The Egyptian Junior Business Association is hosting a regional focus group meeting on 21 February 2013 with the support of UNDP’s Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries. The meeting falls within the framework of current efforts to integrate anti-corruption issues in various training and educational programmes in the Arab region and aims to progress the work on establishing a training course specific to anti-corruption in business transactions for owners, managers and compliance officers within small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and begin to identify business associations and entities that could deploy and pilot the course. The latter is expected to include a general section on the concept of corruption and the tools used to combat it as well as specific sections that deal with corruption in business transactions and the related particularities of the region and the country in question. Meeting participants include senior representatives of companies and business associations involved in this initiative as well as prominent regional and international experts.

**Regional Focus Group Meeting**

**Developing the Course on "Anti-Corruption in Business Transactions" for SMEs in the Arab Region**

Cairo, Republic of Egypt, 21 February 2013

**Thursday 21 February 2013**

**09.00 – 11.00 First Session**

*Session objective: establish a common understanding of key concepts and elements of the global architecture governing anti-corruption in business transactions and discuss related specificities of the region and the participating countries.*

**11.00 – 13.00 Second Session**

*Session objective: discuss experiences of establishing anti-corruption training programmes for businesses and clarify the framework of the course that will be developed and the expectations of the participants regarding the course that will be developed.*

**13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 17.00 Third Session**

*Session objective: agree on the outline of the training course, divide the tasks of its development among participants according to specific timelines, and brainstorm to inform the elaboration of each of the agreed components.*

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