



## Background Information

The seminar is part of the MENA Transition Fund Project: “Strengthening the Rule of Law: Effective and transparent delivery of justice and rule-making in Egypt”. The Project is a joint partnership with the Ministry of Justice and Court of Cassation, in cooperation with the African Development Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as Implementation Support Agencies.

This seminar will continue the dialogue started by The Court of Cassation to reform and modernize its services. The seminar will also build on the 2012-13 peer review assessment by the Research Institute for Development (IRD), French inter disciplinary research institute, and the 44 recommendations that were commonly agreed by the court.

Based on this assessment, the objectives of this seminar are:

1. To develop reform action plan on the priority recommendations and prepare their implementation
2. Discuss the required legislation to automate the court with reference to good practice examples from the OECD.

# Agenda

Tuesday 23 September 2014

09:00 am - 09:30 am	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Justice / Abdel Gawad Moussa</b>, Vice-President, Director of Technical Cooperation, Court of Cassation</li> <li>• <b>Miriam Allam</b>, Policy Analyst, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• <b>Prajesh Bhakta</b>, Chief Country Program Officer, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul>
9:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Session 1 : Defining the Scope for Action</b>
	<p>The objective of the first session is to lay the foundations for creating a multi-disciplinary platform to advance comparative analysis, dialogue and good practice exchange among peers from OECD and judges at the Court of Cassation. The session will provide Peer-to-peer advice from OECD countries (Ireland and France) as a powerful tool in the learning process, allowing the Court of Cassation to systematically exchange practical information and views on similar reform processes of the courts in other jurisdictions and their application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edward Donelan</b>, Senior Advisor, MENA – OECD, Governance Programme</li> <li>• <b>Tony Moussa</b>, Doctor of Law, Senior Judge Emeritus of the Court of Cassation, Former professor at the Lyon Law School</li> </ul>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Session 2 : Legislations to Automate the Court of Cassation</b>
	<p>The second session will discuss procedures and techniques to draft the necessary legislation to modernise the Court of Cassation. These procedures and techniques will include the use of better public consultation and other good practices developed in OECD countries to ensure quality and user-centric legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edward Donelan</b>, Senior Advisor, MENA – OECD, Governance Programme</li> <li>• <b>Tony Moussa</b>, Doctor of Law, Senior Judge Emeritus of the Court of Cassation, Former professor at the Lyon Law School</li> </ul>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>The Way Forward: Summary of Findings and Next steps</b>
	<p>The session will summarize the outcomes of the seminar and discuss the future programme of work of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court of Cassation, Egypt</li> <li>• <b>Miriam Allam</b>, Policy Analyst, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD</li> <li>• <b>Prajesh Bhakta</b>, Chief Country Program Officer, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li> </ul>