

## **The Tunisian Anti-Corruption Authority endeavors to learn more about the Moroccan experience**

The delegation of the Tunisian Anti-Corruption Authority returned from its field visit to Morocco where it met with officials, parliamentarians and civil society experts and learned more about the Moroccan experience in fighting corruption, with a focus on the [Central Authority for Corruption Prevention](#) (ICPC). The visit was held with the support of the United Nations Development Programme and in the framework of the [Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network](#) (ACINET), which was established in 2008 and brings together, in addition to the Tunisian and Moroccan authorities, 42 ministries and governmental agencies from 17 Arab countries, as well as a Non-Governmental Group which includes 20 organizations representing civil society and the business community.

The delegation was headed by the President of the Tunisian Anti-Corruption Authority H.E. Mr. Samir ANNABI, and included representatives of the latter Authority, the National Constituent Assembly and civil society. The visit extended over three days - from 15 to 17 April 2014 - where the delegation met with the ICPC, the institution of the Ombudsman, the Ministry of Justice and Liberties, the Ministry of State in charge of General Affairs and Governance, the Ministry of Public Function and Modernization of the Administration, the organization of Moroccan Parliamentarians against corruption and the Moroccan Association for Combating Corruption - Transparency Morocco.

It is important to note that in 2011, Morocco passed several constitutional amendments consecrating the principles of good governance and anti-corruption and elevating the ICPC to a constitutional authority.



This visit comes in the framework of a series of similar visits the Tunisian Anti-Corruption Authority is conducting to a number of Arab countries in the region and beyond, with Jordan and Palestine following Morocco. The visits aim at enabling Tunisian officials to learn more about good practices and lessons learned from comparative experiences, specifically relating to establishing anti-corruption authorities and activating their roles with regards to prevention, awareness and prosecution. The visits also aim to consolidate friendship ties and communication with other countries with a view to activate cooperation in the face of corruption, an international phenomenon requiring cross-border cooperation.

The Tunisian Anti-Corruption Authority, whose 26 members were appointed [by Decree No. 2394 of 2013](#) was established in 2011 by Framework Decree No. 120 of 2011.

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