Building Partnerships to Support UNCAC Implementation in the Arab Countries
Regional Community of Practice Workshop – The Arab Region
Beirut – Lebanon
27-30 June 2008

Agenda

Friday, 27 June 2008	
09.00 – 09.30	***Registration (Welcome Coffee Break)***
09.30 – 10.15	**Opening Session** • Welcome Statement • Presentation of agenda • Q&A
10.15 – 10.30	***Coffee Break***
10.30 – 11.15 **First Session**	**Corruption: An Overview on Definitions, Concepts and Principles** *This session will provide an overall conceptual umbrella to the workshop. It will address definitions, concepts and principles related to corruption. The session will be concluded with questions and answers in plenary.*
11.15 – 12.45 **Second Session**	**UNDP's Anti-Corruption Efforts in the Arab Region** *This session will present UNDP's anti-corruption efforts at the national and regional level in the Arab region; it will cover UNCAC related issues and others. A selected number of participants can present achievements and future directions of UNDP Country Offices in this regard. POGAR can also present its efforts to familiarize UNDP anti-corruption practitioners with it and encourage synergies in this area.* *A group discussion will follow to discuss opportunities and challenges facing anticorruption practitioners in the region.*
12.45 – 14.15	***Lunch***

14.15 – 15.15 **Third Session**	**Towards a Stronger Community of Practice in the Arab Region** *This session will address concepts and experiences related to the global CoP and other regional CoPs; discuss ideas and resources for strengthening the regional CoP for Arab States. The session will be concluded with questions and answers in plenary.*
15.15 – 15.30	***Coffee Break***
15.30 – 17.30 **Fourth Session**	**An In-depth look into the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC)** *This session will discuss the genesis of UNCAC, its overall purpose and vision and role as a tool to promote good governance. It will present an overview on mandatory and non-mandatory principles and then move to briefly address the different chapters of the convention (i) prevention (ii) criminalization and enforcement; (iii) international cooperation; and (iv) asset recovery. The session will also address the UNCAC self assessment process and means to support it at the national level. This will be followed by a group discussion.*
Saturday, 28 June 2008	
09.00 – 11.15 **Fifth Session**	**The Role of UNDP in Supporting UNCAC Implementation** *This session will discuss UNDP's corporate approach to supporting UNCAC implementation. It will address related programming options, with a view to identifying ways to mainstream the support to UNCAC implementation. Participants will also discuss ideas for new initiatives that may emerge in terms of programmatic value, partnership strategies, funding possibilities, management arrangements, etc.*
11.15 – 11.30	***Coffee Break***
11.30 – 13.30 **Sixth Session**	**Anti-Corruption Programming for Public Sector Reform** • Policy dialogue, frameworks and strategies, coordination, and consultation processes (on specific themes such as civil service, procurement .) • Legal and regulatory reform (simplification, modernization etc.) • Institution building and strengthening (with a focus on preventive anti-corruption bodies under articles 5 and 6 and oversight,

	procurement and public finance management institutions) • Capacity development for public sector officials (promotion of integrity, honesty and responsibility among public officials; codes of conduct, systems for preventing conflict of interest etc. TBD)
13.30 – 15.00	***Lunch***
15.00 – 17.00 **Seventh Session**	**Anti-Corruption Programming for Judicial and Law Enforcement Reform** • Policy dialogue, frameworks and strategies, coordination, and consultation processes (on specific themes investigation and prosecution, judicial independence and integrity, mutual legal assistance, international cooperation, etc.) • Legal and regulatory reform (criminal law, criminal procedure, judicial organizations etc.) • Institution building and strengthening (law enforcement institutions etc.) • Capacity development for investigators, prosecutors, judges, and law enforcement officials.
Sunday, 29 June 2008	
09.00 – 11.00 **Eighth Session**	**Anti-Corruption Programming to Support Civil Society, Media and the Private Sector Role** • Policy dialogue, frameworks and strategies, coordination, and consultation processes (strengthening partnership between governmental and non-governmental actors, role of private sector in delivering social services, civil society empowerment, access to information, inclusive participation, role of media etc). • Legal and regulatory reform (public reporting, transparency and access to information, etc.) • Institution building and strengthening (civil society, media and private sector associations) • Capacity development for advocacy, efficient running of public institutions, social audit, citizens' audit, and budget tracking investigative journalism etc.)

11.00 – 11.15	***Coffee Break***
11.15 – 13.00 **Ninth Session**	**Synergies with other Regional and International Actors** *This session will provide information to participants on other key regional and international actors working in the area of anti-corruption. Special focus will be put on UNODC and OECD, as well as on TI.*
13.00 – 14.30	***Lunch***
After lunch UNDP practitioners will continue to convene, as per the schedule below, to discuss and verify the UNDP Anti-Corruption Practice Note and Primer for Practioners.	
14.30 – 16.20 **Tenth Session**	**Presentation of the UNDP Anti-Corruption Practice Note for Practioners** *This session will take the format of a panel session, and will consist of a presentation of the Practice Note by the DGG Anti-Corruption Advisor, followed by comments to the knowledge product by regional advisors. The session will be concluded with questions and answers in plenary.*
16.20 – 17.30 **Eleventh Session**	**Written feedback by participants to the Practice Note and the Primer** *During this session, participants will provide written feedback and comments to both knowledge products.*
Monday, 30 June 2008	
09.00 – 11.00 **Twelfth Session**	**Discussion of the Practice Note** *This session will allow participants to provide comments and feedback to the Practice Note, in the format of break-out groups.*
11.00 – 11.15	***Coffee Break***
11.15 – 13.00 **Thirteenth Session**	**Presentation of the UNDP Primer on Anti-Corruption** *This session will take the format of a panel session, and will consist of a presentation of the Primer by the DGG Anti-Corruption Advisor, followed by comments to the knowledge product by regional advisors. The session will be concluded with questions and answers in plenary*

13.00 – 14.30	***Lunch***
14.30 – 16.30 **Fourteenth Session**	**Discussion of the Primer** *This session will allow participants to provide comments and feedback to the draft Primer. This will be a plenary session using a structured model for feedback.*
16.30 – 17.00	**Summing up and close of the workshop**