



Youth and integrity in the public sector: What works in OECD and MENA countries?

**Special session of the WGI
"Integrity and Civil Service"**

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Overview and Objectives of the special session " Youth and integrity in the public sector: What works in OECD and MENA countries?"

In their role as citizens, consumers, students, workers, or voters, youth present a vulnerable target for corruption. It is therefore necessary that youth and integrity policies are shaped and implemented to address corruption risks. Young men and women can be key drivers of positive change and innovation and hence become active partners of government in fostering a culture of transparency, integrity and accountability. In order to become agent of change in the fight against corruption, young people need to be aware of the role they can play, and their capacities be reinforced.

With the participation of representatives from government, independent institutions and NGOs and young corruption fighters from MENA and OECD member countries, this session will discuss the impact of corruption on young people and public policies needed to strengthen youth capacities to fight corruption.

The session will draw on the regional report "Youth in the MENA Region: How to bring them in", by the MENA-OECD Governance Programme and the dialogue of the OECD Public Governance Committee and its sub-bodies on the role of public governance to empower youth.

14.30 – 15.50

YOUTH AND INTEGRITY IN MENA AND OECD COUNTRIES: OPEN DISCUSSION

MODERATOR: DR. ROBTEL NEAJAI PAILEY, ACADEMIC, ACTIVIST, AUTHOR OF ANTI-CORRUPTION CHILDREN'S BOOK, GBAGBA

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS: MRS MIRIAM ALLAM, HEAD OF THE MENA OECD GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME, OECD

This session will give the opportunity to share good practices and lessons learned from OECD and MENA countries to discuss policies and programmes that governments can put in place to engage youth in anti-corruption efforts.

Participants are invited to share their experiences and insights with regard to the following questions:

- How to involve youth in monitoring the implementation of policies, programmes and public services?
- How can governments foster the creation of alliances to report abuse, misuse of resources and corruption by building stronger partnerships with youth organisations, civil society organisations, independent institutions (e.g. anti-corruption agencies, ombudsman), and media?
- Which mechanisms and channels should be established to encourage youth reporting of corruption?
- What can governmental and non-governmental stakeholders do to strengthen communication efforts and raise awareness among young people about existing standards of conduct in the public administration, citizen rights and enforcement mechanisms to avoid cases of corruption that can arise from a lack of information?

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CLOSING REMARKS

- **Mr Jamal SALAHEDDINE, Director of Administrative modernisation, Morocco**
- **Mrs Amira TLILI, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD**

The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international body that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 35 member countries, a secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. We collaborate with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme strengthens collaboration with the most relevant multilateral initiatives currently underway in the region. In particular, the Programme supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership and assists governments in meeting the eligibility criteria to become a member of the Open Government Partnership. Through these initiatives, the Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.

The MENA-OECD Working Group on Integrity and Civil service (WG1)

The Working Group on Civil Service and Integrity of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme brings together policy practitioners from MENA and OECD countries to engage in promoting integrity and preventing corruption. It is the leading network to promote a regional dialogue to exchange best practices in the area of civil service reform for integrity, innovative anti-corruption policies and institutions. The Working Group cooperates closely together with ACINET (Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network). Building on more than ten years of experience and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, the MENA-OECD Governance Programme received a new mandate for 2016-2020 to leverage the power of the regional networks and provide implementation assistance in crucial areas of integrity and fighting corruption.

The « Youth in Public Life » Project

The project "[Youth in Public Life: Towards Open and Inclusive Youth Engagement](#)", funded by the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership, supports the efforts made by Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia to foster active and inclusive youth engagement in public life and to establish public services that fully meet the needs of young people by:

- Supporting the design and implementation of national youth policies and strategies that are both cross-cutting and applicable to all levels of government;
- Strengthening the legislative and institutional framework at both the central and local levels for engaging youth in public life;
- Promoting innovative ways to strengthen dialogue between youth and public authorities.

The Project includes country-specific activities as well as opportunities for discussion of regional policies and for knowledge exchange between MENA and OECD countries.

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