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Fourth Conference of the
Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

**"Reconciling Hopes with Realities in the Fight against
Corruption: Paving the Way for Innovation"**

Intercontinental Phoenicia Hotel
Beirut, Republic of Lebanon
14-16 April 2013

Conference Programme

Overview on the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

The “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network” (ACINET) is considered to be the leading regional mechanism specialized in supporting Arab countries to act against corruption in accordance with their national priorities and based on related international and regional standards. ACINET includes 40 ministries and governmental and judicial authorities from 15 Arab countries including Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. It also includes a “Non-Governmental Group” composed of active organizations that represent civil society, business, academia, and media, thus making it the first Arab regional mechanism that brings together governmental and non-governmental entities for consultation and cooperation in the area of anti-corruption. The Network works on developing the capacities of its members through training and advisory support. It facilitates the exchange of information among them and their counterparts in the region and the world. It also provides them and other stakeholders with a common platform to regularly review and enrich their anti-corruption policies and strategies and to build the bilateral and multilateral partnerships that are necessary for this purpose. ACINET works with the support of the United Nations Development Programme and other partners. It is currently chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention. For more information, please visit its website on: www.arabacinet.org

Introduction

Under the patronage of H.E the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon, the “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network” is holding its Fourth Conference in Beirut on 14-16 April 2013 with the joint support of the Ministry of Justice and the United Nations Development Programme, and in cooperation with a number of partner organizations. The Conference, which is held at the ministerial level, is titled “*Reconciling Hopes with Realities in the Fight against Corruption: Paving the Way for Innovation*”. It brings together anti-corruption leaders from across the Arab region and high-level representatives of governmental and non-governmental entities that are active in this field, in addition to prominent experts and representatives of various regional and international organizations and partner countries.

The Conference provides participants with a unique common space to acquire in-depth knowledge about the recent efforts of Arab countries in the area of anti-corruption. It also seeks to support them in exploring means for reinforcing these efforts through encouraging them to innovate and informing them about key comparative experiences and the latest global developments in the area of anti-corruption. The different sessions of the Conference address a specific set of measures that are of particular relevance to the current context of the region, and that may be able to produce positive results if properly adopted. Some of these measures are of a preventive nature such as using technology to strengthen transparency and reduce opportunities for corruption, or strengthening systems that manage conflicts of interest. The second part of these measures is punitive, such as criminalizing illicit enrichment, and enhancing international cooperation to recover assets derived from corruption. The last part of these measures is related to the adoption of sectoral approaches in sectors that are sensitive and are particularly vulnerable to corruption such as customs and the judiciary. Conference discussions are expected to support participants in identifying innovative solutions that contribute to the achievement of further progress against corruption in their respective countries in a manner that helps those countries to become more responsive to the aspirations of citizens and the requirements for promoting sustainable development and social justice.

On the side of the Conference, ACINET holds its Fourth General Meeting, preceded by the Second General Session of its "Non-Governmental Group", where members will review work progress in 2012-2013 and identify priorities for 2013-2014. The Conference also witnesses the transfer of ACINET's Chairmanship from the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention, to the Republic of Lebanon, represented by the Ministry of Justice, and the selection of the forthcoming Chair and the new Coordinator of the "Non-Governmental Group".

Agenda

Opening Day: Sunday, 14 April 2013

12.00 - 17.00 **Registration**

15.00 - 17.00 **[Side-Activity – Monroe Hotel] Second General Session of ACINET's "Non-Governmental Group" (attendance by invitation only)**

- **Welcome Statement**
- **NGG Progress of Work in 2012-2013**
- **NGG Priorities of Work for 2013-2014**
- **Discussions and Decisions**

18.00 - 19.00 **[Opening Session]**

- **Welcome Statement**

Mr. Chakib CORTBAOUI, Minister of Justice, Republic of Lebanon

- **Official Statements**

Mr. Hassan KRAYEM on behalf of Mr. Robert WATKINS, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Lebanon

Mr. Abdelaadim GEURROUJ, President of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, and Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Public Function and Modernization of the Administration, Kingdom of Morocco

Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention

- **Opening Statement**

Mr. Najib MIKATI, Prime Minister, Republic of Lebanon

19.00 **Welcome Reception**

Day One: Monday, 15 April 2013

09.30 - 12.30 **[First Session] Recent Developments of the Arab Countries' Efforts in Preventing and Combating Corruption**

- **Chair**

Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network, President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention

- **Official Statements**

Mr. Abderrahmane LADGHAM, Minister in charge of Governance and Anti-Corruption, Republic of Tunisia

Mr. Muhammad Bin Abdullah AL-SHARIF, Chair of the National Anti-Corruption Commission, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Mr. Ali MEHANNA, Minister of Justice, State of Palestine

Mr. Mohammad FNEISH, Minister of State for Administrative Reform, Republic of Lebanon

Mr. Ahmed MAKKI, Minister of Justice, President of the National Coordinating Committee for Combating Corruption, Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr. Abdelaadim GEURROUJ, President of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, and Minister Delegate to the Head of Government in charge of Public Function and Modernization of the Administration, Kingdom of Morocco

Mr. Mohammad SANHOUB, Head of the Investigation and Legal Prosecution Sector, Member of the Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption

- **Interventions by the Other Official Delegations**

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch

13.30 - 16.30 [Second Session] **Lessons Learned from Arab Anti-Corruption Experiences in the Past Decade and Prospects for Enhancing them in light of Comparative Experiences**

- **Chair**

Mr. Muhyieddeen TOUQ, International Anti-Corruption Expert, President of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Negotiating the UN Convention against Corruption

- **Speakers**

Mr. Azmi SHUAIBI, Coordinator of ACINET's Non-Governmental Group and Anti-Corruption Commissioner at the AMAN Coalition for Accountability and Integrity, State of Palestine

Mr. Jorge HAGE, Minister of State, Comptroller General, Federative Republic of Brazil

Mr. Drago KOS, International Anti-Corruption Expert, Former Chair of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) and the Former Chairman of the Office for the Prevention of Corruption, Republic of Slovenia

Mr. Abdul Wahab ABDUL AZIZ, Deputy Commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, and the Director of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy, Malaysia

Mr. Zaid AL ALI, Senior Legal Advisor, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)

Mr. Ahmad ASHOUR, Senior Expert at the IDRAC Institute for Development Research and Consultancies, and the Former Director General of the Arab Organization for Administrative Development

- **Open Debate**

17.30 - 19.00 [Side Activity] Fourth General Meeting of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (closed)

- **Welcome Statement**
- **ACINET Progress of Work in 2012-2013**
- **ACINET Priorities of Work for 2013-2014**
- **Discussions and Decisions**

20.30 Gala dinner at the Grand Serail by invitation of H.E the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon

Day Two: Tuesday, 16 April 2013

09.00 - 10.45 [Third Session] Innovation in the Prevention of Corruption

Parallel Workshop (A)

Developing the use of ICTs for transparency and corruption prevention

Moderator

Mr. Carlos VINIEGRA, International Expert on E-Governance

Speakers

Ms. Ghada MOUSSA, Director of the Governance Center, National Management Institute, Ministry of State for Administrative

Parallel Workshop (B)

Towards more effective systems for the management of conflicts of interest

Moderator

Ms. Elodie BETH, Head of the Procurement Unit, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

Speakers

Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network and President of the Central Authority for

Development, Arab Republic of Egypt

Ms. Roberta Solis RIBEIRO, International Affairs Advisor, Office of the Comptroller General, Federative Republic of Brazil

Open Debate

Parallel workshop's partner organization



Corruption Prevention, Kingdom of Morocco

Ms. Flor López LAGUNA, Director of the Office of Conflict of Interest, Kingdom of Spain

Open Debate



Parallel workshop's partner organization

10.45 - 11.15 Break

11.15 - 13.00 [Fourth Session] Innovation in the Criminalization and Prosecution of Corruption

Parallel Workshop (C)

Enhancing mechanisms to combat illicit enrichment

Moderator

Mr. Hussein HASSAN, Manager of the Anti-Corruption Project, Regional Office for the Middle East North Africa, UNODC

Speakers

Mr. Ghassan MOUKHEIBER, Member of the Parliament of Lebanon, and Vice-President of Arab Parliamentarians against Corruption

Mr. Stuart GILMAN, Senior Partner, Global Integrity Group

Open Debate

Parallel workshop's partner organization



Parallel Workshop (D)

Strengthening cooperation to recover assets derived from corruption

Moderator

Mr. Jean-Pierre BRUN, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, StAR

Speakers

Mr. Akaash MAHRAJ, Executive Director, Global Organization for Parliamentarians Against Corruption

Ms. Emma WALTERS, Regional Governance Adviser (Anti-Corruption) for MENA Region, Department for International Development, United Kingdom

Open Debate



Parallel workshop's partner organization

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.45 [Fifth Session] Innovation in Fighting Corruption through Sectoral Approaches

Parallel Workshop (E)
**Safeguarding the judiciary from corruption
and the roles of different stakeholders**

Moderator

Mr. Medhat AL MAHMOUD, President of the Supreme Federal Court, Republic of Iraq

Speakers

Mr. Mohammed Radouane BENKHADRA, Legal Advisor to the Secretary General, League of Arab States

Ms. Arlette JREISSATI, Counselor Judge at the court of Cassation, Lebanese Republic

Open Debate

**Parallel workshop's
partner organization**



Parallel Workshop (F)
**Safeguarding the customs from corruption
and the roles of different stakeholders**

Moderator

Mr. Christoph WILCKE, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, Transparency International

Speakers

Mr. Essam ALY, Head of Central Department of Reform, Egyptian Customs Authority, Arab Republic of Egypt

Mr. Stefan CARPENTER, International anti-corruption in customs expert

Open Debate



**Parallel workshop's
partner organization**

15.45 – 16.30 Break

16.30 – 17.30 [Closing Session]

- **Chair**

Mr. Abdessalam ABOUDRAR, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network and President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention, Kingdom of Morocco

- **Conference Conclusions and the Beirut ACINET Declaration Against Corruption**

Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Manager of UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries

- **Closing Statements**

Mr. Chakib CORTBAOUI, Minister of Justice, Republic of Lebanon
