

International anti-Corruption Conference 2018 in Copenhagen

National anti-corruption statement

TUNISIA

1. Preamble: the present state of the fight against corruption in Tunisia

For the first time in its history, Tunisia adopted in late 2016 a national strategy for good governance and anti-corruption and an associated action plan covering 2017 and 2018. The second national action plan was also adopted in the framework of the open government partnership. A baseline study about governance in the framework of Sustainable Development Goal n°16. In this regard, it is important to highlight the participatory approach that characterized these tracks, which often facilitated the implementation of their components.

To strengthen accountability and participation, a project on supporting youth participation in public life is being pursued, with the support of OECD, in parallel with the adoption of a national strategy for youth.

In a related context, the electoral process witnessed a real revolution by establishing horizontal and vertical alignment in the lists of candidates for the electoral eligibility at the local level in addition to supporting the representation of youth and people with special needs.

During the same period, the results of the first cycle of the UNCAC review mechanism led to the development of the legal and institutional framework, especially through:

- The right of access to information law (Organic Law No. 2016-22 of March 24, 2016)
- The approval of the Arab Anti-Corruption Convention (Organic Law No. 2016-73 of November 15, 2016)
- The setting up of the judicial economic and financial center (Organic Law n° 2016-77 of December 6, 2016)
- Whistleblowing and whistleblowers protection law (Organic law n° 2017-10 of March 7, 2017)
- Governance and Anti-Corruption Commission (Organic law n° 2017-59 of August 24, 2017)
- The declaration of assets and interests and the fight against illicit enrichment and conflict of interests (Law n° 2018-46 of August 1, 2018)
- Government Decree No. 2016-1158 of August 12, 2016, establishing governance cells and fixing their attributions.
- Government Decree No. 2016-1098 of August 15, 2016, establishing the organization and operating procedures of the Tunisian Financial Analysis Commission (FIU).

2. Statement of anti-corruption commitments:

In the coming period, our country is preparing to adopt its second national action plan related to the national strategy for good governance and combating anti-corruption. It is also preparing to launch the second phase of the review mechanism of the UN Convention against Corruption. The Tunisian government is committed to adopting any obligations related to this that may fall within its

competence and to giving maximum attention to overcoming challenges that might be encountered in the application of the other commitments.

The Tunisian Government is committed to:

Commitment	Responsible for implementation	Deadline
Adopting a legal framework for open data and to submit a draft law on the reuse of public data.	Presidency of the Government	June 2019
Adopting a clean construction system (CCS)	Ministry of Equipment and Housing	June 2020
Establish a new legal framework for public service that will enshrine the principles of fairness and merit and includes specific requirements for high-level posts and sensitive public functions to prevent from the dangers of corruption.	Presidency of the Government	December 2019
Developing the accounting standards for a greater conformity with international standards in this field.	Ministry of finance	December 2019
Developing the public finance system to set up analytical accounting to ensure transparency, efficiency and credibility.	Ministry of finance	December 2019
Proceeding with the streamlining of administrative procedures and to reduce the number of activities requiring prior authorization.	Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation	December 2019
Developing the legal and institutional system to prevent money laundering in line with FATF recommendations and UN Security Council resolutions.	Tunisian Central Bank Presidency of the Government	June 2019
Implementing its commitments during the World Summit Against Corruption held in London in 2016 on the issue of Beneficial Ownership and renewed its welcome to all international initiatives in this field and expressed its willingness to exchange information in this regard.	Ministry of Justice	December 2019
Submitting a bill of law for the revision of the Penal Code, which includes tightening penalties for corruption crimes.	Ministry of Justice	December 2019
Reviewing the governance of public owned enterprises to support their sustainability and the effectiveness of their interventions.	Presidency of the Government	June 2019
Complementing decentralization process and supporting local authorities in their efforts to improve their facilities, capacities and services and to establish good governance in accordance with the constitutional principles and the requirements of the local authorities' code.	Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment	December 2019