Lebanon.

Following the formation of the "Committee for Promoting Integrity and Transparency at the Lebanese University" by the university's president on February 24, 2023, the United Nations Development Programme trained the committee members, who began their work by identifying four priority tracks for the methodology's implementation: The academic track of students, the professional track of the teaching staff, the professional track to contracting administrative or technical trainers, and the public procurement track. The committee members split into four working teams focusing on the mentioned tracks; each team broke down every track into decision points and evaluated the level of risks at each point based on the criteria of likelihood and impact, leading to the production of a risk heat map where these decision points were distributed. Afterwards, risk mitigation measures were proposed within the framework of UNDP's ongoing technical support with joint funding from the European Union and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, and benefiting from the programme's regional experts, with funding from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). The committee's efforts resulted in developing a draft report assessing Sectoral Corruption Risks at the Lebanese University, which is expected to be launched in September 2024.

The workshop provides participants with the opportunity to acquire additional knowledge and skills related to planning and implementing measures to mitigate corruption risks through exploring relevant options and priorities, and to train on planning techniques and implementation considerations in light of existing opportunities and challenges, in preparation for developing an integrated action plan for the Lebanese University, in the context of implementing the Sectoral Corruption Risk Management methodology developed by UNDP experts.

The workshop concludes with a discussion of the next steps in the process of managing sectoral corruption risks. The training course agenda is listed below, and the Arabic language is used in the workshop, with simultaneous interpretation to English.

Agenda

Friday, 19 July 2024

Session 1

11:30 – 13:00

Objective: Welcoming the participants, framing the workshop, and expanding the research into the recommendations issued in result of the Sectoral Corruption Risk Assessment at the Lebanese University.

Statement of the Lebanese University

Statement of the United Nations Development Programme

Recommendations issued in result of the Sectoral Corruption Risk Assessment at the Lebanese University

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Session 2

14:00 – 15:30

Objective: To examine options and priorities for dealing with sectoral corruption risks, and to train participants on relevant planning techniques and implementation considerations given the existing opportunities and challenges in the current context at the university and the national levels in general.

Options and priorities in dealing with sectoral corruption risks at the Lebanese University

Planning techniques and implementation considerations given the opportunities and challenges

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Break

16:00 – 18:00

Session 3

Objective: To enhance team spirit and joint work through a specialized exercise, then splitting the participants into small work groups related to the tracks that were previously tackled to develop proposals for action plans for each track.

Team Building Exercise

Working Groups

Saturday, 20 July 2024

Session 4

9:00 – 10:30

Objective: To present the conclusions of the working groups from the previous day and develop them in an integrated work plan within the framework of discussion with UNDP experts.

Findings of Working Group Exercises

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00

Break

Session 5

11:00 – 13:00

Objective: To familiarize participants with indicators that may be adopted for monitoring and evaluation, in addition to follow up mechanisms on established plans, and train them on its formulation and use, then agree upon steps for the following stage.

Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators and Follow-up Mechanisms

Practical Exercises

Next steps

Closing

13:00

Lunch
