

Anti-Corruption Workshop in Indonesia: ‘Afghanistan should work hard to fight corruption’

The delegation from Afghanistan represented the Anti-Corruption Justice Centre, the Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) and the Access to Information Commission. At the event, Afghan Deputy Attorney General, Mr Abdulhaq Ahmadi, stressed, ‘Fighting corruption is the right of the people and the government should work hard to fight corruption. This requires strong capacities and resources. Afghanistan’s anti-corruption agencies are willing and happy to learn from Indonesia’s successes in this regard as well as to share their best practices.’

Participants practically learned how to collaborate with the media. For example, they now know how to create webpages where whistle-blowers can hand in their information. They also acquired the required skills for notifying the public through an own broadcasting station. Case examples further showed the importance of transparency when sharing cases with respective anti-corruption commissions. Consequently, the Afghan delegation decided to put emphasis on reaching a broader public awareness in future.

MEC’s Director, Mr Maiwand Rohani highlighted, ‘It has been a great opportunity for MEC to get into peer-to-peer learning with KPK, one of the most qualified anti-corruption agencies. The peer-to-peer learning platforms serve best to exchange knowledge and experience. Eventually, it will improve the quality of our work in both institutions.’ MEC and KPK met for the fourth time since 2017.

The Open Policy Advisory Fund (OPAF) is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Since 2009, the project has been financing the deployment of expertise in Afghan institutions and training their staff to build capacities and facilitate the implementation of reforms in line with good governance criteria. Among other activities, the project has been organising professional or job-specific trainings for 140 employees working at state institutions so far, including courses on finance, data analysis and corruption assessment. At the same time, the project has been supporting the Independent Joint Anti-Corruption and Evaluation Committee (MEC) in producing eight reports on state institutions’ vulnerability to corruption.

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Yesterday, an Afghan delegation comprising 14 representatives of Afghanistan’s leading anti-corruption agencies arrived in Kabul. They returned from a five-day anti-corruption workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia. There, around 40 attendees shared ideas on monitoring and evaluating anti-corruption activities and discussed ways to inform the public about achievements. The Afghan-German Cooperation coordinated the workshop together with the German-Indonesian programme Assistance in Preventing and Combating Corruption (APCC). U4 Resource Centre and the Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) co-hosted the event.

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