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National Anti-Corruption Commission



Strategic Workshop

Towards an Impactful National Anti-Corruption Commission: Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities

Mövenpick Hotel, Beirut, 19 April 2023

Programme



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Introduction:

The National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) in the Lebanese Republic is organizing a strategic workshop on Wednesday April 19, 2023, at the Mövenpick Hotel, Beirut. The purpose of this strategic workshop is to explore possible ways to activate the commission's work, based on its priorities, challenges and opportunities within the current national context. This workshop is being held in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and with the joint support of the European Union and the government of the Kingdom of Denmark. Ambassadors and representatives from partner states, as well as international and regional organizations working to promote integrity and anti-corruption, will participate, along with relevant experts and public officials.

Our aim is to establish a joint platform for better coordinated and more effective cooperation between the NACC and the international partners, with a view to strengthening our capacity to carry out our roles and responsibilities according to applicable laws, rising up to public expectations and meeting the priorities outlined in the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Lebanon's international commitments, especially those related to the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC), and the Reform, Recovery and Reconstruction Framework (3RF) supported by the World Bank, the United Nations and the European Union.

The first session of the workshop will focus on reviewing Lebanon's anti-corruption commitments and the role of the NACC in supporting and monitoring their implementation. This will be followed by a discussion on the progress made in this regard, based on relevant reports, including the NACC's first annual report and other reports issued within the national and international frameworks mentioned above.

The second session provides an opportunity for an in-depth dialogue on the requirements for activating the NACC's role in the upcoming phase. It will also highlight potential prospects for cooperation with all partners to benefit from their expertise and resources within a unified vision that aligns with national priorities and international commitments. The ensuing discussion will be based on the conclusions of the detailed action plan that the NACC will present during the workshop. This plan was developed in cooperation with the experts of the UNDP's Regional Office in the Arab Countries, as part of its partnership with the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), and the UNDP's country office team in Lebanon, under the framework of the Anti-Corruption for Trust in Lebanon project (ACT Lebanon). This project is implemented with the support of the European Union and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark.

Arabic and English will be the two adopted languages during the strategic workshop, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Agenda

10:30 – 11:15 Opening Session

The Lebanese National Anthem

Speeches of International Partners:

- Mr. Ralph Tarraf, Ambassador of the European Union
- Mr. Kristoffer Vivike, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark
- Ms. Melanie Hauenstein, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme

Opening Statement:

- Judge Claude Karam, Head of the National Anti-Corruption Commission

11:15 – 12:30 First Session: Fighting corruption in Lebanon within national and international commitments framework

Moderator

The United Nations Convention Against Corruption and Lebanon's commitments under it

The 3RF and Lebanon's commitments to implementing its First Pillar "Improving Governance and Accountability"

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy and its implementation efforts

The Role of the National Anti-Corruption Commission and its first annual Report

General Discussion

12:30 – 12:45 Coffee Break

12:45 – 2:00 Second Session: Potential areas of collaboration to support the National Anti-Corruption Commission

Moderator

The National Anti-Corruption Commission's Capacity Development Action Plan

Discussion on best practices and lessons learned from comparative experiences

2:00 Lunch