



Workshop

Enhancing the Role of Governance Cells in Corruption Prevention

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Overview

In collaboration with the General Directorate of Governance and Corruption Prevention at the Presidency of the Government of Tunisia, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organizing a national workshop titled "**Enhancing the Role of Governance Cells in the Prevention Corruption**" in Tunis on 7 November 2024, 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.

The overall aim of the workshop 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. The initiatives in the three sectors were launched following an initial workshop that was organized on 8 March 2022 after which key ministries embarked on the integration and institutionalization of corruption risk management in their respective programs and have completed their risk assessments over the recent months and are starting their work to implement the ensuing risk management plans to prevent corruption in prioritized areas.

Participants in the workshop include heads and senior representative from Governance Cells in ministries, regional administrations and public institutions concerned with the health, water, and transport sectors, as well as from other sectors interested in learning from this experience and adopting this methodology. The workshop aims to provide an interactive space to identify good practices to implement the corruption risk management methodology in health, water, transport and beyond, while focusing on the role of technology in facilitating this work and linking it to governance and corruption prevention reforms across the public sector. These exchanges will be further enriched with an initial discussion with civil society and the private sector that will be organized on 8 and 9 November 2024 with the aim of exploring avenues for societal partnerships on the overall governance agenda, with focus on collaboration to prevent corruption in the health, water and transport sectors.

It is noteworthy to recall that Governance Cells, established in 2016 within ministries, municipalities, regional administrations, and public institutions, as well as state majority-owned companies, represent a key institutional pillar of the national governance and anti-corruption framework. Their powers encompass developing national and sectoral programs and strategies, promoting a culture of governance and transparency, instilling values of integrity and good behavior, and supporting access to information. To effectively exercise these important powers, governance cells require a range of diverse technical and organizational tools that meet their operational needs and enhance the effectiveness of their intervention.

Agenda

Thursday, 7 November 2024

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:00 Opening Remarks

- Slim Ben Jrad, Director General of Governance and Corruption Prevention at the Presidency of the Government
- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor and Programme Manager on Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

10:00 – 11:30 First Session: Pathways to Build on the Best Practices and Lessons Learned from Sectoral Corruption Risk Management

Moderator

- Hela Ben Mesmia, Chief Anti-Corruption Advisor, UNDP Tunisia

Panel

- Moez Sliti, Director General of the Central Governance Cell, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, 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

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:30 Second Session: Towards an Integrated Information System for Managing and Coordinating Governance Cells

Moderator

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

- Slim Ben Jrad, Director General of Governance and Corruption Prevention at the Presidency of the Government

13:30 – 14:00 Conclusions and Way Forward

- Slim Ben Jrad, Director General of Governance and Corruption Prevention at the Presidency of the Government
- Arkan El Seblani, Regional Chief Advisor and Programme Manager on Anti-Corruption and Integrity, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab states

14:00 Lunch
