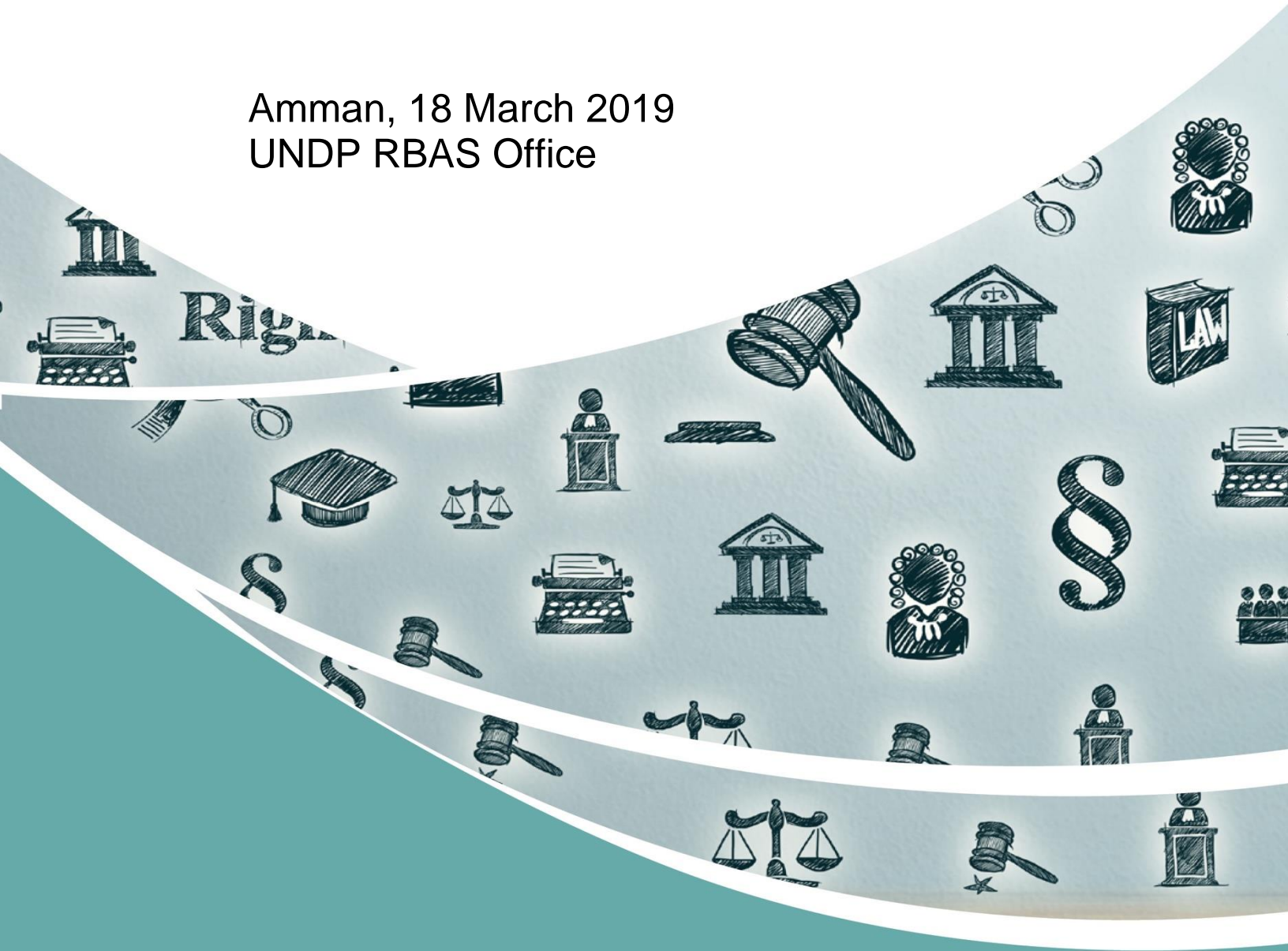




Reinforcing the rule of law: Developing the capacities of the judiciary in Yemen

Workshop with Yemen judicial stakeholders

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UNDP RBAS Office



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 support the development of a Strategic Guidance document that will aim at helping to develop a short-term action plan for Yemeni judicial stakeholders. This plan will bring together relevant judicial Yemeni and international stakeholders to agree on the main priorities for next years (e.g. 3 years) and to strengthen the capacities and tools of judicial institutions at national and local level.

The workshop will include representatives from the Yemeni Government and Judiciary. It will focus on debating and agreeing on the structure, objectives and priorities of the Strategic Guidance document. This will also be the opportunity to discuss the experience of UNDP in this area and will take stock of lessons learned from other MENA and non-MENA countries. The outcomes of the discussions will be completed by two additional workshops on dialogue mechanisms and judicial accountability.

List of participants

- **Judge Hamoud Al-Hitar**, President of Supreme Court, Vice-President of Higher Judicial Council, Republic of Yemen
- **Dr. Mohammed Al-Hawri**, Deputy Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Republic of Yemen,
- **Mr. Mohammed Rajeh**, Member of the Technical Committee of the project, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Yemen
- **Mr. Arvind Kumar**, Project Manager Stabilization for Yemen, UNDP
- **Ms. Miriam Allam**, Head of the OECD-MENA Governance Programme, OECD
- **Mr. Jean-Jacques Hible**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- **Dr. Laura Davis**, expert
- **Dr. Amer Bani Amer**, Director, Al-Hayat Center

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00

➤ **Welcome coffee**

- **Welcome Remarks**

Moderator: **UNDP**

9:00-9:30

- **Dr. Mohammed Al-Hawri**, Deputy Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Republic of Yemen
- **Judge Hamoud Al-Hitar**, President of the Supreme Court, Republic of Yemen
- **Miriam Allam**, Head of OECD-MENA Governance Programme, OECD
- **Mr. Abdu Saif**, Head of Management supporting Unit, UNDP

9:30-10:15

➤ **Presentation of the project and next steps**

- **Miriam Allam**, Head of OECD-MENA Governance Programme, OECD
- **Jean-Jacques Hible**, Policy Analyst, OECD
- Questions

10:15– 11:00

➤ **Presentation of main challenges and opportunities for Yemen in judicial reforms**

- **Judge Hamoud Al-Hitar**, President of the Supreme Court, Republic of Yemen
- Discussions

11:00– 11:30

➤ **Coffee break**

11.30- 12:30

➤ **Presentation on role of justice in peace-building and lessons learned from other countries**

- **Dr. Laura Davis**, Expert

- **Dr. Amer Bani Amer**, Director, Al-Hayat Center
- Questions

12:30-13.30

➤ **Lunch**

13.30- 14.45

➤ **Discussions and identification of priorities for the Strategic Guidance document**

- Identification of key areas and priorities

14.45-15.00

➤ **Wrap-up**

The OECD

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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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