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**Under the High Patronage of H.E. Dr Fayez Al-Tarawneh  
Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

**High-Level Regional Conference on  
"The Role of National Justice Authorities in the Implementation of the  
United Nations Convention Against Corruption"**

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

25-26 June 2012

**Draft Programme**

## OVERVIEW

Under the high patronage of the Jordanian Prime Minister, H.E Dr. Fayez Al-Tarawneh, the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) is organizing a high-level regional conference on the “Role of National Justice Authorities in the Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption”. The conference will be held in Amman (Jordan) on 25-26 June 2012, with the support of UNDP's regional project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries (ACIAC) and in partnership with the Jordanian Anti-Corruption Commission (JACC). Ministers of Justice, heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies, judges and senior officials from more than 14 Arab Countries will participate in this conference, in addition to prominent experts, representatives of civil society organizations and partner countries and regional and international organizations. The conference aims to facilitate the exchange of expertise and experiences among Arab countries on good practices in the implementation of Chapters III and IV of the Convention, and to progress the regional policy dialogue, drawing on international experiences, on how to further develop the capacities of national justice authorities to become more effective in the area of anti-corruption and more responsive to emerging regional and international developments and the various challenges facing Arab countries in this area. The conference is expected to enhance the ability of decision-makers to assess the gaps between the Convention and related national anti-corruption and identify related reform needs and possible avenues of bi-lateral cooperation between Arab countries as well as with other countries, as well as multi-lateral at regional and international level through relevant networks, organizations and specialized initiatives.

## AGENDA

**Monday, 25 June 2012**

**08.30 – 09.30**      **Registration**

**9.30 – 10.30**      **Opening Session**

**Objective:** *To enable organizers to present the background, objectives, and expectations from the regional conference*

- **Welcome Statement**
- **Official Statements**
- **Official Opening Statement**

**10.30 – 11.00**      **Break**

11.00 – 13.00

### First Session

#### National Justice Authorities in the Arab Countries and Anti-Corruption in the light of International and Regional Standards

*Objective: Enable participants to identify key international and regional standards to be taken into consideration when addressing the role of the national justice authorities in combating corruption and discuss the challenges of implementing and adhering to these standards in Arab countries.*

- United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and requirements for the implementation of Chapters III and IV
- Comparison between the Arab Anti Corruption Convention (AACC) and the UNCAC
- Other related regional and international standards (Bangalore principles, Riyadh Agreement and other)
- Challenges facing implementation of and adherence to international and regional anti-corruption standards in Arab countries
- Open Discussion

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 16.00

### Second Session

#### Case studies from the Arab Region: Good Practices and Lessons Learned in the Implementation of Chapters III and IV of the UN Convention Against Corruption

*Objective: Enable Arab country delegations especially those actively involved in the implementation of the UNCAC to present their efforts on the implementation of Chapters III and IV of the Convention, and to share relevant experiences in order to identify good practices and lessons learned in this area.*

- A general overview on the status of implementation of Chapter III and IV of the UNCAC in the Arab Region
- The official Interventions of the Arab delegations participating in the conference and case studies

16.00 – 16.15

Break

16.15 – 18.00

### Third Session

#### **Criminalization of Corrupt Practices and Criminal Procedures in Arab Countries: Gaps and Recommendations**

***Objective:** Enable participants to deepen the policy dialogue on major challenges facing Arab countries in criminalizing corruption and enhancing criminal procedures for more effective investigations and prosecutions as per the provisions of Chapter III of the UNCAC as well as related regional and international standards and lessons learned from comparative experiences from the Arab Region and beyond.*

- **Key challenges facing Arab countries in criminalization and law enforcement**
- **The Jordanian experience**
- **Comparative experiences from outside the Arab Region**
- **Open Discussion**

20.00

**Dinner by invitation of the Jordanian Anti Corruption Commission**

**Tuesday, 26 June 2012**

09.00 – 10.45

### Fourth Session

#### **The Challenge of Effective International Cooperation against Corruption: The Role of National Justice Authorities**

***Objective:** Examine major obstacles facing the Countries in the field of international cooperation and enabling an interactive discussion on possible solutions to overcome these obstacles through specific initiatives based on the provisions of Chapter IV of the UNCAC, as well as related regional and international standards and lessons learned from comparative experiences from the Arab Region and beyond.*

- **Key challenges facing Arab countries in international cooperation**
- **The Tunisian experience**
- **Comparative experiences outside the Arab region**
- **Open Discussion**

10.45 – 11.00

**Break**

11.00 – 12.45

### Fifth Session

**Towards strengthening the confidence in the ability of the national justice authorities in**

### **the fight against corruption**

***Objective:** Identify concrete measures that can be adopted to enhance public confidence in national justice authorities, in parallel with the ongoing national efforts focused on strengthening their technical capacities and effectiveness in context of the implementation of Chapter III and IV of the UNCAC.*

- **Key potential measures (judicial independence and integrity; reporting corruption and whistleblower protection; community and media outreach)**
- **The Moroccan experience**
- **Comparative experiences outside the Arab region**
- **Open Discussion**

**12.45 – 13.15**      **Break**

**13.15 – 14.00**      **Closing Session**

### **Conclusions, Recommendations and Future Steps**

***Objective:** To draw the major conclusions and recommendations and to identify the specific steps in order to follow up on the conference findings through specific national, regional and international initiatives.*

- **Conclusions**
- **Open Discussion**
- **Closing remarks**

**14.00**              **Lunch**

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