

Sakker El Dekkene breaks the corruption chain on International Anti-Corruption Day!

After 20 months of extensive awareness, pressure on decision makers to reveal their assets, improvement of access to information, reform of public institutions and cumbersome administrative processes, elimination of intermediaries, working towards e-government, and enacting whistleblowing and other anti-corruption draft laws, Sakker El Dekkene has decided to break the corruption chain by jumping into the trenches and building a success story. It is time for change; Positive change.

In order to dismantle corruption's high walls, Sakker El Dekkene unveils acts of corruption, but also shows the way towards institutional integrity and supports reform. In this vein, the NGO has approached several public institutions in the hopes of finding a champion to launch a reform project and build a success story. The Ministry of Economy was the first institution to respond positively and openly to our call and accept to collaborate. Today, December 9th 2015, at the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day, we are signing a Memorandum of Understanding.

Sakker El Dekkene will help the Ministry fight corruption and reach the highest integrity standards, providing an example for other institutions which will hopefully follow. This project is motivated by Sakker el Dekkene's strong belief in reform from within through the collaboration with public institutions. It is not motivated by any political agenda. It will not compromise Sakker El Dekkene's impartiality and readiness to stand firm in front of any corrupt initiative.

The MoU signed on December 9th with the Ministry of Economy is simple and straightforward, yet ambitious and reform-oriented. Our role is clear: assess, measure, advise, build an integrity action plan with priorities, help implementation, then monitor and evaluate the whole process.

- Phase 1 will start as of December 10th (no later than tomorrow morning), setting meetings with Ministry of Economy staff to get qualitative input and fine-tune our assessment methodology.
- Phase 2 will administer an internal quantitative survey at the Ministry to evaluate institutional, managerial and individual integrity.
- Phase 3 will launch an external survey, measuring the experience and perception of a sample of stakeholders who deal with the Ministry (individuals and companies). In parallel, all Ministry processes will be reviewed and evaluated.
- Phase 4 will include analysis of the survey and process. These will be shared with the Ministry in order to determine a series of anti-corruption measures and set priorities for reform.
- Phase 5 will be that of the implementation of anti-corruption measures agreed upon, which will be accompanied by a thorough monitoring from Sakker El Dekkene.

During all 5 phases, Sakker El Dekkene's eyes and ears will be everywhere and anywhere scrutinizing and evaluating Ministry staff integrity. Sakker El Dekkene will refer to internationally approved standards to track and measure corruption in all forms and at all levels: from bribery, conflicting interests and fraud to nepotism and abuse of power. We will deliver an Integrity Compliance Certificate to institutions that comply with our standards, and we will actively support those who wish to reach them.

We will be merciless. At times we will be visible, but at others we will be invisible.

Committed to operate in full transparency with us, the Ministry will promote our posters and hotline. We at Sakker el Dekkene will be operating in full transparency with the public. In this regard, our staff is ready to pick up your calls and register your bribe reports 24/24. Those bribe reports will be critical for our mission, so you are strongly encouraged to partner with us.