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Arab Forum for Enhancing Transparency and Good Governance

INTEGRITY: AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN THE
ERA OF COMPLEXITY AND OPPORTUNITIES



From September
10-12, 2024



Baghdad,
Republic of Iraq

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AGENDA

Under the theme "Integrity: An Essential ingredient in the Era of Complexity and Opportunities.", the forum will bring together discussions, keynote speeches, and pitching sessions within the **sub-themes of asset recovery, the role of media and civil society, digitalisation, climate financing, business integrity, future of anti-corruption preventative measures.**

The three-day Forum will be held between 9:30 – 16:00, with one coffee break and one lunch break per day. The forum will be divided into three overall themes as follows:

- **Setting the stage:** "SDG16: Peace and Security" for a corruption-free Arab region
- **Measures and mitigations:** Addressing corruption in the Arab region in a rapidly changing reality
- **A future free from corruption:** Building the path towards eliminating corruption in the Arab region

DAY 1 SETTING THE STAGE

REGISTRATION



09:00 – 10:00

PLENARY OPENING SESSION



10:00 – 11:00

Opening Remarks

- H.E. Judge Haider Hanoun, Head of the Commission of Integrity of Iraq
- H.E. Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani, the Prime Minister of Iraq
- H.E. Dr. Nasser Al Hatlan Al Qahtani, General Director of the Arab Administrative Development Organization (ARADO)
- H.E. Ketakandriana Rafitoson, Vice Chair of Transparency International
- H.E. Thomas Seiler, Ambassador of the European Union to Iraq
- H.E. Ghulam Isaczai, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator to Iraq, United Nations
- H.E. Dr. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary, UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, UN-ESCWA

PLENARY SESSION



11:15 - 12:30

Integrity in the era of challenges and opportunities, the Arab region

- Judge Haidar Hanoun, The Head of Federal Commission of Integrity of Iraq
- Dr. Ayman Al Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Jordan
- Ziad Abdel Samad, CEO of the Arab NGO Network
- Dr. Najoua Zhar, Economic Consultant, Union of Arab Chambers

Moderated by: Kinda Hattar, MENA Regional Advisor, Transparency International

COFFEE BREAK



12:30 – 13:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS



13:00 – 14:00

SESSION 1

Peace and Security:

Threats to achieve transparency: Peace and security in the Arab region.

- Isam Haj Hussein, Transparency International Palestine, Executive Director
- Mohamed Bennour, Program Manager, Transparency International Defense & Security
- Karim BelHaj Aissa, MENA Transparency Program Director, Article 19 Organization
- Tarek Elhosary, Governance Advisor, Arab Institute AAST

Moderator: Saeed Ihmeidi, Director Aljazeera.Net

SESSION 2

Corrupt Money Flows:

IFFs and Asset recovery

- Abdulsatar Elnagar, Program Officer, UNODC
- Dr. Hussein Hassan, Senior International Legal Advisor, UNDP
- Judge Rana Akoum, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Justice Lebanon
- Omar Rbeihat, Senior Officer, MENA FATF
- Yosr Bertegi Lakhel, Program Manager, Transparency International Tunisia

Moderated by: Sami Al Salaita, Vice Chairman Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission of Jordan

SESSION 3

Environment:

Strengthening integrity for climate in the Arab region, challenges, good practices and opportunities.

- Donal O'leary, Member of the International Council of Transparency International
- Alan Bacarese, Director of Investigations, Strategy, and Operations, World Bank
- Safa Al Jayoussi, Regional Climate Justice Advisor, OXFAM
- Abdessamad Saddouq, Board Member, The National Anti-Corruption Commission of Morocco

Moderated by: Wissam Anbaar, CEO, Ufuq Organization

PARALLEL SESSIONS



14:15 – 15:15

SESSION 1

Business Integrity:

The needs of the business industry to achieve transparency and integrity.

- Mohamed Khalifa, Director of Studies, Anti-Corruption Commission of Palestine
- Amr Magdy, CEO of Rita Fresh Food, Egypt
- Mostafa Abas, Compliance Monitoring Officer, Al Taif Islamic Bank for Investment and Finance
- Mariella Abdo, General Manager, Memac Ogilvy Lebanon & Iraq

Moderated by: Mai Hosny, Anti-Corruption Specialist, UNODC

SESSION 2

Media and Civil Society:

Shrinking civic space and power of networks and coalitions against corruption in the Arab region.

- Muiz Karaja, Investigative Journalist
- Talel Ferchichi, Executive Director, Transparency International Tunisia
- Jihan Abouzeid, Developmental Policies Expert
- Abdelghani Achahoud, Information Technology Officer, Innovation for Change

Moderated by: Alaya Ingliz, Civil Society Coalition, Tunisia

SESSION 3

Digitalization:

Policy and regulations to enable a reliable and transparent cyberspace management.

- Michael Kuria, Data Center Operations, IT Infrastructure, Network Engineer
- Lorenzo Delesgues, Founder and Director, VOXMAPP
- Judge Taher Aboueleid, Founder of Law and Technology Forum, Ministry of Justice, Egypt
- Mohammed Al-Maskati, Digital Security Director, Access Now

Moderated by: Dr. Daniel Eriksson, CEO, Transparency International

LUNCH



15:15 – 16:00

DAY 2

MEASURES AND MITIGATION

MORNING SNACK



08:30 - 09:00

PLENARY SESSION



09:00 - 10:30

Sustainable solutions towards transparency and integrity: Good practices from the Arab region

- Dr. Ammar Hamadien, Lead Advisor on Digital Strategies for Sustainable Development, UNDP
- Siwar Gmati, Program Manager, Transparency International Tunisia
- Qusay Salama, Co-Founder, Plus One
- Christa Waegemann, Regional Director, Media in Cooperation and Transition

Moderated by: Hayder Al Shakeri, Research Fellow, Chatham House

COFFEE BREAK



10:30 - 11:00

WORKING GROUPS

PARALLEL SESSIONS - GROUP 1



11:00 - 12:15

- Seventy percent of the Arab region, citizens under the age of 30 as agents of change
Moderator: Logman Osman Ahmed, Youth Group for AC
- Transforming societies with and for women's empowerment
Moderator: Ali Sidki, Program Manager, Transparency International - Morocco
- Defending the defenders: Whistleblower protection and reporting corruption
Moderator: Julien Courson, Executive Director, Transparency International - Lebanon

PARALLEL SESSIONS - GROUP 2



12:30 - 13:45

- Engaging civic space in decision making
Moderator: Abeer Mdanat, Executive Director, Transparency International - Jordan
- The role of the business industry to curb corruption
Moderator: Mai Hosny, Anti-Corruption Specialist, UNODC
- Digitalization: New challenges against transparency and new tools against corruption
Moderator: Hind Shraydeh, Communication Coordinator, Transparency International - Palestine

COFFEE BREAK/ PITCH ZONE



13:45 - 14:15

PLENARY SESSION



14:15 - 15:15

Solutions for corruption, a precondition in achieving sustainable development in the Arab region

- Ibrahim Ali, Legal advisor, The Administrative Oversight Agency - Libya
- Aziz Ajbilou, Anti-Corruption Commission, Morocco
- Ahmed Issa Gutale - Chairman of the General Auditing Office of the Federal Republic of Somalia
- Afrah Saleh, Integrity Commission, Yemen
- Apollinaire Mupiganyi - Executive Director Transparency International - Rwanda

Moderated by: Dr. Youness Abouyoub, Chief of Governance and State-Building Section, UN-ESCWA

LUNCH



15:15 – 16:00

MUSEUM VISIT



After 16:00

RECEPTION



20:00

DAY 3

A FUTURE FREE FROM CORRUPTION

MORNING SNACK



08:30 - 09:00

PLENARY SESSION



09:00 - 10:30

Role of the judiciary and anti-corruption agencies in holding the power to account

- Supreme Judicial Council Iraq
- Dr. Muhannad Hijazi, Chairman of Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission - Jordan
- Bilal Al-Barghoti, Legal Advisor, Transparency International - Palestine
- Dr. Yama Torabi, Anti-Corruption Chief Technical Advisor, UNDP

Moderator: Pamela Chemali, Strategy, Development and Governance Specialist

COFFEE BREAK



10:30 - 11:00

PLENARY SESSION



11:00 - 12:30

Future of anti-corruption: Predicting the unpredictable

- Dr. Daniel Eriksson, CEO, Transparency International
- Dr. Renad Mansour, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House
- Judge Claud Karam, Head of The National Anti-Corruption Commission - Lebanon
- Merna Shalash, President, Partners for transparency foundation

Moderated by: Dr. Youness Abouyoub, Chief of Governance and State-Building Section, UN-ESCWA

CONCLUDING SESSION



12:45 - 13:30

The way forward: A summary presentation of the working groups and the closing ceremony

- Dr. Hassan Diab, Arab Administrative Development Organization
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LUNCH



13:30 – 14:30

Pitch Zone

There will be a dedicated space and two mini-stages for pitching sessions. Stakeholders who wish to present a specific work will be able to use the mini-stages. These will be in the format of 15-minute simultaneous interventions with 10-minute presentations & 10-minute Q&A sessions. The participants will receive an application email prior to the forum to be able to apply and run a pitching session.

Working Groups

The Forum will provide interactive and engaging sessions for participants to discuss and come up with recommendations that would support the overall outcome of the forum's result report. This will ensure not only a participatory approach but also enable an idea-baking opportunity for participants to reflect on the discussions immediately.

Engaging Plenary Sessions

In order to engage the participants with the panels, digital interactive tools will be used, including Kahoot, Mentimeter, and Jamboard. A digital backdrop like Padlet will be used to screen the comments, questions, and interventions of the audience during the panels. This will enable moderators to engage the panelists with the audience in a quicker and more impactful way.