Good Governance for Development (GfD) in Arab Countries Initiative

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"Preventing Corruption and Strengthening Cooperation between Anti-Corruption Bodies in the Arab Region" [1]

(In Cooperation with UNODC)

Amman, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

29-30 July 2008

Agenda

Tuesday, 29 July 2008	
9.30 – 10.00	**Opening Session** • H.E. Dr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, Head of the Anti-Corruption Agency, Jordan. • Dr. Oliver STOLPE, UNODC. • Mr. Radwan Ben KHADRA, League of Arab States. • Dr. Wassim HARB, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region, UNDP.
10.00 – 10.45	***Welcome Coffee Break – Registration***
10.45 – 12.00	**First Session**: **Overview of the Preventive Measures of the United Nations Convention against Corruption** **Moderator: Dr. Bilqis Abou-OSBA, Deputy Head, Supreme National Authority to Combat Corruption, Yemen.** • The Preventive Chapter of the United Nations Convention against Corruption – an Overview, Dr. Oliver STOLPE, Team leader, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC. • Preventive anti-corruption policies and practices, and independent preventive anti-corruption bodies (articles 5, 6), H.E. Ambassador, Muhyieddeen TOUQ, Jordan. • Discussion .

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12.00 – 12.15	***Break***
12.15 – 14.00	**Second Session**: **Preventive Measures of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Part I)** **Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Muhyieddeen TOUQ, Jordan** • Preventive measures for public officials (article 7), Dr. Ahmad ASHOUR, Public Administration Reform Expert, Professor, Alexandria University, Egypt. • Codes of conduct for public officials (article 8), Mr. Howard WHITTON, Public Sector Ethics Expert. • Discussion.
14.00 – 15.30	***Lunch***
15.30 – 17.00	**Third Session: Preventive Measures of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Part II)** **Moderator: Dr. Hatem ALY, Crime Prevention Expert, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC** • Financial Disclosure Systems and Management of Conflict of Interest. Dr. Stuart GILMAN, Deputy Director, UNODC-World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative, UNODC. • Public procurement systems (Article 9), Mr Carlos CONDE, MENA Programme Coordinator, OECD. • Discussion.
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09.00 – 10.45	**Fourth Session: Partnerships against Corruption – Anti-Corruption Bodies and Other Non-State Actors** **Moderator: Ms. Myriam Méndez-Montalvo, Governance Adviser (RBLAC), UNDP** • Role of Anti-Corruption Bodies under the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Dr. Anga TIMILSINA, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP. • Working with Non-State Actors – Civil Society and the Private Sector, Ms. Arwa HASSAN, Senior Programme Coordinator, Africa and Middle East, Transparency International. • Roundtable on Experiences from the Arab region (10 minute for each intervention). ❖ Dr. Abed SHAKHANBEH, Head of the Anti Corruption Agency, Jordan. ❖ Dr. Bilqis ABOU-OSBA, Supreme National Authority to Combat Corruption (SNACC), Yemen. ❖ Dr. Ghada MOUSSA, Commission on Transparency and Integrity, EGYPT.

	❖ Dr. Raheem AGEELI, Commission on Integrity, Iraq. • Discussion .
10.45 – 11.00	***Break***
11.00 – 11.30	**Fifth Session: UNCAC Review Mechanisms** **Moderator**: **Dr. Stuart Gilman, Deputy Director, UNODC –World Bank Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative** • UNCAC Pilot Review Mechanism, Mr. Erik Larson, Project Officer UNCAC Pilot Review Programme, UNODC. • Discussion.
11.30 – 13.00	**Sixth Session: Experiences on Networks concerned with combating corruption** **Moderator**: **H.E Dr Ali EL KHASHAN, minister of justice, Palestinian National Authority.** • Anti-Corruption Practitioners Network (ACPN), Mr. Francesco CHECCHI- ACPN Project Associate, UNDP BRC. • Arab Parliamentarians against Corruption, Dr. Naser AL SANE', Chairman of ARPAC. • International Association of Anti Corruption Authorities (IAACA), Ms. Li XIN, prosecutor, division director, international judicial cooperation department of the supreme prosecution service, China. • Efforts of the League of Arab States to enhance regional cooperation on anti corruption (the draft of Arab Convention against Corruption, and the draft of Model Law). Mr. Radwan Ben Khadra, Legal Advisor to the Secretary General, the League of Arab States). • Discussion
13.00 – 13.15	***Break***
13.15 – 14.30	**Seventh Session**: **Launching the Arab Network to Reinforce Integrity and Anti Corruption.** **Chair: Dr. Abed ALSHAKHANBEH, head of the Anti Corruption Commission in Jordan** **Moderator: Dr. Wassim HARB, Senior Rule of Law Advisor, Programme on Governance in the Arab region, UNDP** • Presentation of a brief report on the process of establishing the Reinforce Integrity and Anti Corruption. • Presentation of Charter and Rules of Procedure. • Questions and Answers. • Final Declaration and Closing Statements.
14.30	***Lunch.***