



Workshop

**Towards Societal Partnerships to
Strengthen Governance as a Lever for
Socio-Economic Development**

08 – 09 November 2024

Tunis, Republic of Tunisia

Programme

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Overview

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a workshop in Tunis on 8 and 9 November 2024 titled "**Towards Societal Partnerships to Strengthen Governance as a Lever for Socio-Economic Development**", with the support of the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) in the framework of its regional partnership with UNDP on anti-corruption and integrity in the Arab countries. Participants include governance thought leaders from civil society and the business community, including representatives of youth groups, as well as heads and senior representative from Governance Cells in the health, water, and transport sectors, and various subject matter experts.

This event builds on the workshop organized a day earlier on November 7th, bringing together the Governance Cells in the public sector, in collaboration with the General Directorate of Governance and Corruption Prevention at the Presidency of the Government of Tunisia. The overall aim of the two complementary workshops is to advance the implementation of the sectoral corruption risk management methodology that is being implemented in Tunisia in the health, water, and transportation sectors, while fostering links to the broader potentials of reinvigorating collaboration between public institutions and non-governmental actors in Tunisia including civil society and the private sector, and synergies between all stakeholders in the context of the newly adopted UNDP portfolio on Governance as a Lever for Socio-Economic Development in Tunisia, which highlights the critical role of transparency and accountability.

The workshop aims to provide an interactive space to inform and seek the inputs of civil society and the business community about the progress made in implementing the sectoral corruption risk management methodology in the health, water, and transport sectors in Tunisia; and to foster a joint exploration with concerned public officials about avenues for collaboration to support the effective implementation of the risk management plans developed by the three mentioned ministries in prioritized areas.

This important exchange, which is expected to strengthen societal partnerships in Tunisia on governance priorities, will also benefit from strategic discussions on opportunities to promote synergies between sectoral corruption risk management and two other identified priorities. The first is the link with Tunisia's commitments under international anti-corruption and integrity frameworks, namely the UN Convention against Corruption, which Tunisia joined in 2008. The second is the need to strengthen the internal governance of civil society and business entities with a view to enhancing their legitimate positioning as partners for reform.

Agenda

Friday, 8 November 2024

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session

Welcome Statement

- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor and Programme Manager on Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

Presentation of the Programme

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

10:00 – 11:30 First Session: Governance Efforts of Civil Society and the Private Sector and the Inter-links with the New Portfolio on ‘Governance as a Lever for Socio-Economic Development’ in Tunisia

Presentation

- Anis Ben Ismail, Senior Anti-Corruption Expert, UNDP Tunisia

Open Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Second Session: Role of Societal Partnerships in Enhancing Tunisia’s Position in Relation to International Integrity and Anti-Corruption Frameworks

Presentation

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

Open Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Third Session: Internal Governance of Civil Society and Business Entities

Panel

- AbdelBasset Ben Hassen, Institut Arabe des Droits de l'Homme
- Majdi Hassen, Institut Arabe des Chefs d'Entreprises
- Ibrahim Ben Taleb, Albawsala

Open Discussion

Saturday, 9 November 2024

09:00 – 11:00 Fourth Session: The Sectoral Approach to Preventing Corruption and the Role of Societal Partnerships

Introducing Sectoral Corruption Risk Management

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

Open Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:30 Fifth Session: Managing Risks of Corruption in the Health, Water, and Transportation Sectors and Prospects of Cooperation with Civil Society and the Private Sector

Panel

- Moez Slity, Director General of the Central Governance Cell, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Ressources, and Fisheries
- Najoua Ghrissi, Director General of the Central Governance Cell, Ministry of Transport
- Feten Ben Ali, Director General of the Central Governance Cell, Ministry of Health

Open Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Closing Session

Tour de Table on Next Steps Towards Societal Partnerships

Conclusion

- Anouar Ben Khelifa, Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

14:30 Lunch
