



A part of the anti-corruption media campaign entitled « look in the mirror, #you're \_the mirror\_ of yourself

## Raising Societal Awareness is the Best Way to Prevent Corruption



**Confronting corruption and the corrupt people requires a firm will, ambitious plans, specialized agencies, and effective mechanisms driven by constant capabilities based on sincere and vigorous cooperation, all of which represent joint efforts and a noble goal supporting and strengthening the development purposes.**



### The Editorial Board

#### Established Anti-Corruption Agencies

There is no doubt that the Egyptian State has established institutions, including multiple entities that contributed to combating corruption directly or through the implementation of related missions, namely policy development, national planning, financial auditing, structural organization and management as well as data and statistics collection. The successive establishment of these bodies came in response to requirements and missions, including specialized control bodies and general supervisory bodies, which assumed their roles in implementing their objectives, through their cadres and capabilities, which earned them extensive cumulative experiences. They also achieved clear and positive results, which produced their effects in strengthening trust between citizens and the State.

#### Raising Awareness and Promoting Culture in Society

Despite the importance of the direct efforts and the effectiveness of State agencies' efforts against corrupt acts and practices, the Authority has taken positive steps to adopt an orientation based on promoting culture and raising awareness for the society's members. This represents a form of protection against corruption dangers and implanting the principles of participation, integrity and accountability for achieving societal consensus and reducing the scope, forms and effects of corruption to the least extent for materializing the term "prevention of corruption". In addition, many anti-corruption measures were taken such as organizing training courses by the Anti-Corruption Academy for the different segments of citizens who are not affiliated to civil service, NGOs and private sector; launching the Administrative Control

Authority's website has also helped to communicate with the largest possible number of followers. Other measures include holding seminars, conferences, media campaigns and various celebrations with the participation of young people and all segments of society.

#### First Publication

The publication of Issue No. 1 of our cultural magazine "The Conscience of Nation" is one of the main steps taken for ensuring the society's awareness and participation as well as for ethical behavior enhancement and true realization of the integrity and transparency concepts for materializing them while realizing their significance and profundity and producing the real societal effect. In fact, the presence of direct mass media for raising awareness plays a significant role in supporting the efforts of the State and its institutions for fighting corruption. The magazine will present many articles by many experts and specialists for expressing all the opinions and ideas related to corruption and the practical solutions and ways of confronting it.

#### The Contents of this Issue

This Issue includes an international dimension shown in the activities of fighting corruption by the United Nations represented by the Office on Drugs and Crime. Besides, the preparation for holding the ninth session for the parties of the United Nations Convention against Corruption at Sharm El-Sheikh in December 2021 is the most substantial measure to strengthen international cooperation during this year.

#### Regional and Continental Dimension

The Arab and African cooperation is considered a main pillar in strengthening joint efforts to confront corruption at both the regional and continental levels, in effective application of the Arab and African anti-corruption conventions as well as in support of cooperation with the Arab Parliament at the level of supervisory orientation.

This cooperation also embodies a strong support for the development efforts aiming at realizing the development plans 2030 and achieving the sustainable development goals as well as meeting the ambitions of Africa. This is done in accordance with the African Union's Agenda 2063 and for supporting the efforts of the African Peer Review Mechanism and the mutual benefit for African countries based on the objectives prescribed in the various agreements and mechanisms.

#### Related Knowledge

Developing the legislative framework for the work and competence of the Administrative Control Authority, the keenness on its independence and the support for its efforts, as is the case with the rest of the control bodies, represent the true example of the Political Leadership's support for all anti-corruption efforts. In addition, identifying and ensuring the content and principles of governance as a main tool for controlling the administrative apparatus and its organizational structure emphasize the need for stressing the concept of leadership and its impact on the system of rational will and overall quality.

#### Corruption Measurement

The importance of conducting research and studying the best ways of measuring corruption cannot be



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**One of the anti-corruption courses held at the Academy**

overlooked, although it is not possible to measure corruption in absolute terms due to its clandestine nature. There are also the governance indicators, which are the effective means of interest for international and regional institutions in addition to the various methodologies related to those indicators.

#### Invitation to Participate

Finally, the magazine's editorial board invites all readers to participate in expressing their opinions and comments on the content of this Issue. We also invite specialists to join the magazine's editorial board through providing us with articles and research papers as a form of serious and fruitful participation with the family of the new media platform, "The Conscience of Nation".