



High level Lebanese delegation visits Morocco in the framework of the “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network”

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The Lebanese Minister of Justice, Mr. Chakib CORTBAOUI, completed an official visit to Rabat upon the invitation of Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, the Chair of the "Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network" (ACINET) and the President of the "Central Authority for Corruption Prevention" in the Kingdom of Morocco, with the support of UNDP's "Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries".

During the visit, which comes in the framework of the preparations to transfer ACINET's chairmanship from Morocco to Lebanon, Minister CORTBAOUI met with ministers, parliamentarians and key Moroccan officials. They discussed means to reinforce ACINET's efforts in the coming



Lebanese delegation with Mohamed Najib BOULIF, the Minister in charge of General Affairs & Governance, and his team



ABOUDRAR and his team during their meeting with the Lebanese delegation

period and shared information about key developments in the area of integrity and anti-corruption in the two countries, as well as prospects for joint cooperation. Moreover, the members of the Lebanese delegation were presented with detailed information about the advanced experience of Morocco in the area of judicial and administrative reforms, based on which the two sides engaged in an active exchange of related ideas and expertise. Both sides confirmed their desire to deepen cooperation between Morocco and Lebanon and to jointly benefit from relevant regional and international experiences. They also agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation to support their respective countries' efforts in developing comprehensive national anti-corruption strategies through participatory processes, and in a manner that is



With Mustafa RAMID, the Minister of Justice & Liberties

consistent with the UN Convention against Corruption and cognizant of the particularities of each country.

The visit also helped to finalize the preparations for the 4th ACINET Conference, which is expected to be held in Beirut on 14-16 April under the title “Reconciling Hopes with Realities in the Fight against Corruption: Paving the Way for Innovation”. The conference will be convened at the ministerial level and will be attended by more than 200 participants. Among other things, the event will witness the official transfer of ACINET's Chairmanship from Morocco to Lebanon.



With Abdeladim EL GUERROUJ, the Minister in charge of the Public Function & Administrative Modernization, and his team

Minister CORTBAOUI was accompanied by Member of Parliament Mr. Ghassan MOUKHEIBER, Judge Arlette JREISSATY, and the legal advisor to the Minister of State for Administrative Development Mr. Charbel SARKIS in addition to Mr. Arkan EL-SEBLANI and Ms. Karine BADR from UNDP's “Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries”.

