

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

MENA Initiative on Governance and Investment for Development
Enhancing Business Integrity in the MENA Region

Quick facts for this project:

Country of implementation:	Middle East and North Africa
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Project Summary

Enhancing Business Integrity in the MENA Region seeks to raise awareness of international principles and best practices in combating corruption in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Governments, international organizations and the business community have adopted legally binding and non-binding anti-corruption and integrity instruments at the regional and global levels. A majority of Arab countries have ratified, and are consequently bound to implement, the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC). The Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET), established with UNDP support and OECD assistance, is an inclusive regional platform for knowledge-sharing, networking, capacity development and policy dialogue that demonstrates commitment of Arab countries to the fight against corruption.

To ensure an attractive business environment for investment and trade, corruption issues need to be addressed as part of a private sector development strategy. Given the growth of the private sector and associated competition challenges, promoting anti-corruption awareness is essential. Through regular public-private conferences and training sessions, the project will raise awareness of existing international principles and best practices in the area of anti-corruption and build regional capacity to comply with international anti-corruption and integrity standards.

Description of Integrity Partner

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an inter-governmental organization bringing together 34 countries that seek to promote economic growth, prosperity, and employment through co-operation and policy dialogue. The Organization benchmarks best practices and develops binding and non-binding standards promoting common rules in areas where multilateral agreement is necessary to ensure the correct functioning of markets. The OECD has considerable experience in anti-corruption and gives high priority to the issue, ensuring the effective implementation and enforcement of the Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions.

Launched in 2004 at the request of countries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the MENA-OECD Initiative works to accelerate regional policy and economic reform. The MENA-OECD Investment Programme, one of the two pillars of the Initiative, aims at improving the business climate and establishing a favourable trade and investment environment as driving forces for economic growth and employment in the MENA region.

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Link to the website

<https://www.siemens.com/global/en/home/company/sustainability/compliance/collective-action/status-of-the-first-funding-round/oecd-mena.html>