



Towards a Regional Alliance of
Women Anti-Corruption and Integrity Leaders

Third Regional Meeting

7-8 November 2022

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan



Programme

Overview

The UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States is organizing the third regional meeting for women leaders in the field of anti-corruption and integrity in Arab countries in collaboration with Global Affairs Canada. The meeting, which will be held in Amman in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on 7 and 8 November 2022, will be attended by leading women in government, civil society, academia, and the business community as well as experts, representatives of concerned regional international organizations, and senior public officials responsible for developing and implementing national anti-corruption strategies.

The regional meeting will enable participant to engage in exploring the gender perspectives in existing national anti-corruption strategies based on the Issues Paper that has been prepared by UNDP in this regard. Then they will proceed to identify and discuss related public policies and measures that are gender-sensitive and that account for women perspectives and development priorities and needs with due considerations given to national priorities and relevant elements in each country's context.

More specifically, joint discussions will allow an active exchange of concrete evidence over gender dimensions in national anti-corruption strategies, including on the inclusion of women's contributions and concerns into the development, implementation, monitoring, and reporting of these strategies. This will allow participants to identify whether national processes and debates have so far paid attention to differentiated gender perceptions and experiences on corruption and integrity. Based on that, it is expected that participants will become better prepared to explore concrete approaches to building integrity systems responsive to women's needs as well as good practices to mainstreaming gender considerations into related reform policies and programs will be discussed.

The Issues Paper prepared by UNDP offers a starting point for these joint discussions focusing on the current anti-corruption strategies of Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq as case studies. It complements the first Issues Paper that was developed by UNDP on the nexus between corruption and gender, with this paper taking the regional dialogue a step further.

Accordingly, UNDP will draw on the conclusions of this regional meeting to support women and other stakeholders to closely examine and better tackle the gender dimensions of corruption and promote gender-sensitive approaches to related reforms in the context of national anti-corruption and integrity strategies.

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.

Agenda

Monday, 7 November 2022

09:30 – 10:30 Reception and Networking

10:30 – 12:30 **Session 1: State of Gender Integration in National Anti-Corruption Strategies in Arab Countries**

Objective: This session will recall the findings of the second regional meeting on gender and corruption linkages and enable a joint reflection on the state of gender integration in national anti-corruption strategies in Arab countries based on the Issues Paper that is prepared by UNDP for this purpose. Discussions will focus on examples from Jordan, Lebanon, and Iraq, including the sub-national strategy for the Kurdistan region of Iraq, but will also be open to broader reflections on strategies from other countries.

Welcoming remarks

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

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

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 **Session 2 – Part 1: Gender-Sensitive Policies to Promote Integrity and 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 strategies and how they are likely to impact outcomes from a gender perspective in the specific context of the Arab States region.

Moderator

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

Presentation

- Nicola Ehlermann, Senior Anti-Corruption and Gender Advisor, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 **Session 2 – Part 2: Gender-Sensitive Policies to Promote Integrity and Prevent and Combat Corruption**

Objective: This session will continue the joint analysis of the proposed policies and their impact on the outcomes of national anti-corruption strategies from a gender perspective in the context of the Arab States region and will also enable participants to continue sharing their views on the opportunities and challenges for advocating the integration of such policies in current and future strategies.

Moderator

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

Presentation

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

Discussion

09:00 – 11:00 Session 3: Implementation of National Anti-Corruption Strategies and Impact on Women

Objective: This session will enable representatives from Arab countries to present the latest findings on the implementation of their respective national anti-corruption strategies and how the results achieved have contributed to gender equality and women's empowerment, while also sharing their views on how gender perspectives can be better taken into consideration in current and future efforts.

Moderator

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

Presentations

- Rana Khashashna, Representative of the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC)
- Ali Berro, Representative of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Lebanon
- Representative of Iraq

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:30 Session 4: Conclusions

Objective: This session will enable participants to define specific recommendations to enable multi-stakeholder collaboration to develop and implement gender-sensitive policies and measures that can enhance the outcome of national anti-corruption strategies and have measurable positive impact on gender equality and women's empowerment.

Moderator

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

Discussion

Closing

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

13:30

Lunch
