Terms of Reference for the High Level Award Committee for the Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award.

1. Introduction

The Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award (hereinafter referred to as 'the Award') is intended to offer recognition and appreciation to successful and effective approaches and prominent contributions to the prevention of and fight against corruption. It would recognize and reward exceptional efforts made by individuals, groups and organizations, including youth. The Award would be given to initiatives that have demonstrated or have potential in significantly contributing or driving effectiveness in the field of anti-corruption.

With a view to promoting greater awareness of the importance of tackling corruption and to encourage implementation of crucial measures of the United Nations Convention against Corruption, creative achievements and contributions of individuals and organizations towards more effective and responsive anti-corruption prevention efforts in countries worldwide would be rewarded with the Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award.

By highlighting exemplary models and promoting excellence and creativity in anticorruption, the Award would facilitate the collection, dissemination and, where possible, replication of noteworthy initiatives and good practices to foster integrity, accountability and transparency. In this context, the Award would serve as an incentive and as a tool to identify, recognize, honour and reward those who have shown vision, leadership, creativity, enthusiasm in, and commitment and dedication for tackling corruption, as well as the capacity to inspire others to replicate similar efforts. Against this background, the Award would create a platform that acknowledges good practices and spurs action in the global fight against corruption.

Every year those eligible for nomination will be determined with the following categories:

- Anti-Corruption Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement
- Anti-Corruption Academic Research and Education

- Anti-Corruption Youth Creativity and Engagement
- Anti-Corruption Innovation

2. Composition of the HLC

- 2.1. The High-Level Award Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the HLC') shall be composed of selected members of the Board of Trustees of ROLACC.
- 2.2. A minimum of three members, including the Chairman, shall be required in order to achieve the minimum quorum in regard to selection decisions.

3. Obligations and responsibilities of the HLC

- 3.1. The responsibilities of the HLC shall be as follows:
 - 3.1.1. To conduct the final selection of winners for the different Award categories from the shortlist submitted to it by the Assessment Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as 'the AAB');
 - 3.1.2. To present the Secretariat with a final list of the names of the winners in each Award category; and
 - 3.1.3. To provide the rationale for any discrepancy with the recommendations made by the AAB, if any.
- 3.2. These responsibilities shall be conducted by the HLC in line with the Code of Conduct.
- 3.3. The HLC shall give all nominations in the shortlist full consideration and will follow the same evaluation criteria as the AAB.
- 3.4. If a member of the AAB cannot conduct an unbiased selection due to any of the factors established in the Code of Conduct and/or any other factors, he/she shall inform the HLC and abstain from the process.