



Workshop

Towards Implementing Corruption Risk Management in the Water and Irrigation Sector

16-18 December 2024

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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Overview

The Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission, in cooperation with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), are organizing a workshop titled **“Towards Implementing Corruption Risk Management in the Water and Irrigation Sector”**. The workshop will take place in Amman between 16-18 December 2024, with support from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) as part of its regional partnership with UNDP on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Arab Countries.

The workshop is part of ongoing efforts towards implementing corruption risk management in the water sector in Jordan, complementing the efforts of the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC). It aligns with the implementation of the [Updated National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy \(2020-2025\)](#) and paves the way for similar initiatives in other sectors, such as health. This workshop aims to enhance participants' knowledge and capacities in implementing the Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology (SCRM) developed by UNDP, which has been successfully used in multiple countries worldwide. It will also provide technical assistance and guidance on adapting this methodology to the water sector, drawing on international standards, best practices, and lessons from similar initiatives, while offering a platform for discussions on the most effective ways to implement it within the Jordanian context.

Participants will include representatives from the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, relevant water sector authorities, as well as officials from the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission, the Audit Bureau, and international and regional experts. This participation emphasizes the importance of applying systematic and scientific approaches to governance in the water sector and the need for integrated efforts to mitigate corruption risks. These efforts are key to broader initiatives aimed at strengthening public sector governance and advancing sustainable development. Specifically, this effort aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at the interconnection between SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). Additionally, the water and irrigation sectors are intricately linked to other vital sectors, such as agriculture, energy, environment, health, and overall economic activity, along with its significant impact on issues related to food security and climate action, including efforts to combat desertification.

The detailed agenda is provided below, and related documents will be published on the website www.undp-aciacc.org within two weeks after the conclusion of the workshop. For inquiries and suggestions, please contact us via email at aciacc@undp.org.

Agenda

Monday, 16/12/2024

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:15 Opening session

Objective: Welcome participants, define the scope of the workshop, and determine its general orientation and expected outcomes.

Welcome Statements

- H.E. Mr. Sami Salaita, Vice Chair, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission.
- Mr. Jihad Al-Mahameed, Secretary General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Pre-workshop evaluation

10:15 – 11:30 **Session 1: International and national integrity and anti-corruption frameworks**

Objective: Deepen participants' knowledge of international frameworks for integrity and anti-corruption, including key international and regional conventions and treaties, cross-border national laws, internationally adopted declarations and principles in this regard, as well as several important global initiatives in this context, in addition to the national legal and institutional frameworks for integrity and anti-corruption in Jordan.

Introduction to international integrity and anti-corruption frameworks

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

National legal and institutional frameworks for integrity and anti-corruption in Jordan

- Dr. Muhannad Abou Mrad, Director of Legal Affairs, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission.

Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:00 Session 2: Governance of the Water and Irrigation Sector in Jordan

Objective: Present the legal and institutional framework of the water sector in Jordan, with a focus on its structural organization and key functions, as well as an overview of the governance efforts in this sector, particularly initiatives related to enhancing integrity and combating corruption undertaken by various relevant stakeholders.

Moderator

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

Legal and institutional framework of the water and irrigation sector in Jordan

- Mr. Bassem A-Alaween, Director of Internal Control Unit, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Role of the Jordanian Integrity and Anti-corruption Commission and collaboration efforts with relevant stakeholders

- Dr. Khaled El-Kodat, Director of Integrity and prevention Unit, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission

13:00 – 14:30 Session 3: Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology

Objective: Explain the conceptual framework of the sectoral corruption risk management methodology, the background behind its development, the key steps for its implementation, as well as establish links with international frameworks for promoting integrity and combating corruption.

Presentation of the methodology

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

Questions and Comments

14:30 Lunch

Tuesday, 17/12/2024

09:00 – 10:00 Session 4: Techniques of implementing UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology – Part I

Objective: Enhance participants’ capacities on the techniques used to determine the “scope” of corruption risk management, then break down this scope into “areas” and “decision points” prior to risk assessment.

Identifying the “scope” and breaking it down to “areas” and “decision points”

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Practical exercises in small working groups

10:00 – 11:00 Session 5: Techniques of implementing UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology – Part II

Objective: Enhance participants’ capacities on the techniques used to assess the “impact” of corruption risks towards evaluating the level of risks using the ten areas for “likelihood” determination based on the methodology.

Assessing the “impact” of corruption risks

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Practical exercises in small working groups

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 12:30 Session 6: Techniques of implementing UNDP’s Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology – Part III

Objective: Enhance participants' capacities on the techniques used to assess the "likelihood" of corruption risks towards evaluating the level of risks using the analysis of drivers and constraints defined in the methodology based on international integrity and anti-corruption frameworks.

Assessing the "likelihood" of corruption risk

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Practical exercises in small working groups

12:30 – 14:30 Session 7: Comprehensive practical implementation of the Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology

Objective: Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the level of corruption risks around selected "decision points" by evaluating the "impact" and "likelihood" and present them using a heat map and the risk assessment matrix adopted in the methodology.

Moderation of working groups

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Practical Applications

- Working Group (1)
- Working Group (2)
- Working Group (3)
- Working Group (4)
- Working Group (5)

Results and Discussion

14:30

Lunch

Wednesday, 18/12/2024

09:00 – 11:00 Session 8: Regional perspective on corruption in the water sector and ways to address it

Objective: Present best practices and outcomes of comparative experiences, and discuss the challenges faced during the implementation of the sectoral corruption risk management methodology, with a view to benefiting from them in the context of the Jordanian experience and the efforts made in this regard.

Moderator

- Haytham Yassine, Senior Anti-Corruption and Integrity Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for the Arab States

Integrating the Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology in the Water Sector in Tunisia

- Moez Sliti, Director General of the Central Governance Cell, Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources, and Fisheries, Republic of Tunisia

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Break

11:30 – 13:00 Closing session

Objective: Recap and summarize the key points of the workshop and identify the next steps for implementing the methodology in the water sector in Jordan.

Post-workshop evaluation

Main Conclusions

Next Steps

Closing Statement

- H.E. Mr. Sami Salaita, Vice Chair, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission

13:00 Lunch