

Workshop Recommendations:

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1. Activate the role of independent media in fighting corruption.
2. Raise public awareness over the instrumental role of monitoring institutions and increase public trust.
3. Through media outlets, enlist civil society organizations to educate about the value of oversight and accountability.
4. Encourage the principle of the sovereignty of law and the enforcement of laws concerning anti-corruption.
5. Rely on the most transparent mechanisms in procedures involving spending and government contracts, particularly through provincial councils, as well as follow up on when projects are implemented.
6. Educate about the value of oversight and transparency within school curricula by incorporating these issues into educational and scientific subject areas.
7. Adopt a basis for appointing the suitable individuals to the appropriate positions.
8. Distance independent monitoring institutions, such as the oversight association, the inspector general's office and the financial oversight committee, from sectarian and party quotas.
9. Pursue cases of corruption and bring corrupt individuals to justice by bolstering the independence of the inspector general's office from the ministry.
10. Bolster the constitutional principle of the independence of the judiciary.