

Regional Anticorruption Conference

Under the Project: Towards Promotion of
Transparency and Combating Corruption

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Final Recommendations

Participants came up with a number of recommendations to overcome challenges and to enhance the roles of each of governmental, nongovernmental and private sector as follows:

- Adopting the right based approach when working on integrity and anti corruption issues. Through linking the obtainment of public service with the right to health, education, work and right of development. Doing that makes corruption practices equal to robbing citizens from their rights.
- Enhancement of the technical side of anti corruption by adopting specific practical techniques and methodologies in NGO's work.
- Linking the programs of integrity and anticorruption with other civic programs and campaigns related to human rights demands that focus on critical issues such as privatization cases and international aids.
- Building partnerships and collaboration between NGOs and government without jeopardizing the autonomy of NGOs.

- Building collaborations and partnerships among NGOs through creating coalitions to tackle integrity and anti corruption issues and distribute roles and responsibilities amongst them in accordance their capacity.
- Building a comprehensive detailed roster listing all existing experts working on anticorruption and integrity topics from around the region in order to benefit from their experiences.
- Awareness programs directed to witnesses and reporters on corruption cases and practices.
- Promotion of using the broad concept of civil society (people) instead of its narrow concept (organizations)
- Adopting of strict bylaws, regulations and procedures to control for NGO's internal work operations based on transparency practices as an attempt to be perceived as bodies that posses integrity from the side of donors, people and government. As the concept of good governance is not applied or restricted only on government.
- Enhance the communities' awareness on their responsibilities and rights toward anti corruption.
- Capacity building on a clear structure and procedures related to methodologies of developing, writing up and reporting on corruption cases.

Recommendation relevant to the government role

- Constitutionalize and support the independency and autonomy of bodies created to monitor government actions such as (Jordan Anti Corruption Commission and ombudsman bureau, and audit bureau).
- Support the ombudsman bureau in procedural studies regarding government procedures and work towards improving it in a way to reduce corruption practices.
- Amend the association in law in certain countries such as; Jordan and Egypt in order to facilitate NGOS' work.
- Activating the implementation the article of UNCAC.
- Develop a clear set of procedures for people to follow on how to report on corruption practices and
- Setting clear laws and procedures to protect witnesses and reporters.