



MENA-Transition Fund Project

Workshop on « Drafting law techniques: towards regulatory quality »

Cairo, 14 March 2016

Meeting venue: Ministry of Justice

organised for the General Department of Legislation of the Ministry of Justice, Egypt, within the framework of the G7 Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund project “Strengthening the Rule of Law.”



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Background Information

This workshop is organised within the framework of the G7 Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund Project: “Strengthening the Rule of Law: Effective and transparent delivery of justice and rule-making in Egypt”.

As part of the project, the OECD is organizing a series of capacity building activities to exchange good practice on legislative drafting and transparent rule-making in the Ministry of Justice.

Drafting good legislation requires specific skills, techniques, instruments and coordination across legal departments and stakeholders. The workshop will take stock of the activities delivered so far and advance in the discussions on the development and implementation of a legislative drafting manual in Egypt.

The workshop has therefore three objectives:

To discuss the

- 1) Summary reports of the study visits to Paris, The Hague and Rome and lessons learned
- 2) Legislative Drafting Manuals and Legislative Drafting Techniques in a comparative perspective
- 3) Conclusions and next steps in the project

The workshop is jointly organized by the Ministry of Justice, Egypt and the MENA-OECD Governance Programme in cooperation with the African Development Bank.

AGENDA

Monday, 14 March 2016

10:00 –
10:30

Session 1: Introduction

This session will address the following issues:

- The objectives of the project
- What has been achieved so far

Presentations by

- **Justice Dr. Hassan Badrawy**, Deputy Minister
- **Miriam Allam**, Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme

10:30 –
11:30

Session 2 : Legal drafting in France, The Netherlands and Italy – the outcome of the study visits in comparative perspective

Chair: **Edward Donelan**, Senior Expert, Ireland

As part of the project, the OECD organized a series of study visits to Paris, The Hague and Rome. This session will take stock of the learning outcomes and discuss:

- What are the key lessons from the study visits?
- What went well
- What can be improved

Speakers:

- **Justice Dr. Ossama El Aziz**, Deputy assistant of the Minister of Justice for legislative affairs
- **Justice Magued Sobhi**, Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice
- **Dr Amani Ismail**, Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice
- **Judge Ahmad Abouzeid** Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice
- **Dr. Haitham Albakli** Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice
- **Judge Abir Elattar** Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice

11:00 – 11:15

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00	Session 3 : Applying regulatory policy tools in practice: the role of legislative drafting manuals
<p>Chair: : Dr. Ossama Abd El Aziz, Deputy assistant of the Minister of Justice for legislative affairs</p> <p>This session will focus on legislative drafting techniques and the use of drafting instructions, such as law drafting manuals. Participants will discuss the content of a typical manual for legislative drafting with reference to the guide from the European Union.</p> <p>Presentation by Prof. William Robinson, formerly Legal Service at the European Commission and European Court of Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What lessons can be drawn from the experiences presented? ▪ How do the ideas presented resonate with the participants? ▪ How can the Ministry of Justice move forward with a legislative drafting manual and Regulatory Impact Assessment guide? 	
12:00-12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 13:00	Session 4: Drafting exercise
<p>Chair: Justice Magued Sobhi, , Senior member of the general department for legislation in the Ministry of Justice</p> <p>This session will discuss concrete examples of drafting techniques with reference to legislation from the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Union • United Kingdom • Ireland • France • Spain • Egypt <p>The discussions are led by Prof. William Robinson</p>	
13:00-14:00	Session 5: Improving access to legal information
<p>Chair: Miriam Allam, Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme</p> <p>This session will focus on the needs of the General Legislation Department in the use of Information Technology. In particular, the session will discuss options to build a database, drawing on OECD country examples, such as Legisfrance. The African Development Bank, as co-ISA of the Transition Fund Project, will explain the possibilities and procedures to upgrade the IT infrastructure for a legal database in the Ministry of Justice.</p>	

Presentations by:

- **Justice Dr. Ossama El Aziz**, Deputy assistant of the Minister of Justice for legislative affairs
- **Prajesh Bhakta**, Chief Country Officer, African Development Bank

14:00-15:00

Summary

- Summary and discussion of the next steps chaired by **Justice Dr. Hassan Badrawy**, Deputy Minister