An overview on Arab countries in the UNCAC Review Mechanism

Fourth Meeting of the Anti-corruption Community of Practice in the Arab States Region

"THE ARAB REGION AFTER 2011: ISSUES AND PROSPECTS FOR ANTI-CORRUPTION COOPERATION"

Rabat, Morocco (7-8 June 2011)

ARAB COUNTRIES & UNCAC

15 States Parties

Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen. (NB: PNA)

4 Signatories

Comoros, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Syria.

2 Not Signatories

Oman & Somalia

ARAB COUNTRIES & REVIEW MECHANISM

- *Arab Countries & UNCAC Self Assessment Checklist*
- *Arab Countries & Pilot Review Programme*
- *Arab Countries & Review Mechanism*

ARAB COUNTRIES & UNCAC SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

- ***Background: experimental software launched on 15 June 2007, implementation gaps + TA needs , thematic focus (mandatory provisions)***
- ***AGEG contribution: Testing the Self Assesment Checklist, Developing the Omnibus, Contributin to national Reporting efforts in the Arab States.***

7 Reporting States Parties:	**8 Non-reporting States Parties:**
ALGERIA	BAHRAIN
EGYPT	DJIBOUTI
JORDAN	LIBYA
MAURITANIA	IRAQ
MOROCCO	KUWAIT
TUNISIA	LEBANON
YEMEN	QATAR
	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ARAB COUNTRIES & UNCAC PILOT REVIEW PROGRAMME

A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT, WHICH AIMS AT:

- *ASSISTING INTERESTED STATES PARTIES IN UNDERTAKING A DETAILED EVALUATION OF THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH SELECTED PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION.*
- *PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR TESTING THE FEASIBILITY AND MODALITIES OF A REVIEW MECHANISM IN ORDER TO AID THE COSP IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE MECHANISMS TO REVIEW UNCAC IMPLEMENTATION.*

JORDAN WAS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES THAT VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERGO THE REVIEW. IT WAS ACTUALLY REVIEWED BY FRANCE AND INDONESIA.

ARAB COUNTRIES &THE REVIEW MECHANISM

Design

- **Amman** (10-14 Dec. 2006): it is necessary to establish an effective mechanism to review UNCAC implementation; Establish an open-ended intergovernmental expert WG to make recommendations to the COSP II on the RM;
- **Regional discussions** took place and ACINET organized a meeting, in preparation to CoSPIII, **Beirut (15-16 Oct 2009)**, supported by UNDP(concl.)

Adoption

- The 3rd session of the CoSP, Doha (9 - 13 Nov. 2009), adopted resolution 3/1, entitled "Review mechanism", recalling article 63 of the UNCAC according to which the Conference should establish, if it deemed it necessary, any appropriate mechanism or body to assist in the effective implementation.

Action

- **Drawing of lots** to determine which States parties will participate in the reviews.
- **Training for governmental experts** (Rabat Sept 2009) that have been nominated by their countries to participate in the UNCAC RM +Objectives: familiarize participants with the details of the UNCAC RM & Equip them with the substantive expertise in UNCAC provisions to undergo and perform reviews.

First Year of Review

2 ***Arab Countries Under Review:***



Morocco, to be reviewed by South Africa and Slovakia



Jordan, to be reviewed by Maldives and Nigeria

4 Arab Countries reviewing other Countries:









The Story of Morocco



Morocco is being reviewed by South Africa and Slovakia

Self-assessment

Desk Review

Country Visit

The Story of Jordan



Jordan is being reviewed by Maldives and Nigeria

Self-assessment

Desk Review

Country Visit

The Story of Lebanon



Lebanon is reviewing Rwanda



The Story of Tunisia



Tunisia is reviewing Finland



The Stories of EGYPT



Egypt is reviewing Lithuania and Burundi



The Story of Yemen



Yemen is reviewing Mongolia

Self-assessment

Desk Review

Country Visit

Arab Countries Under Review

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Mauritania	Djibouti	Libya
Iraq	Algeria	Lebanon
Kuwait	Tunisia	
UAE	Yemen	
	Egypt	
	Qatar	

Thank you!

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