



The Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network (ACINET)

Network Resolution N. 1/2009

Based on the Network's Charter and in accordance with its Rules of Procedure,

And while confirming the independent and non-intrusive nature of the Network, which is established as a regional framework for exchanging knowledge and fostering dialogue in line with the projects and suggestions that have been developed and approved by the collective will of its members, with due regard to national sovereignty, and in accordance with the provisions of the UN Convention against Corruption and other related Arab and international instruments;

And in the context of its first General Meeting, held in Rabat on 2 April 2009;

By virtue of this Resolution, the Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network:

First: Programme of Work (2009) and Priority Areas of Work (2010).

1. Adopts the 2009 Programme of Work (attached) and calls upon its members to communicate to the Chairmanship and the Regional Support Unit with their suggestions to launch the preparation for developing the main axes of next year's Programme of Work according to a performance-based and measurable budget.
2. Requests that the Regional Support Unit gives priority for establishing the Non-Governmental group, which is mentioned in the Charter, in accordance with the 2009 Programme of Work, and based on competence, objectivity and independence, given the instrumental role that non-governmental actors play in supporting the implementation of the UN Convention against Corruption.
3. Decides to focus a main section of the 2010 Programme of Work on improving the capacity of Arab countries on gathering and analyzing information and

- evidence, investigation, prosecution and the use of related modern methods in connection with anti-corruption crimes.
4. Resolve that the 2010 Programme of Work should allow for the opportunity to organize joint study visits for the Network's members to one of the members' headquarters to gain firsthand knowledge on its role and working methods, coupled with a focused training activity hosted by this member.
 5. Prepare an in-depth study on the legislative gaps that exist between the criminal laws that are in force in Arab countries and the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), with a view to developing a regional directive to support Arab countries who desire to complete this transposition in a complete and effective manner.

Second: Expanding the Network's Membership and Supporting Communication with Other Actors.

6. Calls upon the Network's members to introduce other national concerned actors in their countries, that are not yet members of the Network, to the Network and its objectives, and encourage them to join in order to expand the participation of the rest of the concerned actors in each country and further disseminate the benefits gained from the what the Network offers.
7. Resolves to launch a series of joint letters with the League of Arab States to encourage Arab actors that have not joined the Network yet to do so in order to support the momentum towards consolidating the capacity of Arab countries in this vital area of reform.
8. Welcomes other efforts that are underway in the region with regards to awareness raising on the needs, entry points and challenges facing the promotion of integrity and anti-corruption, and declares its readiness to receive recommendations that are issued by the various related conferences and workshops with a view to contributing and responding to them in a way that may increase their impact.
9. Expresses its appreciation for the ACINET News Update, which is issued on a monthly basis and requests the Regional Support Unit to expand its circulation to maximize the benefits, while calling the Network members to provide important information and their most recent news to the unit for purposes of dissemination to other actors and the public in general.

Third: Support Preparations for the Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC.

10. Draws the attention to the importance of the upcoming session of the Conference of State Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, which will be held in November 2009 in Doha, given the critical and important topics it will address, noting the necessity of strengthening cooperation and coordination between Arab countries in the context of the League of Arab States, and the Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network, with a view to supporting the official preparations for this important session.

Fourth: Recommendations for Arab Countries in Support of UNCAC Implementation.

11. Urges Arab countries to establish independent bodies charged with designing and coordinating corruption prevention policies and providing it with the needed resources, with the possibility of granting it law enforcement authorities in accordance with the UN Convention against Corruption and while benefiting from the various related experiences in the region and outside it.
12. Urges Arab countries to develop and implement national anti-corruption and integrity strategies based on in-depth self assessment results and by including all concerned actors in government, parliament, judiciary, civil society, private sector, media and others.

The Arab Anti-Corruption & Integrity Network instructs the Regional Support Unit to pursue the implementation of this Resolution and provide a progress report during the next General Meeting, which will be convened by the Chairmanship; and

Expresses its deep gratitude to the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the Ministry of Justice and the Central Commission for the Prevention of Corruption, for their generous hospitality and warm welcome, as well as to UNDP's Programme on Governance in the Arab Region for supporting and organizing this meeting.
