



5th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption

Special Event: the Future of National Anti-Corruption Strategies in the Arab Region

Room Lagunilla, Atlapa Convention Center, Tuesday, 26 November 2013 (10.00 to 12.00)

Overview

“The Future of National Anti-Corruption Strategies in the Arab Region” is the title of an interactive special event that “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network” (ACINET) and UNDP are jointly organizing. The aim is to promote innovative discussions among anti-corruption reform leaders present in Panama for the 5th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the UNCAC on how to make national anti-corruption strategies in the region more effective and better coordinated. They will seek to learn from past successes and failures in the region and beyond, while building on UNCAC implementation mechanisms. Findings are expected to help participants consider options for ensuring that future strategies are developed, implemented and monitored in a manner that contributes to the achievement of more concrete results on the ground, while responding to the special circumstances of different Arab countries, which despite their commonalities, require specifically tailored approaches in the years to come.

Agenda

10.00 - 12.00

- **Introduction:**

Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Manager of the Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries, UNDP

- **Panel of Eminent Persons:**

Mr. Chakib CORTBAOUI, Minister of Justice, Lebanon and Chair of ACINET

Eminent persons from Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Tunisia

Representative of ACINET Non-Governmental Group

- **Open Discussions and Recommendations**

About the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

The “Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network” (ACINET) is considered to be the leading regional mechanism specialized in supporting Arab countries to act against corruption in accordance with their national priorities and based on related international and regional standards. ACINET includes 40 ministries and governmental and judicial authorities from 15 Arab countries including Bahrain, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Tunisia and Yemen. It also includes a “Non-Governmental Group” composed of active organizations that represent civil society, business, academia, and media, thus making it the first Arab regional mechanism that brings together governmental and non-governmental entities for consultation and cooperation in the area of anti-corruption. The Network works on developing the capacities of its members through training and advisory support. It facilitates the exchange of information among them and their counterparts in the region and the world. It also provides them and other stakeholders with a common platform to regularly review and enrich their anti-corruption policies and strategies and to build the bilateral and multilateral partnerships that are necessary for this purpose. ACINET works with the support of the United Nations Development Programme and other partners. It is currently chaired by the Kingdom of Morocco, represented by the President of the Central Authority for Corruption Prevention. For more information, please visit its website on: www.arabacinet.org