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OECD GIZ Project on Fighting Corruption and Promoting Business Integrity in the Electricity Sector

Multi-stakeholder kick-off seminar DRAFT AGENDA

13th September 2022
09:30 – 14:30 (Baghdad time)
Babylon Rotana Hotel, Baghdad



Context

The stabilisation of the security and sanitary context provides Iraq with a **valuable opportunity to rebuild its economy** and promote structural political and economic reforms. In this regard, the electricity sector has a major role to play as efficient electricity supply can provide the energy needed to support the country's broader economic recovery. Fighting corruption and enhancing business integrity in this strategic sector are thus more vital than ever to **promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth** and support the development of an enabling and resilient private sector.

Iraq has embarked over the last decade on an ambitious policy programme aiming to curb corruption and enhance transparency. The adoption of the National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy and the strengthening of the institutional anti-corruption framework represent important steps to advance integrity and improve the business climate. **To support the sustainability and effectiveness of these efforts, it is paramount to further the inclusion of the full spectrum of state and non-state actors**, through the promotion of policy dialogue and exchanges between all stakeholders.

Indeed, mobilising the **private sector**, companies and business associations, **as well as the various actors of civil society, alongside the public authorities** is a crucial tool to foster a culture of integrity and ensure that measures are best tailored to all relevant stakeholders' needs. Reinforcing multi-stakeholder dialogue in Iraq can enhance the implementation of the national anti-corruption agenda and support the creation of durable alliances in favour of integrity in the electricity sector.

About the Project

The Project "[Fighting Corruption and Promoting Business Integrity in the Electricity Sector in Iraq](#)", aims to assist governmental institutions and representatives from the electricity sector in Iraq to fight corruption and promote integrity in the electricity sector by:

- Contributing to a **more transparent business climate** through public and private integrity actions.
- **Raising awareness** of both government officials and private sector representatives on OECD recognised integrity norms and standards to combat corruption and their related tools.
- **Support capacity building of different government institutions and the private sector** concerning the economic impact of bribery and the implementation of anti-corruption measures.
- **Identifying corruption risks and anti-corruption needs and priorities in the electricity sector** by engaging in extensive consultations with all private and public sector stakeholders.
- **Promoting the development of voluntary compliance tools and collective actions to fight corruption.**

The Project is implemented by the Middle East and Africa Division and Anti-corruption Division of the OECD, and the Private Sector Development (PSD) Project commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), co-funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

Objectives of the event

This Seminar marks the **official launch** of the Project Fighting Corruption and Promoting Business Integrity in the Electricity Sector in Iraq. The aim is to engage the different stakeholders - government officials, business representatives, and civil society – and provide a **platform to discuss the anti-corruption and business integrity challenges specific to the electricity sector in Iraq**, with the view to define the needs and priorities for the future activities of the projects. More specifically, the Seminar will aim to:

- **Present the objectives, aims and activities of Project and mobilise the relevant stakeholders**
- **Raise awareness of OECD standards, tools, and best practices** in the areas of anti-corruption and business integrity
- **Discuss the initial findings of the OECD study** on the challenges and priorities of the **business integrity landscape of the Iraqi electricity sector** and collect additional information from the relevant Iraqi stakeholders from different backgrounds
- **Identify the needs and priorities in the areas of business integrity for future capacity-building activities** with the public and private sectors

Participants

The event will bring together the **key local stakeholders engaged in the fight against corruption and the electricity sector, alongside international and regional experts. This includes representatives of the public authorities** (anti-corruption policy makers and public officials from relevant institutions and ministries), **the private sector** (foreign and local electricity generating companies, chambers of commerce, business associations), as well as members of **the civil society**.

Practical information

The workshop will take place at the Babylon Rotana Hotel in Baghdad. Simultaneous interpretation English-Arabic and Arabic-English will be available for participants. Virtual participation will be available via Zoom. You are kindly requested to register using the following link:

<https://meetoeed1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckdu-qgzkoEtX7aZsFP9LhL9n0Z-bK2tGF>

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Welcoming of participants

10:00 – 10:15

Welcoming remarks

- **Mr Carlos Conde**, Head of the Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD
- **Ms. Barbara Egger**, Head of Cooperation, European External Action Service, Baghdad
- **Mr. Marcel Venhofen**, Head of Cluster, Economic Development and Youth Perspectives, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ
- **Mr. Furat Neama**, Director General, Legal Department, Commission of Integrity

10:15 – 11:30

Session 1 – Setting the scene

This session aims to set the scene of the Project, introducing its concrete objectives and the OECD standards which will support its implementation. It will also provide context on the Electricity sector in Iraq as it stands, and will present the findings of the consultations held during the inception phase of the Project on the business integrity landscape.

Moderation and introduction of the Project: **Ms. Diane Pallez**, Project Manager, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, Middle East and Africa Division, OECD

Introduction of OECD anti-corruption standards: **Ms. Catherine Marty**, Legal Analyst, Anti-corruption Division, Directorate for Enterprise and Financial Affairs, OECD

Overview of the electricity sector in Iraq: **Mr. Ali Al-Saffar**, Middle East and North Africa Programme Manager at the International Energy Agency

Presentation of the findings of the Study on the business integrity landscape in the electricity sector in Iraq: **Ms. Noam Raydan**, Independent researcher and consultant

Q&A Session

11:30 – 11:45

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00

Session 2 – Collectively enhancing business integrity in the electricity sector: main priorities, remaining challenges and the way forward

Despite important efforts underway at a national level to advance integrity and transparency, the electricity sector in Iraq remains vulnerable to corruption. In this session the floor will be given to Iraqi stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and civil society to identify the priorities and remaining challenges to strengthen business integrity collectively, and how the Project could support these objectives in line with OECD anti-corruption and integrity standards. Lessons learned during this panel will feed into the study of the business integrity landscape and will form an important basis for the capacity-building modules which will follow.

Moderation: Ms. Catherine Marty, Legal Analyst, Anti-corruption Division, Directorate for Enterprise and Financial Affairs, OECD

Discussants:

- **Ms. Bushra Hamza**, Director general of the Department of Training and Energy Research, Ministry of Electricity
- **Mr. Muhanad Al-Saffar**, Managing Director in Iraq, Siemens Energy and **Mr Nadeem Anwer**, Head of Compliance, Siemens Energy
- **Mr. Jaroslaw Mrowiec**, Anti-corruption Analyst, Anti-corruption Division, Directorate for Enterprise and Financial Affairs, OECD

Interactive discussion

13:00 – 13:15 **Concluding session**

- **Ms. Diane Pallez**, Project Manager, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, Middle East and Africa Division, OECD
- **Ms. Adeline Defer** - Head of Project - Private Sector Development & Employment Promotion (PSD), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ

13:15– 14:30 *Lunch*

Resources

- OECD (2021), [Recommendation for Further Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions](#).
- OECD (2020), [Global Lessons on Collective Action Against Corruption – The Case of Morocco](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.
- IEA (2019), [Iraq's Energy Sector: A Roadmap to a Brighter Future](#), IEA, Paris.
- OECD (2018), [Morocco: Strengthening Integrity in the Energy, Transportation And Health Sectors](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.
- OECD (2015), [G20/OECD Principles of Corporate Governance](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.
- OECD (2014), [OECD Foreign Bribery Report: An Analysis of the Crime of Bribery of Foreign Public Officials](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.
- OECD (2010), [Good Practice Guidance on Internal Controls, Ethics, and Compliance](#), OECD Publishing, Paris.
- United Nations (2004), [United Nations Convention against Corruption](#).
- OECD (1999), [OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions](#).

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