

Celebration of the International Anti-Corruption Day
and
Launch of the Jordan National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy
2026-2030

Under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al
Hussein

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***High-Level Dialogue on Accountability and Transparency in the Public Sector for
Enhancing Citizen-Centered Service Delivery***

Your Excellencies, Distinguished participants, Dear Colleagues,

It is a great honour and privilege for me to be here with you today for the official launch of the Jordan National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy 2026-2030, particularly on this significant anniversary, when the whole international community and people around the world are celebrating the International Anti-Corruption Day.

I would therefore like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein for hosting today's event and granting it the Royal Patronage, thereby emphasising the deep significance and absolute centrality of public integrity in the life of the country and its international politics.

Special thanks also go to H.E. Dr Mohannad Hijazi for his kind invitation and to the entire Jordan Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission staff for their dedication in organising this inspiring conference, as well as to the numerous Jordanian Government representatives and authorities who are attending today. Thanks also go to the OECD's representatives, the Ambassador of the European Union to Jordan and my Colleagues from various countries, whose valuable experiences will continue to enrich the discussion.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone present for taking part in this event in the spirit of a shared agenda.

The launch of the National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy 2026-2030 is a significant step towards strengthening the integrity ecosystem in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. This is not just a national strategy, but also a public commitment to measurable transparency indicators, equitable development and governance placing citizen trust at the heart of reforms.

This event is especially significant because it demonstrates the Nation's ability to align with the best international standards. It strengthens cooperation with global partners, such as the United Nations and the OECD, and consolidates the Jordan Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission's role as a driver of change. Launching and celebrating this strategy means, above all, investing in the future by creating more resilient institutions, a competitive and accountable private sector, and a civil society aware that integrity is not an option, but a precondition for prosperity, stability, and social peace.

In recent years, the Jordan National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy has proven to be an effective tool for law enforcement and the prevention of illegality. This has been achieved through the implementation of proactive and qualitative measures and projects aimed at fostering a culture of integrity, transparency and civic participation.

From this perspective, **the Commission's inclusive approach** is commendable, enabling partners from the public and private sectors, as well as civil society organisations, to contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Strategy. The Commission is also firmly pursuing the highly innovative and challenging idea of developing indicators to assess these partners' effectiveness in achieving the strategic objectives. This broad concept of partnership is one of the best practices for preventing corruption and promoting integrity.

The Italian National Anti-Corruption Authority, which I have the honour of presiding over, has been operating in a similar manner for years. A key element in preparing the National Anti-Corruption Plan (our strategic document) and its annual updates has always been a 'collaborative approach'. Through in-depth discussions with external stakeholders, this approach has proven vital for discussion and the acquisition of useful information and insights.

Involving the private sector and civil society in anti-corruption plans is not an optional extra; it is a strategic necessity and a democratic imperative. Strategies developed by institutions alone focus only on compliance, whereas those created in collaboration with businesses and citizens promote cultural change, fair markets, protected rights and trust.

The private sector brings the perspective of those who face the daily risks of corruption along supply chains and suffer the costs of illegality, while civil society embodies public interest, the voice of communities and social control. When they collaborate, strategies are transformed from declarations of intent into binding social pacts that are more legitimate, effective and lasting.

The fight against corruption cannot be won merely through rules and sanctions; it requires alliances between those who generate development and those who defend transparency, and between those who invest capital and those who safeguard values. Integrity is a shared, participatory and non-negotiable national frontier.

There appear to **be many similarities between the strategic visions of the Jordanian Commission and ANAC.**

Above all, we share the crucial idea that **anti-corruption measures are not an obstacle to administrative action, but a powerful driver of efficiency**, particularly when advanced

digital tools are used. Anti-corruption is the lubricant that enables the State's machinery to run smoothly. Corruption slows down, burdens and paralyses, whereas integrity accelerates, simplifies and frees up energy.

Promoting transparency does not mean adding bureaucracy; rather, it means eliminating ambiguity, grey areas and inefficiencies; the real causes of delays. An open administration makes decisions faster, spends more wisely, identifies issues earlier, and makes fewer mistakes.

Transparency is not just a requirement; it is a foundation for speed. Where processes are clear, responsibilities are defined and data is accessible, public action is disciplined and strengthened, not slowed down.

Secondly, we share the ambitious goal of **developing the human capabilities of public administration**. Where skills are lacking, corruption flourishes; where solid professionalism, technical independence and pride in public service prevail, integrity triumphs.

Investing in the State's workforce therefore means building systemic antibodies. Each official who is trained to the highest standards becomes a pillar of efficiency, legality and transparency. The challenge is not to create more procedures, but to generate more public value. And public value comes from officials who embody the rules with competence, ethics, and vision. Therefore, the true reform of integrity means reforming the State's human capital. It is ambitious, necessary and irreversible.

Finally, the Jordan Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and ANAC are united by our **strong focus on international cooperation** and the global dimension of the fight against corruption.

We live in an era of interconnection. And corruption has also evolved. It is no longer confined to the corridors of ministries; it permeates global trade, transnational financial flows, digital ecosystems and hidden networks that cross borders at the speed of a click. This is why the fight against corruption must also change: it can no longer be limited to national regulations, but must involve connected, synchronised, cooperative action.

Strengthening international cooperation today means recognising that no country can overcome a global challenge alone. Today more than ever, only an alliance of wills, only a collective response, can be fruitful. Only unity, only global cooperation can be the bastion of justice.

This involves sharing financial intelligence, harmonising prevention standards, freezing illicit assets wherever they are located and combining technologies and investigative expertise to disrupt illegal activities. If the threat is reticulated, invisible and delocalised, the response must be the same: a network that is stronger and faster than corruption itself.

So, anti-corruption is not a static defence today; it is the diplomacy of integrity, the engineering of global trust and the ability to tackle illegality without borders. Because where cooperation fails, impunity follows. And where impunity reigns, there can be no development, security or shared future.

Aware of this, the Jordan Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and ANAC have developed **a strong collaboration over time**. In 2018, ANAC officials were warmly welcomed at the Jordan Commission's headquarters, where they held productive meetings to share experiences and best practices. Numerous bilateral meetings have since taken place between the two Authorities, both in Amman and Rome, providing delightful opportunities for mutual understanding and knowledge sharing.

Furthermore, within the Network of Corruption Prevention Authorities (NCPA), JIACC and ANAC have had important opportunities to collaborate. For example, in 2020, we worked together on a relevant study project concerning the use of technologies for corruption prevention, which is also a central theme on the United Nations agenda.

But there is undoubtedly more. The collaboration between the Italian Authority and the Jordanian Commission is not just a technical partnership; it is also a powerful symbol of institutional friendship, rooted in the close ties between the two countries and their peoples.

Friendship between institutions strengthens friendship between nations, and friendship between nations forms the foundation of civil peace. When two Authorities choose to collaborate, they share more than just prevention tools; they share a vision, an ethical lexicon and a commitment to serving citizens.

And so, in light of this long and fruitful cooperation between our Authorities, I am truly delighted to be here today, at the official launch of the National Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy 2026-2030, which will certainly bring even more significant and lasting benefits in promoting legality and public ethics.

All this – we emphasise again – is happening while the fight against corruption is being celebrated all over the world.

By commemorating **the International Anti-Corruption Day**, we reaffirm every year that corruption is not an inevitable fate, but rather a collective failure that can be prevented through ethical leadership, transparent systems and widespread accountability. This anniversary has both symbolic and practical value: it draws global attention, strengthens institutional commitment, and gives a voice to civil society. It reminds us that integrity is the true foundation of public trust. It is a time to measure progress, recognise courageous stories of change and renew alliances between governments, businesses and citizens.

Finally, celebrating this day also means investing in the future by educating new generations to reject any unlawful compromise, promoting a culture of legality, and affirming that transparency and anti-corruption are essential values for sustainable, equitable and inclusive development, not just regulatory obligations.

This is an extremely demanding challenge, but if we work together, we can overcome it.

Thank you.

Giuseppe Busia