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TI-LB Launches its Online School of Governance

Committed to its mission to reduce corruption by strengthening partnerships with state administrations, private sector institutions and civil society, Transparency International - Lebanon raised the challenge of accountability in its 2022 Regional Conference entitled "The Right to Live – Corruption Free". On the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day and the International Day for Human Rights on December 9 and 10, respectively, TI-LB renewed its commitment as part of the global movement against corruption with a focus on Lebanon and the MENA region through integrating anti-corruption advocacy into the global human rights movement.

The conference included a series of panel discussions and open fora revolving around anti-corruption reforms, economic recovery, open government partnerships, transparency, asset disclosure as a tool to combat illicit enrichment, enhancing accountability, and whistleblower protection. In addition, a session was held in partnership with FiftyFifty where the pioneering role of women in fighting corruption was discussed. Another session discussed economic governance, the politicization of money, and explored the path towards monetary stability in partnership with the Lebanese Business Leaders Association (RDCL).

The panel discussions included a variety of speakers such as Judge George Attieh and Dr. Jean Ellieh who represented state institutions and oversight agencies respectively. Amongst the speakers were representatives from the international community and donors such as the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and The Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), as well as local and international civil society organizations, academic institutions and research centers such as the Basil Fuleihan Financial and Economic Institute and the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS). The sessions also included speakers and attendees from the media, journalists, youth and women empowerment organizations, and private sector representatives. The conference was also an opportunity to host colleagues from across Transparency International's global chapters in the MENA region.

The highlight of the event was the launching of TI-LB's online School of Governance (www.schoolofgovernance.net), a digital educational initiative aimed at providing university students, young professionals, lawyers, activists, political parties, state institutions, and citizens with anti-corruption knowledge, in the presence of the director of the National Institution of Administration Dr. Georges Labaki.

The conference also featured an open exhibition where publications and achievements of TI's chapters in Lebanon and the MENA region were displayed. The EFFIE award-winning "LOLLAR Campaign" for the MENA region was also exhibited. Participants were able to engage and benefit from the knowledge produced and the discussions that revolved around the priorities for combating corruption within the framework of advocacy for human rights in the next stage.