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VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

# THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

## PROTECTING THE AVAILABILITY OF CRITICAL GOODS IN TIMES OF EXTREME URGENCY



Global Anti-corruption Training Platform



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This webinar is free-of-charge and open to all participants after registration on the Zoom platform

Wednesday, 20 May 2020 @ 10am (Geneva) / 11 am (Doha)

# WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2020

10am (Geneva) / 11 am (Doha)



**10:00 - 10:20 – Welcome remarks and presentation by the moderator**  
Situational COVID-19 overview

**Mr. Alex Mejia**, Director of the Division for People and Social Inclusion at UNITAR, Editor-in-Chief of UN Today Magazine

**10:20 - 10:30 – Opening Statement**

· **Dr. Yasser Refaie**, Acting Director of the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center (ROLACC), Doha, Qatar



**10:30 - 10:45 – Manifestations of Corruption in the Health Sector: Requirements, qualifications, and ongoing vendor management**

· **Dr. Reem Al Ansari**, Professor at Qatar University College of Law, Head of Research Division at ROLACC



**10:45 - 11:00 – Integrity and Transparency in Public Procurement in the time of Corona**

· **Dr. Anwar Masadeh**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Law at Ahmad Bin Mohammad Military College



**11:00 - 11:15 – The effect of the Corona Virus on the Performance of obligations arising from governmental contracts**

· **Dr. Mohamed Salah Abu Ragab**, Vice Chairman of the Egyptian Council of State and Legal Counsel at Qatar University



**11:15 - 11:30 – Could the glaring gaps in emergency procurement laws encourage corruption?**

· **Dr. Alejandra Gómez Céspedes**, Senior Advisor for Anti-corruption, UNITAR, Visiting Scholar at the University of Malaga

**11:30 - 11:45 – Moderated Q & A session and closing remarks**

