

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Business Integrity in Morocco

Creating an alliance between private sector and government

Quick facts for this project:

Country of implementation:	Morocco
Duration (in years):	3 years
Funding volume in US-Dollar (million):	0.70 M
Registered as:	International Organization, France

Project Summary

Fighting corruption is a key political priority and prerequisite for business development in Morocco. Government and business associations declared their will to fight corruption and to implement obligations under the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), but measures taken so far have had limited practical impact and there have been no serious attempts of Collective Action initiatives against corruption.

The project will assist government, business partners and civil society in Morocco in enabling change and promoting business integrity in selected sectors by:

- Building policy and institutional framework for promoting integrity in selected sectors
- Strengthening government processes by introducing anti-corruption measures in procurement
- Facilitating the development of Collective Action initiatives against corruption in selected sectors

A high-level launching event will bring together senior government and business representatives to identify integrity risks in selected sectors and measures to reduce these risks, and to adhere to a policy statement committing both sides to designing and implementing integrity measures, including pilot Collective Action initiatives. At the end of the project, a closing event will be organized to take stock of actions taken to implement the policy statement and to review progress.

Capacity-building, in the form of targeted training seminars for Moroccan officials, will be key to implementing the commitments endorsed at the launching conference in sectors that are prone to corruption. Training seminars will focus on procurement to ensure a level playing field for businesses competing for government contracts.

Round tables will be organized to identify proposals for pilot Collective Action initiatives. The winning proposal(s) will be provided with support in the form of individual coaching, tailor-made advice and support from external consultants and a local support team.

The project will build political support for the implementation of practical business integrity measures, and will influence the practice of decision-makers both in the government and in the private sector in selected areas. It will create momentum for practical change, in particular by introducing specific anti-corruption measures in procurement procedures. The practical experience of designing and implementing business integrity measures in selected sectors will enable reform-oriented experts in government, the private sector and civil society to replicate this experience in other sectors.

Description of Integrity Partner

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