



# Towards Child-Friendly Justice in Egypt: Understanding justice needs and child-centred pathways

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Policy Dialogue (Round table)

24 March 2022

8.45 – 12.30 (Cairo time)

*Kempinski Nile Hotel*

*Cairo, Egypt*



## The Project<sup>1</sup>

The objective of this project is to support the development of a child-friendly justice system in Egypt and better protect children in contact with the law by enhancing the institutional coordination and effectiveness of the justice system. Aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030, the National Child Strategy and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the project is implemented by the OECD with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

The project facilitates high-level engagement in support of effective implementation of the objectives of the Strategic Framework and National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt 2018-2030. It contributes to strengthening the Rule of Law and avails experiences from different OECD countries, particularly through peer-to-peer exchanges and policy dialogues with the Government of Egypt.

As part of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, the project will provide support to the Government of Egypt in identifying key challenges and opportunities, building a Roadmap for reform and raising public awareness on the importance of child-friendly justice.

The two main outcomes of the project are as follows:

- Improved capacities of child-justice stakeholders to better protect children in contact with the justice system;
- Improved governance and coordination mechanisms among key child justice stakeholders.

The OECD aims to support the Government of Egypt to further enhance and empower the coordination and protection role of the child justice system. The support will be carried out in accordance with the objectives of the Strategic Framework & National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood.

## Objective of the Policy Dialogue

The Policy Dialogue will discuss Egypt's commitment towards SDGs and the role and efforts of the child justice stakeholders to achieve SDGs in line with the National Child Strategy, the National Human Rights Strategy and Egypt's Vision 2030. The policy dialogue will further generate an exchange of practices that would feed into the Good Practices Guidelines and Roadmap and will enhance the governance and coordination mechanisms among stakeholders.

## Target participants:

The policy dialogue will gather senior representatives from involved key national stakeholders: the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), the Public Prosecution Office (PPO) and the Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS), as well as the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development (MPED) - the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (NIGSD), along with OECD representatives (15 participants).

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<sup>1</sup> [Governance - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development \(oecd.org\)](https://www.oecd.org/)

# AGENDA

Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

The event will be held in English and Arabic. Simultaneous interpretation between English and Arabic will be available.

## 08:45 – 9:00 Connection and welcome of participants

### Opening remarks

- Dr. Tarek Tawfik, Deputy Minister of Health and Population and Supervisor of the NCCM
- Judge Amal Amar, Assistant Minister of Justice for Human, Women and Child Rights
- Counsellor Hossam Shaker, Head of Child Protection Office, Public Prosecution Office
- Dr. Sherifa Sherif, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development – MPED
- Ms. Michal Harari, Deputy Head of Office for International Cooperation (OIC), Embassy of Switzerland in Egypt
- Dr. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Senior Justice Counsellor, OECD

9:00 - 9:30

## Round table

Moderator: Mr. Amr Soliman, Policy Analyst and Project Manager, OECD

**Strengthening the Rule of Law and developing a child friendly justice system in line with the SDGs, Egypt's Vision 2030 and the National Child Strategy and the National Human Rights Strategy**

### Egypt's engagement towards SDGs (10-15 minutes)

- 9:30 – 10:15 Dr. Sherifa Sherif, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

### Aligning national child justice strategies to achieve SDG 16+ (10-15 minutes)

Dr. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Senior Justice Counsellor, OECD

### Q&A (20 mins)

**The Child Justice System in Egypt and the role of key actors in achieving SDGs in line with the National Child Strategy, the National Human Rights Strategy and Egypt's Vision 2030 (According to children pathways in Egypt: NCCM - PPO - MoJ - MoSS)**

10:15 – 11:00

- Dr. Tarek Tawfik, Deputy Minister of Health and Population and Supervisor of the NCCM
- Judge Amal Amar, Assistant Minister of Justice for Human, Women and Child Rights
- Counsellor Hossam Shaker, Head of Child Protection Office, Public Prosecution Office
- Representative of the Ministry of Social Solidarity

**11:00 – 11:45**      **Open Discussion**

**11:45 – 12:30**      **Project Overview and Project Advisory Group**  
Mr. Amr Soliman, Policy Analyst and Project Manager  
Mrs. Marwa Salah, OECD project Consultant  
  
Open discussion

**12:30**                **Lunch**

## The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is the agency for international cooperation of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The SDC is responsible for the overall coordination with other federal authorities of development and cooperation with Eastern Europe as well as for humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation.

The Swiss international cooperation, which is an integral part of the Federal Council's foreign policy, aims to alleviate need and poverty around the world, to foster respect for human rights, to promote democracy and to conserve the environment. It fosters economic self-reliance and state autonomy, contributes to the improvement of production conditions, helps address environmental problems, and ensures better access to education and basic healthcare services.

## The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 38 Member countries, a Secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. It collaborates with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change, and measures productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

## The OECD and Access to Justice for Children

The OECD supports its Member and partner countries in achieving more responsive and people-centered justice services and access to justice as core components of inclusive growth, sound democracies and a thriving investment climate. Vulnerable groups, including children and youth, face particular barriers to access justice, such as complex procedures, high costs and lack of legal empowerment. In particular, children have specific needs and rights but tend to face heightened difficulties in getting their legal needs addressed, which exacerbates the likelihood of trauma and impedes child well-being. The OECD supports countries in moving towards child-friendly justice that puts children at the centre of design and delivery of justice services and ensures their needs are met.

## The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.

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