ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE IN THE ARAB REGION

Regional Workshop on

"Supporting UNCAC Implementation: Programming Entry Points and Approaches for the Arab Region"

Gamart, Tunisia

25-26 June 2009

AGENDA

Thursday, 25 June 2009	
08.30 – 09.30	**Registration.**
09.30 – 10.00	**Opening Session.** ***Session Objective:*** *Introduce concept, objectives and agenda of the CoP meeting.*
	• **Opening Statement.** H.E. Mr. Mohamed BELHOCINE, Resident Representative, UNDP Tunisia (10 minutes). • **Official Statements.** H.E. Dr. Zuhair M'DHAFFAR, Minister in Charge of Civil Service and Administrative Development, Tunisia, made on his behalf by Mr. Fathi BDIRA, director of minister's office (10 minutes). Mr. Phil MATSHEZA, Policy Advisor, Anti-Corruption, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP (10 minutes).

	• **Welcome statement and presentation of the agenda.** Dr. Wassim HARB, Senior Rule of Law Advisor, UNDP's Programme on Governance in the Arab Region (POGAR), made on his behalf by Ms. Nelly RIHAN, UNDP-POGAR Programme Specialist (10 minutes).
10.00 – 10.30	**Break**
10.30 – 13.00	**First Session** **Anti-Corruption Efforts in the Arab Region Since the Last Community of Practice Meeting: Overview and Linkages to Global Efforts.** ***Sessions Objective:*** *Identify emerging synergies between national, regional and global efforts and facilitate sharing knowledge and lessons learned.*
	Moderator (introductory and concluding remarks): Ms. Faiza EL KAFI, Head Judge in Court of Accounts, Tunisia. • **Update on the work and activities of UNDP's Global Programme on Anti-Corruption and its linkages with anti-corruption efforts in the Arab Region** Dr. Anga TIMILSINA, Research Analyst, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP (20 minutes). • **Update on the work and activities of UNDP's Regional Programme on Governance in the Arab Region.** Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region UNDP (15 minutes). • **Tour de table: Overview on country anti-corruption efforts and related issues and projects of other international and regional actors.**
13.00 – 14.00	**Lunch**
14.00 – 15.45	**Second Session** **The Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Integrity and Supporting UNCAC Implementation** ***Session Objective:*** *Present issues and challenges and support the exploration of programming entry points for strengthening the role of judiciary on UNCAC implementation.*
	• **Institutional arrangements to strengthen judicial integrity.** Mr. Hatem ALY, Senior Expert, Justice and Integrity Unit, UNODC, (15 minutes).

	• **Strengthening the capacity to investigate and prosecute corruption crimes.** Mr. Jeff COLE, GfD Co-Chair, Justice Attaché in the Arab Region Department of Justice, United States of America (20 minutes). • **Good practices and lessons learned from other regions.** Mr. Keith HENDERSON, Anti-Corruption and Rule of Law Expert, Professor, American University, USA (20 minutes). • **Open discussion.**
15.45 – 16.00	**Break**
16.00 – 17.45	**Third Session** **Supporting the Establishment and Consolidation of Independent Anti-Corruption Commissions under the UNCAC.** ***Session Objective:*** *Present issues and challenges and support the identification of effective ways to provide technical assistance to anti-corruption commissions.*
	• **Concepts, good practices and lessons learned.** Mr. Phil MATSHEZA, Policy Advisor, Anti-Corruption, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP (20 minutes). • **Interplay with other anti-corruption authorities: Challenges and risks.** Ms. Arlette ZAKARIAN, International Consultant, Professor, Paris Institute of Political Studies (15 minutes). • **Analysis of related experiences from Arab countries.** Dr. Ahmad ASHOUR, Anti-Corruption Expert, Professor, Alexandria University. (20 minutes). • **Open discussion.**

Friday, 26 June 2009	
09.00 – 10.45	**Fourth Session** **Mainstreaming UNCAC Norms and Standards in Public Administration Reform: Entry Points and Priorities.** ***Session Objective:*** *Increase knowledge on programming areas and possible interventions for mainstreaming UNCAC norms and standards in public administration reform.*
	Moderator (introductory and concluding remarks): Ms Jacinta BARRINS Country Director, UNDP Jordan. • **Good practices and lessons learned on UNCAC norms and standards related to Public Administration Reform.** Mr. Phil MATSHEZA, Policy Advisor, Anti-Corruption, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP. (20 minutes). • **Complementing UNCAC norms and standards with additional tools and instruments.** Mr. Janos BERTOK, Principal Administrator, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD (20 minutes). • **Experiences from Europe and the CIS Region.** Mr. Francesco CHECCHI, Anti-Corruption Project Associate, Bratislava Regional Centre, UNDP (20 minutes). • **Open discussion.**
10.45 – 11.00	**Break**
11.00 – 13.00	**Fifth Session** **An Evidence-Based Approach to Anti-Corruption Reform: Concepts, Tools, and Challenges.** ***Session Objective:*** *Increase knowledge on the utilization of measurement tools for anti-corruption policy reforms and identification of technical assistance needs.*
	• **Presenting the Omnibus Software Survey (the new UNCAC Self Assessment Checklist).**

	Mr. Giovanni GALLO, Crime Prevention Expert, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC (20 minutes). • **Presenting the User's Guide for Measuring Corruption.** Mr. Joachim NAHEM, Programme Coordinator, Global Programme on Governance Assessments, Oslo Governance Center, UNDP (20 minutes). • **Assessments and measurement from a practical perspective: Benefits, challenges and the role of different actors.** Ms. Sara REPUCCI, International Expert Assessments and Measurements in the Area of Anti-Corruption. (20 minutes). • **Questions & answers.**
13.00 – 14.00	**Lunch**
14.00 – 15.45	**Sixth Session: Working Group Session** **Moving from Sensitization and Awareness to Programming: Key Entry Points for Supporting UNCAC Implementation in the Arab Region** ***Session Objective:*** *Explore and identify (i) entry points for programming interventions for UNCAC implementation – with a focus on the priority areas of the workshop – at the country level in the Arab region and (ii) complementarities with the regional efforts.*
	Moderator (introduction of session objectives and purpose of the working group discussions): Mr. Phil MATSHEZA, Policy Advisor, Anti-Corruption, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP. • **Working group discussions** (60 minutes) Three working groups (anti-corruption commissions; role of the judiciary; UNCAC in PAR) will discuss the following five questions: 1. What are the key areas of anti-corruption programming at the country level in Arab region? 2. What are possible synergies and complementarities with regional anti-corruption efforts? 3. What are the UNCAC linkages related to each of the above-mentioned programming areas? 4. What are the key challenges faced by the programming areas identified above?

	5. How can the above-mentioned challenges be addressed to implement the identified programming areas? • **Report back from the working group discussions** (20 minutes)**.** • **Cross-working-group discussion** (25 minutes).
15.45 – 16.00	**Break**
16.00 – 17.00	**Closing Session** ***Session Objective:*** *Summarize the results of the meeting and outline the way forward.*
	• **Community of Practice meeting summary and the way forward.** Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Legal Specialist, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region UNDP (15 minutes). • **Feedback and discussions.** • **Closing remarks:** Mr. Phil MATSHEZA, Policy Advisor, Anti-Corruption, Democratic Governance Group, Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP (10 minutes).