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National Anti-Corruption Commission



## Workshop

# Towards Integrated Responses to National and Transnational Corruption Risks

11 – 12 July 2024  
Beirut, Republic of Lebanon

## Programme

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## Overview

Recent years witnessed the emergence of a global consensus on the necessity of enhancing international anti-corruption cooperation as the issue of corruption became more than a matter of crime and punishment, but rather a complex problem that requires holistic approaches with national and transnational dimensions. This consensus is reflected in the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) that was adopted in 2003 and in Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development adopted in 2015, as well as various other declarations and instruments that have been internationally adopted in the years that followed.

In Lebanon, anti-corruption is also recognized as a national priority following the social upheaval in 2019 and the socio-economic crisis that ensued and that is primarily attributed to decades of poor governance. In 2020, Lebanon adopted the first National Anti-Corruption Strategy by the Council of Ministers for the period 2020-2025 and promulgated a series of key laws on this topic. This was followed in 2022 by the appointment of the first National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC), which embarked on the implementation of its capacity development plan for 2023-2024 and operationalized several of its functions. These included functions related to the right of access to information, asset and interest declarations, and whistle-blower protection. The Commission joined the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) in March 2023 and started establishing bilateral and multilateral cooperation relations with its counterparts in the Arab region, starting with the conclusion of an agreement with Iraq in February 2024.

As part of the efforts to prevent and combat corruption, the National Anti-Corruption Commission launched the first assessment of corruption vulnerabilities in the public sector in May 2024, with the joint support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) at the US State Department. The assessment aims to identify and monitor corruption risks in ministries, and public administrations and institutions, including national and transnational dimensions, to determine strengths that can be built upon to safeguard these entities and identify weaknesses that represent the most corruption-prone areas.

Accordingly, the National Anti-Corruption Commission, in collaboration with the UNDP and INL, is organizing a workshop, titled "**Towards Integrated Responses to National and Transnational Corruption Risks**", in Beirut, Lebanon, on Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 July 2024. The workshop will be attended by representatives of national anti-corruption bodies in the Arab region, with whom the NACC is seeking to strengthen collaboration, and representatives of Lebanese public sector institutions that are expected to contribute to the assessment as outlined above. The aim is to enable Lebanon to achieve progress in analyzing corruption risks in the public sector, including national and transnational dimensions, and to benefit from relevant national

and regional cooperation mechanisms to address these risks, while also facilitating an exchange on related experiences in neighboring countries namely Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. The workshop will be conducted in Arabic, with English interpretation available. The detailed agenda is presented below and relevant documents will be published on the following websites [www.arabacinet.org](http://www.arabacinet.org), [www.undp-aci.org](http://www.undp-aci.org) and [www.nacc.gov.lb](http://www.nacc.gov.lb) within two weeks of the conclusion of the workshop.

## Agenda

### Day One (Thursday, 11 July 2024)

#### 09:00 – 09:30 Opening Session

**Objective:** Welcome participants and provide them with an overview of the background of the workshop and related efforts being made by the organizers, as well as their expectations regarding the outcomes of the following sessions.

- **Opening Statement**

Judge Claude Karam, President of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon

- **Official Statements**

H.E. Judge Haidar Hanoun, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) and Head of the Federal Commission of Integrity in Iraq

H.E. Ambassador Lisa A. Johnson, United States Ambassador to Lebanon

Ms. Blerta Aliko, Resident Representative of UNDP Lebanon

#### 09:30 – 10:00 Break

#### 10:00 – 11:30 First Session: Good Practices and Lessons Learned from the Experiences of Anti-Corruption Bodies in Neighboring Countries

**Objective:** Enable representatives of the national anti-corruption bodies in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon to exchange their comparative experiences and expertise highlighting good practices and lessons learned with a view to informing future plans for bi-lateral and multi-lateral cooperation.

- **Chair**  
Dr. Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist at UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries
- **Panel of Senior Representatives of National Anti-Corruption Bodies**  
Mr. Yasser Donia, Under Secretary at the Administrative Control Authority of Egypt  
  
Dr. Muataz Khazaal, Director General of Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations at the Federal Commission of Integrity of Iraq  
  
Mr. Ahmad Alqhaiwi, Head of the Administrative Registration Division at the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission of Jordan  
  
Mr. Ahmad Alnaser, Investigator at the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission of Jordan
- **Open Discussion**

**11:30 – 12:00 Break**

**12:00 – 13:30 Second Session: Potential Areas of Regional Cooperation**

**Objective:** Presenting the efforts of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon with the aim of exploring ways to enhance cooperation between the Commission and its counterparts in preventing and combating corruption risks.

- **Chair**  
Dr. Joe Maalouf, Member of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon
- **Priorities of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon**  
Dr. Kleib Kleib, Member of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon
- **Multi-lateral Cooperation Opportunities in the framework of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network**
- **Bi-lateral Cooperation Opportunities with Peer National Anti-Corruption Bodies**

Mr. Anouar Ben Khalifa, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist at UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries

- **Open Discussion**

**13:30 – 14:30 Lunch**

**14:30 – 16:30 Bilateral Meetings**

**Objective:** Provide the space to hold bilateral meetings between representatives from the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon and its regional counterparts to explore potential cooperation areas and opportunities to make it evolve.

## **Day Two (Friday, 12 July 2024)**

**09:00 – 10:30 Third Session: Methodology of the National Risk Assessment in the public sector and its implementation efforts in Lebanon**

**Objective:** Provide participants with the opportunity to jointly review the progress made in the national risk assessment in the public sector and employ comparative experiences in the Arab region to support joint efforts in monitoring and analyzing national and transnational corruption risks.

- **Chair**  
Mr. Anouar Ben Khalifa, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist at UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries
- **Methodology of the National Corruption Risk Assessment**  
Dr. Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist at UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries
- **Implementation efforts in Lebanon**  
Dr. Joe Maalouf, Member of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon
- **Public Discussion**

**10:30 – 11:00 Break**

**11:00 – 13:15 Fourth Session: Analyzing the National Corruption Risk Assessment in the Public Sector**

**Objective:** Dive into the content of the national risk assessment in the public sector for appropriate drafting purposes that best serve the objectives of the assessment

- **Chair**  
Dr. Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist at UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries
- **Interventions of entities' representatives concerned with the NRA**
- **Public Discussion**

**13:15 – 13:30 Short Break**

**13:30 – 14:00 Closing Session**

**Objective:** Recap and key conclusions derived from the workshop and outline of the next steps towards enhancing regional cooperation in the national corruption risk assessment in the public sector.

- **Recap and Next Steps**  
Mr. Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor and Programme Manager, Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States
- **Closing Statement**  
H.E. Judge Haidar Hanoun, Chair of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) and Head of the Federal Commission of Integrity in Iraq  
Judge Claude Karam, President of the National Anti-Corruption Commission in Lebanon

**14:00 Lunch**

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