

Third Regional Focus Group Meeting Developing the Course on "Anti-Corruption in Business Transactions" for SMEs in the Arab Region

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UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries is hosting the third regional focus group meeting on 4 July 2013 in Beirut. 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). Since the group's last meeting, business associations and entities that could deploy and pilot the course have been identified and a draft outline for the course has been developed. This meeting thus aims at discussing and adopting the different sections of the outline as well as sharing insights on the practical aspects of the implementation of the course. Participants include representatives of companies and business associations involved in this initiative as well as prominent regional and international experts.

Thursday 4 July 2013

09.30 - 10.00 First Session

Update on progress achieved and presentation of the SMEs survey results implemented by UNDP-ACIAC

10.00 - 11.00 Second Session

Adoption of Outline Section 1 (Introduction)

Session objective: Present the draft introduction and enable participants to share feedback and agree on the final structure and content of the introduction.

11.00 - 12.00 Third Session

Adoption of Outlines Section 2 (Business Case)

Session objective: Present the business case and enable participants to share feedback and agree on its final structure and content.

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 13.30 Fourth Session

Adoption of Final Structure and Outline Section 3 (Matrix)

Session objective: Present the Matrix (Business to State) and enable participants to share feedback and agree on its final structure and content, including acts of corruption chosen for the matrix, scenarios and options/solutions developed.

13.30 - 14.30 Fifth Session

Course Implementation and Concluding Remarks

Session objective: discuss practical elements for the deployment of the course in the region and share concluding remarks.

14.30 Lunch