

# PROMOTING INTEGRITY AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION IN THE MENA REGION

## AGENDA

**Tuesday 23 May 2023**

**9h00 – 16h30 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><b>Welcoming words</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ambassador Luca SABBATUCCI</b>, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OECD and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme</li> <li>• <b>Mr Ahmed LAAMOUNRI</b>, <i>Secrétaire Général</i> of the National Authority of Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC) of Morocco and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Business Integrity Network (MOBIN)</li> </ul>
9h10 – 10h45	<p><b>Session 1: Engaging the whole of society in promoting a culture of integrity</b></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, business and citizens in promoting a culture of integrity and embracing their joint responsibility in strengthening public integrity.</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Frédéric BOEHM</b>, Economist and Policy Analyst, Public Sector Integrity Division, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Ms Catherine MARTY</b>, Legal Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial Affairs and Enterprise, OECD</li> </ul> <p><b>Chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Clara MAPELLI MARCHENA</b>, Director General, Public Governance Directorate, Minister of Finance and Public Service of Spain and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Osama ALMHAISEN</b>, Vice Chairman / Board member, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC), Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Ms Izabela MOREIRA CORREA</b>, Secretary of Public Integrity, Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil, Brazil (Representative from the OECD-IDB Latin American Public Integrity Network)</li> <li>• <b>Ms Kinda HATTAR</b>, MENA Regional Advisor, Transparency International</li> <li>• <b>Mr Arkan EL-SEBLANI</b>, Chief Technical Advisor Arab States, UNDP</li> <li>• <b>Mr Qusay SALAMA</b>, Regional Expert on collective action, Egypt</li> </ul>
10h45 – 11h00	Coffee break
11h00 – 12h15	<p><b>Session 2: Integrity and anti-corruption strategies in MENA countries: lessons learnt and way ahead</b></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><b>Introduction and chair:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Sarah LAMRANI</b>, Secrétaire Générale du Ministère de la Transition Numérique et de la Réforme de l'Administration du Maroc and Co-Chair of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity</li> </ul> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Raed RADWAN</b>, Head of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission, Palestinian Authority</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Franco SCHIAPPACASSE</b>, Advisor, Presidential Advisory Commission for Public Integrity and Transparency, Chile (Representative from the OECD Latin American Public Integrity Network)</li> </ul> <p><b>Open tour de table:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
12h15 – 14h00	Lunch - Coffee will be served outside of the room from 13h45 to 14h00
14h00 – 16h00	<p><b>Session 3: Promoting Business integrity in MENA and public private dialogue on anti-corruption – The MENA OECD Business Integrity Network</b></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><b>Introduction and Chair:</b> <b>Ms. Diane PALLEZ</b>, Project Manager Global Relations and Cooperation Directorate, OECD and <b>Ms. Catherine MARTY</b>, Legal Analyst, Anti-Corruption Division, Directorate for Financial Affairs and Enterprise, OECD.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Mr Benjamin Clady, Deputy Head of Department, Department of Support for Economic Actors, French Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA), France</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Salima MOUSSERATI</b>, President of the Haute Autorité de Transparence, de Prévention et de Lutte contre la Corruption, Algeria</li> <li>• <b>Dr Osama ALMHAISEN</b>, Vice Chairman / Board member, Jordanian Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission (JIACC), Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Mr Qusay SALAMA</b>, Regional Expert on collective action, Egypt</li> </ul> <p><b>Open discussion</b>, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What difficulties/obstacles/challenges do the participants encounter when promoting business integrity?</li> <li>• What can be done to further promote business integrity in MENA countries but also collectively in the region?</li> <li>• What OECD can do with MENA public and private sectors on business integrity?</li> </ul> <p><b>Short intervention of Ms Tanya KHAVANSKA</b>, Head of the Business Integrity Programme and Business Integrity Team, Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe, and Central Asia.</p>
16h00 – 16h30	<p><b>Closing remarks and conclusions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Clara MAPELLI MARCHENA and Ms Sarah LAMRANI</b>, Co-chairs of the MENA-OECD Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity or <b>OECD Secretariat</b></li> <li>• <b>Mr Ahmed LAAMOUMRI</b>, <i>Secrétaire Général</i> of the National Authority of Probity, Prevention and Fight against Corruption (INPPLC) of Morocco, Co-Chair of the MOBIN</li> </ul>

