



Towards a Comprehensive National Vision to Enhance
Transparency and Strengthen Accountability

Under the Patronage of H.E the Prime Minister

and in coordination with the Supreme Judicial Council, the Central
Organization for Control and Auditing, the Public Prosecution, and in
collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme

Ministry of Justice is organizing a National Workshop titled
“Enhancing Law Enforcement Efforts
in Combating Corruption”

Aden, Republic of Yemen

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Overview

The current phase in Yemen's history calls for concerted efforts of all state authorities and institutions to establish the path to economic recovery, rebuild trust in public institutions, and mobilize international support to achieve stability and development at all levels. Achieving these objectives requires the adoption of a comprehensive national vision to enhance transparency and implementing the regulations required to govern public collection and expenditure of funds. These efforts must align with national priorities and international standards, foremost among them the United Nations Convention against Corruption, which Yemen ratified in 2003, and the Makkah Agreement for Cooperation in Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement among the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

In line with this direction and the Prime Minister's five strategic priorities, which include anti-corruption, enhancing transparency, and reinforcing accountability with a special emphasis on law enforcement, the Ministry of Justice, under the Patronage of H.E the Prime Minister of the Republic of Yemen and in coordination with the Supreme Judicial Council, the Public Prosecution, and the Central Organization for Control and Auditing, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is convening this a national workshop "Enhancing Law Enforcement Efforts in Combating Corruption" and will take place on 28–29 April 2025 in Aden. This event aims to coordinate the work of active national stakeholders in shaping a comprehensive vision and integrated national action plan in this domain, with a particular focus on the requirements for reinforcing anti-corruption efforts through effective law enforcement, in pursuit of justice, stability, and development.

The main goal of the workshop is to establish a shared platform for all authorities and entities responsible for law enforcement in the field of anti-corruption, primarily representatives of the judiciary, and the Central Organization for Control and Auditing, considering their role in investigations, prosecution, and trial, and members of, civil society and the private sector. The platform will enable them to examine the challenges at hand, discuss key needs, review international best practices, and articulate practical and actionable recommendations to strengthen coordination, cooperation, and effectiveness in investigating and prosecuting corruption crimes in accordance with the law.

Workshop Objectives

1. Clarify the role of transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption through the lens of international standards and comparative experiences, with a focus on the role of law enforcement institutions and the need for their efforts to be integrated.
2. Highlight corruption-related cases and the current state of law enforcement bodies, including their achievements, and challenges.
3. Analyze key challenges and propose practical solutions to overcome them.
4. Emphasize the role of community oversight and the contributions of civil society organizations, the media, and the private sector in supporting state efforts to promote transparency and combat corruption.
5. Mobilize regional and international support for the government's vision of enhancing transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption, and pave the way for meaningful partnerships.
6. Propose the policies and procedures required to systematically and sustainably enhance transparency, strengthen accountability, and combat corruption in line with international standards.
7. Develop a comprehensive vision to improve transparency procedures, with a time-bound matrix of recommendations and a defined follow-up mechanism.

The workshop is expected to achieve a set of outcomes, the most important of which are:

1. Raise participants' awareness about the importance of formulating a comprehensive vision and national action plan to promote transparency, accountability, and anti-corruption.
2. Define the core components of the national vision and action plan and determine how best to adapt them to Yemen's current context and international standards.
3. Gain a clear and comprehensive understanding of the status of law enforcement authorities involved in combating corruption, identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges.
4. Jointly analyze the key legal, procedural, organizational, financial, and other barriers hindering law enforcement authorities.
5. Develop prioritized and actionable recommendations to enhance the role of law enforcement in combating corruption.

6. Establish communication and coordination channels among relevant authorities to ensure integrated efforts and expedite necessary procedures.
7. Outline a practical mechanism for monitoring anti-corruption enforcement and facilitating digital networking among concerned entities.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the organizers and the coordination committee will work on preparing three main outputs:

- a) General recommendations for formulating a comprehensive vision and national action plan to strengthen transparency, accountability, and law enforcement.
- b) A detailed report outlining the current situation of relevant authorities, including challenges, constraints, proposed steps to enhance anti-corruption enforcement and implementation mechanisms.
- c) A time-bound matrix of the workshop's recommendations, to be shared with all relevant stakeholders for integration into upcoming plans.

The detailed agenda is available below and is also available in Arabic.

Agenda

Day 1: Monday 28/04/2025	
08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 10:30	Opening Session
	Official Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Judge Badr Al Aarda, Minister of Justice • H.E Judge Abubakr Hussein Al-Saqqaf, President of the Central Organization for Control and Auditing • H.E Judge Qaher Mustafa Mohammed Ali, Attorney General • H.E Judge Ali Awad Atabush, Secretary General of the Supreme Judicial Council
	Partner Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Mohammed bin Saeed Al Jaber, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Republic of Yemen • Ms. Zeina Ali Ahmed, Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Yemen
	Opening Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Dr. Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak, Prime Minister of Yemen
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 13:00	Session One
	Role of the Judiciary: Independence, Integrity, and Effectiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E Judge Ali Aatboush Awad, Secretary General of the Supreme Judicial Council
	Role of the Public Prosecution: Achievements and Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E Judge Ramzi Al-Shawafi, Head of the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Unit, Public Prosecution
	Efforts of the Ministry of Justice and the Requirements for Enhanced Cooperation in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E Judge Sahar Abdel Jalil, Representative of the Ministry of Justice and Judge at the Primary Money Courts

	the area of Anti-Corruption	
	Control and Auditing Mechanisms and the Current Challenges Facing the Central Organization for Control and Auditing in Fulfilling its Anti-Corruption Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Hammoud Ahmed Al Massah, Director General of the Legal Affairs Department, in the Presidency of the Central Organization for Control and Auditing
	The Role of Society: Areas of Synergy and Success Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Luay Tareesh Al-Nu'man, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, University of Aden
13:00 – 13:15	Break	
	Session Two	
13:15 – 14:30	Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor on Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states
	Small Working Groups: SWOT Analysis of the Current Situation – Identifying Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Existing Threats Based on the Presented Papers	
14:30	Lunch	

Day 1: Tuesday 29/04/2025

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9:00 – 10:45	Session Three	
	Experience of the Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Miaad Al Sagheer, Director General of the Department of Regional and International Agreements, Oversight and Anti-Corruption Authority, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
	Good Practices and Lessons Learned in the Detection and Investigation of Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Tyler Hodgson, Regional Team Leader (MENA and Western & Central Africa), Integrity Vice Presidency, World Bank Group
	Good Practices and Lessons Learned in Coordinating Law Enforcement Efforts in Anti-Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Martha Monterrosa, Legal Expert in the field of Anti-Corruption, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
	Financial Investigation of Corruption Crimes by Law Enforcement Authorities and Public Prosecution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Mona Salem, Regional Programme Coordinator on Financial Crimes, Regional Office for the Middle East and North Africa, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
	Discussion	
10:45 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 13:00	Session Four	
	Facilitator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor on Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states
	Small Working Groups: Identifying Priorities and Practical Steps to Support Law Enforcement Authorities and Enhance Coordination and Cooperation Among them	
13:00 – 13:15	Break	
13:15 – 14:00	Session Five	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Conclusions and Recommendations

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joint Discussion on the Main Directions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation of the Proposed Framework for Coordination and Follow-up
14:00 – 14:30	Closing Session	
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14:30	Lunch	