



Reinforcing the rule of law: Developing the capacities of the judiciary in Yemen

Workshop with Yemen Ministry of Justice

Hilton Dead Sea, 23 September 2019



The Project

The objective of this project is to support judicial capacity, institutional coordination and effectiveness of the Yemeni judicial system. The project will provide support to the Government of Yemen (GoY) in identifying key challenges and opportunities in this field, reflecting the conflict context and aiming to anticipate on the post-conflict situation. This will be carried out through workshops and training courses along with the elaboration of a Strategic Guidance document, in coordination with the Ministry of Justice.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop will look at how to enhance judicial infrastructure and institutional capacity of the Ministry of Justice. More particularly, it will aim at discussing the establishment of a **Centre for Legal and Judicial Research** along with the development of a **Forensic Medicine Center**. This workshop will identify the key priorities and challenges in the perspective of training sessions on both fields with the Ministry of Justice of Yemen in the framework of this project.

The workshop will include representatives from the Ministry of Justice of Yemen along with international experts from OECD and MENA countries.

List of participants from Yemen:

- H.E. Hamoud Al-Hitar, President of the Supreme Court
- Judge Ekram Al-Aidaroyo,
- Judge Halah Sultan Al-Qersh

From OECD:

- Dr. Miriam Allam, Head of MENA Governance Programme
- Jean-Jacques Hible, Policy Analyst
- Amr Soliman, Policy Analyst

Experts:

- Judicial Research centre: Judge Iyadh Chaouachi, Tunisia
- Forensic Unit: Prof Dr Renaud Bouvet, France

AGENDA

9:45-10:00

Welcome coffee

Opening remarks

10:00-10:30

- H.E. Judge Hamod Alhitar, President of the Supreme Court of Yemen
- Dr. Miriam Allam, Head of MENA Governance Programme OECD

Current and forthcoming challenges for the Ministry of Justice of Yemen

10:30– 11:30

- Outcomes of the workshop in Amman in March 2019 :
 - o Update on the situation from March until present
 - o Are there any new challenges?

Identification of challenges and priorities for Yemen forensic system in a post-conflict perspective

11:30-13.30

- Overview and challenges regarding forensic service delivery in Yemen (based on local experience and OECD 2015 report)
- Good practices and lessons learned from other countries :
 - o Key priorities when creating a forensic medicine unit
 - o Identification of challenges and how to surpass them based on lesson learned and good practices
- Discussion on the provision of forensic medicine equipment
- Discussion on priorities to build capacities of the Ministry of Justice in this area (*OECD*)

13:30-14.30

Lunch

Identification of key priorities for the Ministry of Justice to establish a Centre for Legal and Judicial Research

14.30-16.30

- Good practices and lessons learned from other countries
- The importance of comparative studies and research methodology in such a Centre
- The mandate of this centre and the role of the judiciary in transitional period
- Discussion on priorities for capacity-building for the Ministry of Justice (*OECD*)

16.30-17.00

Wrap-up

The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international body that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 36 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. We collaborate with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

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 strengthens collaboration with the most relevant multilateral initiatives currently underway in the region. In particular, the Programme supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership and assists governments in meeting the eligibility criteria to become a member of the Open Government Partnership. Through these initiatives, 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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