



Special Session 1

Adopting a sectoral anti-corruption approach as key accelerator to promote accountable and inclusive institutions

Tuesday, 5 March 2024, 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Beirut time

Background and objective

Corruption is a threat to prosperity and human development and has a direct and adverse impact on people, permeating their day-to-day lives. It undermines their access to essential services, hinders social and economic progress, and erodes public trust in institutions. This necessitates a systemic approach at the institutional level, coupled with targeted and tailored interventions to effectively prevent and combat it. In a sustained effort to implement the 2030 Agenda and our common agenda, notably to build trust in public institutions and root out corruption, this UNESCWA-UNDP joint session discusses the UN response to this pressing need.

This special session aims to share insights and experiences on assessing and preventing corruption in sectors such as health, education, water and others. It will present the work of UNESCWA, UNDP and their partners, as well as other international organizations, related to SDG 16 and institutional development, with special emphasis on UNDP's work on sectoral corruption risk management in the framework of its Regional Programme for the Arab States and beyond, and how it contributes to promoting just, peaceful, and inclusive societies.

Questions to be addressed

- What type of institutional vulnerabilities do Arab states have in relation to corruption?
- What are the main pillars for achieving sound corruption prevention?
- What type of institutions should be built to enforce anti-corruption measures and reduce the risk of corruption?
- How would adoption of sectoral approach in countering corruption accelerate SDG 16 implementation?

Moderator

- **Younes Abouyoub**, Chief, Governance and State-Building, UNESCWA

Panelists

- **Judge Afrah Saleh**, Chairperson, Supreme National Authority on Combating Corruption, Yemen
- **Dr. Haytham Yassine**, Senior Anti-Corruption Specialist, Regional Hub for the Arab States, UNDP
- **Ms. Kinda Hattar**, Senior Advisor, Transparency International
- **Dr. Cendrella Abou Fayad**, Chairperson of Management Business School, Lebanese University

This Special Session will be organized as a hybrid event. To participate over Zoom, please [register here](#). Those physically present at the UN House can attend the session in Committee Room 1 (CR-1), B1 floor.



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