



## **Second National Consultation**

# **Integrating Gender in National Anti-Corruption Strategies: Views from Lebanon**

14 November 2022

Beirut, Lebanon



## **Programme**

## Overview

The UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States is organizing the second national consultation for Lebanon on 14 November 2022 in Beirut. This is part of a broader initiative that it is undertaking in partnership with Global Affairs Canada to enable the establishment and operationalization of a regional alliance of women leaders in the field of anti-corruption and integrity to support the exploration of synergies between corruption and gender inequality in the context of the Arab states region and promote the integration of gender perspectives in policies and programs that are aimed to strengthen integrity and prevent and combat corruption.

This second national consultation will be attended by leading Lebanese women in government, civil society, academia, and the business community in addition to senior public officials responsible for developing and implementing Lebanon's national anti-corruption strategy (2020-2025).

Discussions will draw on the findings of earlier regional and national meetings held in the framework of this initiative, including the first Lebanon consultation that took place in Beirut on 27 July 2022 focusing on exploring the linkages between gender and corruption in the context of Lebanon. In parallel, similar national consultations are taking place in other countries in the region and will link up to the ongoing regional dialogue taking place in this regard in the framework of the regional alliance mentioned above.

More specifically, the second Lebanon consultation will enable participants to discuss the rationales and methods for integrating gender perspectives in national anti-corruption strategies based on the Issues Paper that was prepared by UNDP for this purpose. Participants are also expected to identify and discuss possible public policies and measures that could be integrated in the national anti-corruption strategy (2020-2025), and that could better account for women's perspectives and specific development priorities and needs with due considerations given to national context and circumstances.

The detailed agenda is on the next page. 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-aci.org](http://www.undp-aci.org).

## Agenda

Monday, 14 November 2022

09:30 – 10:00 Opening session

### Welcome statements

- Najla Riachi, Minister of State for Administrative Reforms, Lebanon
- Mohammed Salih, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Lebanon

### Insights from the Third Regional Meeting on Integrating Gender in National and Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategies

- Mahassen Moursel, Journalist at Sawt Beirut International, Lebanon

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee and Networking

10:30 – 11:30 Session 1: The National Anti-Corruption Strategy (2020-2025) from a Gender Lens

**Objective:** Recalling the findings of earlier regional and national meetings, this session will deepen the knowledge of participants regarding the process for developing the national anti-corruption strategy (2020-2025), its content in terms of targeted results and planned activities, and the ongoing implementation efforts. Building on that, the session will also enable a discussion on the state of gender integration through these different aspects taking into consideration the findings of the regional Issues Paper developed by UNDP for this purpose.

### Moderator

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

### Presentation

- Ali Berro, Head of the Anti-Corruption Unit and Senior Policy Analyst, Ministry of State for Administrative Reforms, Lebanon

### Discussions

**11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: Gender-Sensitive Policies to Promote Integrity, Prevent and Combat Corruption**

**Objective:** This session will enable the presentation and analysis of a series of proposed policy options that may be integrated in national anti-corruption strategies to make them more gender sensitive and enhance their contribution to gender equality. Discussions will explore the participants' views on opportunities and the challenges for advocating the integration of these policies in current and future strategy and how they are likely to impact outcomes from a gender perspective in the specific context of Lebanon.

**Moderator**

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

**Presentation**

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Anti-Corruption and Gender Advisor, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

**Discussions**

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:00 Session 2: Gender-Sensitive Policies to Promote Integrity, Prevent and Combat Corruption (Continued)**

**Objective:** This session will continue the presentation and analysis of the series of proposed policy options that may be integrated in national anti-corruption strategies to make them more gender sensitive and enhance their contribution to gender equality. Discussions will explore the participants' views on opportunities and the challenges for advocating the integration of these policies in current and future strategy and how they are likely to impact outcomes from a gender perspective in the specific context of Lebanon.

**Moderator**

- Hakima Ghorri, Governance and Gender Expert, Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries, UNDP

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### **Discussions**

**15:00 – 16:30 Session 3: Practical Considerations for Strengthening Gender Integration in Lebanon’s Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy**

**Objective:** This session will support participants to define specific recommendations for developing and implementing gender-sensitive policies and measures that can enhance the outcome of national anti-corruption efforts in Lebanon, while also having measurable positive impact on gender equality and women empowerment in the country. Participants are also expected to share their thoughts regarding feasible concrete measures to account for gender perspectives in current and future efforts.

### **Moderator**

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

### **Working Groups**

### **Reporting Back**

### **Closing**

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

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