Under the Patronage of the

Ministry of Justice & Central Commission for the Prevention of Corruption in the Kingdom of Morocco

Regional Workshop on "Witness and Whistleblower Protection"

Rabat, Morocco

2-3 April 2009

Agenda

Day One: Thursday, 2 April 2009	
09.00 – 11.00	**Registration** In parallel to the Regional Workshop on "Witness and Whistleblower Protection", two side-events will be held. The first is a "General Meeting" for the members of the Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network (ACINET), and the second is a "Working Session" for the members of the Arab Governmental Expert Group (AGEG) on UNCAC Self Assessment. Participants are kindly requested to register accordingly.
09.00 – 10.30	**Side Event One:** **General Meeting of the Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network (Members Only).** • **Welcome Statement.** H.E. Abdelsalam ABOUDRAR, Head of the Central Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Morocco (10 minutes). • **ACINET Chair Statement.** H.E. Mr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, Head of Anti-Corruption Commission, Jordan, and Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (10 minutes). • **Presentation of ACINET Programme of Work for 2009.** Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in

	the Arab Region, UNDP (10 minutes). • **Deliberations.** • **Closing of the first General Meeting.**
11.00 – 11.30	**Opening Session.** • **Opening Statement.** H.E. Mr. M'hammed ABDENABAOUI, Representative of H.E. the Minister of Justice, Morocco (10 minutes). • **Official Statements.** Mr. Jeffrey COLE, GfD Co-Chair, United States Government (8 minutes). H.E. Mr. Abdelsalam ABOUDRAR, Head of the Central Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Morocco (8 minutes). Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region, UNDP (4 minutes)
11.40 – 12.00	**Break**
12.00 – 14.00	**[First Session] Introduction to Witness and Whistleblower Protection.** Session Chair: H.E. Mr. Mahmoud ABU AL RUB, State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau, Palestinian Authority. • **Categories Requiring Protection under the United Nations Convention against Corruption.** Mr. Hatem ALY, Senior Expert, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC (15 minutes). • **Witness Protection Systems: Concepts and International Best Practices.** Ms. Karen KRAMER, Senior Expert, Law Enforcement, Organized Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Unit, UNODC (20 minutes) • **Whistleblower Protection Systems: Concepts and International Best Practices.** Mr. Constantine PALICARSKY, International Expert on Whistleblower Protection, Ethicos Group (20 minutes). Ms. Nicola EHLERMANN-CACHE, Senior Policy Analyst, Private Sector Development, OECD (10 minutes). • **Open Discussion.**
14.00 – 15.00	**Invitation to Lunch by the ACINET Chair.**

15.00 – 17.30 **[Second Session] The State of Witness and Whistleblower Protection in Arab Countries.**

Session Chair: H.E. Mr. Radwan BEN KHADRA, Head of the Legal Department, the League of Arab States.

- **Introduction and Background.**

  Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region, UNDP (10 minutes).

- **Country Presentations from the Region.**

  Mr. Wadah EL BALBISI, Head of Information and Investigation Department, Anti-Corruption Commission, Jordan (10 minutes).

  Mr. Ahmad AL DOSARI, Prosecutor, Public Prosecution, Bahrain (10 minutes).

  Mr. Faisal AJINA, Judge, Center for Legal and Judicial Studies, Ministry of Justice, Tunisia (10 minutes).

  Mr. Mohammad IBNIDRIS, Solicitor General, Ministry of Justice, Sudan (10 minutes).

  Mr. Raheem Al AGEELI, Head, Commission on Integrity, Iraq (10 minutes).

  Mr. Jaffal JAFFAL, Legal advisor, State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau, Palestinian Authority (10 minutes).

  Mr. Bader AL MASAAD, First Attorney General, Kuwait (10 minutes).

  Mr. Mohamed ABOUMEILA, Administrative Control Agency, Egypt (10 minutes)

  Mr. Mohamed BENALILOU, Head of Special Crimes Section, Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Pardon, Ministry of Justice, Morocco (10 minutes).

  Mr. Mohammad Ahmad SANHOUB, Member, Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption, Yemen (10 minutes).

- **Other Interventions and Open Discussion.**

Day Two: Friday, 3 April 2009	
09.00 – 10.30	**Side Event Two:** **Closed Working Session for the Arab Governmental Expert Group (AGEG) on UNCAC Self Assessment.** • **Presenting the New Omnibus Survey Software (Focus on UNCAC Checklist).** Joint Presentation by:

Mr. Hatem ALY, Senior Expert, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC

Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region, UNDP.

- **Questions and Answers.**

10.30 – 11.00 **Break**

11.00 – 13.00 **[Third Session] Protecting Witnesses, Experts, Victims and Collaborators of Justice: Approaches and Challenges.**

Session Chair: H.E. Mr. George AOUAD, Head of the Central Inspection Bureau, Lebanon.

- **Establishing Comprehensive Protection Systems: Challenges and Issues for Consideration in Arab Countries.**

  Mr. Hatem ALY, Senior Expert, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC (20 minutes).

- **Handling and Protecting Witnesses and Collaborators of Justices: The European Experience.**

  Mr. Fausto ZUCCARELLI, Deputy National Anti-Mafia Prosecutor, Italy (20 minutes).

- **Protecting Witnesses, Experts and Victims: Successful Approaches and Lessons Learned from Country Experiences.**

  Ms. Karen KRAMER, Senior Expert, Law Enforcement, Organized Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Unit, UNODC (20 minutes).

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.00 **[Fourth Session] Protecting Whistleblowers: Approaches and Challenges.**

Session Chair: H.E. Mr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, Head of Anti-Corruption Commission in Jordan, and Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network.

- **Approaches to Whistleblower Legislation and the United Kingdom Perspective.**

  Ms. Cathy JAMES, Acting Director, Public Concern at Work, United Kingdom (20 minutes).

- **Protecting Whistleblowers: Successful Approaches and Lessons Learned from Country Experiences.**

  Ms. Zora LEDERBERGER, Head of Business Ethics and Policy Analysis, Basel Governance Institute (20 minutes).

- **Whistleblower Protection in a Challenging Environment: Case**

Study from Romania.

Mr. Victor ALISTAR, Transparency International, Romania (20 minutes).

16.00 – 16.30 **Break**

16.30 – 17.00 **Workshop: Closing Session.**

Session Chair: H.E. Abdelsalam ABOUDRAR, Head of the Central Agency for Prevention of Corruption, Morocco.

- **Presenting the Workshop Conclusions and Open Discussion.**
- **Closing Statement.**

  H.E. Mr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, Head of Anti-Corruption Commission, Jordan, and Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (5 minutes).