

PROMOTING INTEGRITY AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN THE MENA REGION

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday 23 May 2023

9h00 – 16h00 CEST

Room CC7

Interpretation available in English, French and Arabic



The 2023 OECD Global Anti-Corruption & Integrity Forum (GACIF) focuses on policy solutions and business innovations that strengthen integrity and fight corruption. The 2023 GACIF will be preceded by several integrity-related events, including the event “Promoting integrity and fighting corruption in the MENA region”, bringing together representatives of the **MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity** and of the **MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network**.



The [MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity](#) is part of the **MENA-OECD Governance Programme** and brings together policy practitioners from the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region and OECD countries to engage in promoting public integrity and preventing corruption. The Working Group is a unique space for promoting regional dialogue and exchanging good practices in the area of civil service reforms for integrity and innovative anti-corruption policies and institutions.

The [MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network](#) is part of the MENA-OECD Competitiveness Programme and promotes business integrity in the MENA region by bringing together regional businesses and public anti-corruption officials to build awareness about the need to fight corruption and develop a culture of integrity in the private sector. The MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network organises meetings and seminars where both private- and public-sector representatives can meet with OECD experts and exchange experiences on how to combat bribery and corruption, and foster integrity.

This meeting is the joint effort of the Public Governance Directorate, the OECD Middle East and Africa Division, Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, and the Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial and Enterprise Affairs.

Time	Session
9h00 – 9h10	<p>Welcoming words</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambassador Luca Sabbatucci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OECD and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme Morocco, Co-Chair of the MOBIN
9h10 – 10h45	<p>Session 1: Engaging the whole of society in promoting a culture of integrity</p> <p>Public integrity is not just an issue for the public sector: individuals, civil society organisations and companies shape interactions in society, and their actions can harm or foster integrity. This session explores how governments can further engage civil society and citizens in promoting a culture of integrity and embracing their joint responsibility in strengthening public integrity.</p> <p>Introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julio BACIO TERRACINO, Head of the Public Integrity Division, OECD Catherine Marty, Legal Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial Affairs and Enterprise <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clara MAPELLI MARCHENA, Director General, Public Governance Directorate, Minister of Finance and Public Service, Spain, co-chair <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Osama ALMHAISEN, Vice Chairman / Board member, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC), Jordan Izabela MOREIRA CORREA, Secretary of Public Integrity, Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil (Controladoria-Geral da União, CGU), Brazil (Representative from the OECD-IDB Latin American Public Integrity Network) Kinda Hattar, MENA Regional Advisor, Transparency International Arkan El-Seblani, Chief Technical Advisor Arab States, UNDP Private sector representative from MENA
10h45 – 11h00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11h00 – 12h15	<p>Session 2: Integrity and anti-corruption strategies in MENA countries: lessons learnt and way ahead</p> <p>During this session, participants from MENA countries will present their analysis and experiences with respect to challenges and opportunities to strengthening public sector integrity in their countries through a strategic perspective. The objective of the session is to explore the ground for potential co-operations and exchanges of good practices and lessons learnt to support each other's work.</p> <p>Introduction and chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sarah LAMRANI, Secrétaire Générale du Ministère de la Transition Numérique et de la Réforme de l'Administration du Maroc, co-chair <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sherifa Sharif, Executive Director, National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development, Egypt General Directorate for Governance and Anti-Corruption, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Raed Radwan, Head of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission, Palestinian Authority • Representative from the OECD Latin American Public Integrity Network (Valeria LÜBBERT ÁLVAREZ, Executive Secretary, Presidential Advisory Commission for Integrity and Transparency, Chile) • Representative from the Ministry of Planning, Yemen <p>Open tour de table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants are invited to prepare a brief overview (2-3 min) on recent developments and initiatives in their countries, for example on integrity risk management, internal and/or external audit, managing conflict of interest, implementation of national integrity and anti-corruption strategies, developing key integrity indicators, etc.
12h15 – 14h00	Lunch
14h00 – 16h00	<p>Session 3: Promoting Business integrity in MENA and public private dialogue on anti-corruption – The MENA OECD Business Integrity Network</p> <p>Since 2011, the MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network (MOBIN) has promoted clean business and fair market conditions in the MENA region by supporting anti-corruption policy frameworks that includes promotion of business integrity, with a strong and effective public-private dialogue (PPD) dimension. This session will first offer the opportunity to hear about current initiatives and actions undertaken by some governments and the private sector to strengthen business integrity, including PPD, in MENA countries. Another sequence of the session will allow for an open discussion on challenges, needs and priorities and possible remedies for the region when it comes to implement stronger and more sustainable business integrity initiatives.</p> <p>Chair: OECD Co-Chair of the MOBIN</p> <p>Introduction: Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from Saudi Arabia anti-corruption agency • Representative from Algeria anti-corruption agency • Representative from the private sector – Egypt • Representative from the private sector – UAE <p>Open Discussion, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What difficulties/obstacles/challenges do the participants encounter when promoting business integrity? • What can be done to further promote business integrity in MENA countries but also collectively in the region? • What OECD can do with MENA public and private sectors on business integrity?
16h00 – 16h30	<p>Closing remarks and conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity or OECD Secretariat • Co-Chairs of the MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network (MOBIN)