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**Regional Conference on  
Supporting UNCAC Implementation in Arab Countries**

**Under the Patronage of H.E the Prime Minister Nader DAHABI**

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**Agenda**

<i>Monday, 21 January 2008</i>	
<b>15.00 – 17.30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>17.30 – 19.00</b>	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening statements</li> <li>• Reviewing the GfD Initiative: From GfD I (2005-2007) to GfD II (2008-2010) – background, achievements and strategic directions.</li> <li>• Presenting the GfD Programme on the Rule of Law (Anti-Corruption and Judicial Reform) for 2008-2010</li> </ul>
<b>19.00</b>	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>
<i>Tuesday, 22 January 2008</i>	
<b>09.00 – 11.15</b>	<b>First Session: Corruption and development and global and regional anti-corruption efforts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The effects of corruption on development</li> <li>• The role of the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)</li> <li>• Major regional anti-corruption instruments and conventions</li> <li>• Arab efforts to develop a regional anti-corruption convention</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>11.15 – 11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30 – 13.30</b>	<b>Second Session: UNCAC implementation efforts in the Arab region</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key obligations under the UNCAC</li> <li>• State of UNCAC implementation in the Arab region</li> <li>• Progress on UNCAC self assessment in selected Arab countries</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13.30 – 15.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>15.00 – 16.30</b>	<b>Third Session: Global Anti-Corruption Experiences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiences on preventive anti-corruption bodies;</li> <li>• Experiences on codes of conduct for public officials, judges and prosecutors</li> <li>• Experiences on criminalization and enforcement; witness and whistleblower protection</li> <li>• Experiences on asset recovery</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>16.30 – 16.45</b>	<b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>
<b>16.45 – 18.30</b>	<b>Fourth Session: Establishing an Effective Asset Recovery System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional and legislative reforms needed for compliance with UNCAC Obligations</li> <li>• Related experiences from selected Arab countries</li> </ul>
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Dinner at King Hussein Bin Talal’s Convention Center, hosted by H.E. Minister of Justice in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Mr. Ayman Odeh</b>
<b><i>Wednesday, 23 January 2008</i></b>	
<b>09.00 – 10.00</b>	<b>Fifth Session: Role of parliamentarians in UNCAC implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of parliamentarians and an overview on related initiatives in the region</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>10.00 – 11.00</b>	<b>Sixth session: Role of the civil society and the private sector in UNCAC implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the regional survey and the strategy paper on the role of civil society in UNCAC implementation</li> <li>• Role of the private sector and an overview on related initiatives in the region</li> <li>• Cooperation and networking between non-governmental actors to support UNCAC implementation</li> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>11.00 – 11.15</b>	<b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>
<b>11.15 – 13.15</b>	<b>Seventh Session: Promoting cooperation and networking among Arab governments to support UNCAC implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rationale for establishing a network of Arab governmental bodies and institutions</li> <li>• Strategy towards establishing an Arab anti-corruption network</li> </ul>
<b>13.15 – 13.30</b>	<b><i>Coffee Break</i></b>
<b>13.30 – 14.00</b>	<b>Closing Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations and closing statements</li> </ul>
<b>14.00</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b>