First Extraordinary Session of the Non Governmental Group of the Arab Anti Corruption and Integrity Network

Doha, State of Qatar

28-29 March 2012

Programme

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Overview of the Non Governmental Group of ACINET

The Non Governmental Group of ACINET was established on 27 July 2010 as an autonomous component of ACINET, which is considered to be the leading regional mechanism specialized in supporting Arab countries to act against corruption, in line with their national priorities, and drawing on global and regional standards. ACINET brings together 37 national authorities in 15 Arab countries, namely Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, the occupied Palestinian territory, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia, and Yemen. The Group aims to enable related nongovernmental actors to participate effectively in the activities of ACINET and enrich the national related efforts. The Non Governmental Group strengthens the capacity of such actors to support the enforcement of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption and encourage dialogue between governmental and non-governmental actors and support joint and collective action initiatives as well as communication between the Arab region and other regions to promote sharing anti corruption expertise and experiences. Membership of Group is open to all actors in civil society, private sector, media and academia and research in accordance with the criteria set in the Rules and Procedures. For more information on ACINET and its Non Governmental Group, please visit www.pogar.org/acinet.

Overview

The Non Governmental Group of ACINET convenes its first Extraordinary Session in Doha, Qatar, on 28-29 March 2012, in cooperation with the Doha Centre of the rule of law and Anti Corruption, with the support of the UNDP Regional Project on Anti Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries (ACIAC). This session will build on the results of the first general session of ACINET's Non Governmental Group that was held in Fes, Morocco on 19 December 2011. Its aim is to enable the members of the constitutive assembly to discuss with various nongovernmental actors the challenges and opportunities related to anti corruption in the Arab Region in order to endorse the Group's annual plan for 2012-2013. This event is also expected to witness the accession of new members to the Non Governmental Group.

Agenda

Day One: Wednesday, 28 March 2012	
9.00- 10.00	Registration
10.00 - 10.30	**[Opening Session]** **Opening Statements** Dr. Azmi SHUAIBI, Coordinator of the Non-Governmental Group of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network H.E. Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention, Kingdom of Morocco **Presentation of the Agenda** Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Regional Project Manager of Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries, UNDP
10.30 - 12.30	**[First Session]** **Roundtable on Anti Corruption Efforts of Participating Organizations in 2011 and Related Opportunities and Challenges in 2012 and beyond** Moderated by Dr. Khalil GEBARA, Lecturer at the American University of Beirut
12.30 - 15.00	**Lunch by invitation of the Public Prosecution in the State of Qatar**
15.00 - 17.30	**[Second Session]** **Roundtable on the Proposals for the Action Plan in 2012-2013** Presentation by Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Regional Project Manager of Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries, UNDP Moderated by Dr. Azmi SHUAIBI, Coordinator of the Non-Governmental Group of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network
20.00	**Dinner**

Day Two: Thursday, 29 March 2012	
9.00- 11.30	**[Third Session]**
	Exchanging Experiences and Perspectives on Thematic Priorities Identified for Inclusion in 2012-2013 Action Plan
	Moderated by Mr. Ezzedin AL ASBAHI, President of the Human Rights Information and Training Centre, Republic of Yemen
11.30 - 12.00	**Break**
12.00 - 13.00	**[Closing Session]**
	Moderated by Dr. Azmi SHUAIBI, Coordinator of the Non-Governmental Group of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

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