



On the side of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention

**Consultative Meeting: Explore Selected Priorities to Enhance Regional Cooperation for Integrity**

Cairo, Egypt, 6 May 2024, between 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM (Heliopolis Meeting Room)

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As global consensus grows on the importance of enhancing corruption prevention efforts, to complement law enforcement, it is essential to explore new avenues for regional cooperation towards establishing a culture of integrity in both public and private sectors, as well as at the community level. In this context, the Regional Support Unit of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET), with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is studying and proposing ideas for regional initiatives in that regard.

Therefore, a consultative meeting will be held on the side of the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of States Parties to the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention aiming to explore two regional preventive initiatives that could be implemented within the framework of ACINET in the upcoming years. The first proposed initiative focuses on enhancing efforts to support the implementation of Article 12 of the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention and Article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. These articles pertain to integrity measures in the judiciary and public prosecution offices. This first initiative builds on the principles of Riyadh Declaration on the ethics and conduct of judges, at the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Deans and Directors of Judicial Institutes and Training Centers and Heads of Judicial Training Departments in Arab States (2007), the Sharjah Declaration on the Ethics and Conduct of judges from the 11<sup>th</sup> conference of Heads of Judicial Inspection Bodies in Arab States (2007), and the Bangalore Principles on Judicial Conduct (2002).

The second proposed initiative focuses on supporting efforts to mitigate corruption risks in drafting legal texts. This initiative builds upon the most significant methodologies derived from comparative experiences, particularly the European methodology known as Corruption Proofing and the Korean ACRC Corruption Risk Assessment Methodology.

It is expected that the outcomes of this meeting will contribute to shaping a shared vision towards the proposed initiatives. This includes the formation and training of two regional expert groups, who will work within the framework of ACINET and with the support of UN experts, to assist Arab states based on specific needs and priorities. The meeting also provides an opportunity to learn about upcoming ACINET activities as well as discuss any ideas for achieving the meeting's objective, which is enhancing regional cooperation for integrity across the Arab region

The meeting will be attended by representatives of the Arab delegations attending the 5<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention, as well as regional experts from the United Nations Development Programme, and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. The meeting will be followed by a reception.

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