

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

MENA-Transition Fund Project



**Seminar on Codes of Conduct for the Judiciary and for Prosecutors,
And Study Visit to the Netherlands Forensic Institutes**

13-17 October 2014

Venue: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development – OECD

Paris - France.

And

The Netherlands Forensic Institute, The Hague - Netherlands.

Agenda

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Monday 13 October 2014

08:30 am - 09:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 09:30 am	Chair: Edward Donelan , Senior Advisor, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD
9:30 am - 11:00 am	<p>Session 1: General approach to Codes of Conduct internationally and their contribution to the Rule of Law and building trust in society</p> <p>The purpose of the first session is to discuss Codes of Conduct generally and their contribution to the Rule of Law and Building Trust in Society</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roula Sylla, Policy Analyst, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD • Ministry of Justice Yemen <p><i>The presentations will be followed by a discussion of code of conduct for judges in Yemen.</i></p> <p>Discussion on Code of Conduct for judges and how it operates this discussion will cover questions such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are any amendments needed to Code of Conduct for the Judiciary in Yemen in the light of international experiences? 2. What are the procedures for enforcing the Code of Conduct Judiciary in Yemen? 3. What are the challenges for enforcing the Code of Conduct Judiciary in Yemen? 4. How is information about the Code of Conduct for the Judiciary in Yemen communicated? 5. If amendments are to be made to the Code of Conduct for the Judiciary, what procedures will be followed and who will be responsible for making the amendments?
11:00 am - 11:30 am	Coffee Break
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>Session 2: Code of Conduct for Prosecutors: form and Content</p> <p>The purpose of the second session is to discuss the type of headings typically included in a code of conduct for prosecutors and how the process for drafting a code of conduct can be advanced in Yemen.</p> <p>Chair: Edward Donelan, Senior Advisor, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Justice Yemen • James Hamilton <p><i>The presentations will be followed by a discussion of code of conduct for prosecutors in Yemen.</i></p>
	Summary and Conclusions
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break

Tuesday 14 October 2014

09:15 am - 09:30 am	Registration & welcome coffee
9:30 am - 10:00 am	General Introduction on Netherlands Forensic Institute
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Session 1: Forensic trends & innovation
	The purpose of the first session is to discuss the latest trends and innovations in the Forensic medicine worldwide.
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Session 2: Dutch judicial system
	The purpose of the second session is to give a brief introduction to the Dutch judicial system.
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Session 3: NFI Academy + CSI laboratory
	The purpose of the third session is to introduce participants to the NFI academy and CSI Lab.
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Session 4: DNA work & developments
	The purpose of the fourth session is to introduce participants to the DNA work & developments
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Tour DNA laboratory
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Summary and Conclusions

Wednesday 15 October 2014

9:30 am - 10:00 am	Meeting at the Hotel lobby & Check Out
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Visit to the Peace Palace - The Hague: The Peace Palace (Dutch: Vredespaleis) is a building in The Hague, the Netherlands. It is often called the seat of international law because it houses the International Court of Justice (which is the principal judicial body of the United Nations), the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Academy of International Law, and the extensive Peace Palace Library. In addition to hosting these institutions, the Palace is also a regular venue for special events in international policy and law. The Palace officially opened on 28 August 1913, and was originally built to provide a symbolic home for the Permanent Court of Arbitration, a court created to end war which was created by treaty at the 1899 Hague Peace Conference. Andrew Dickson White, whose efforts were instrumental in creating this court and securing the funding to provide it with a "worthy accommodation", wrote of the idea to his friend Andrew Carnegie, who eventually provided 1.5 million dollars to build the Peace Palace.
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Break
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Departure from the Hague

Thursday 16 October 2014

10:00 am - 10:30 am		Chair: Edward Donelan , Senior Advisor, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD
10:30 am - 12:00 pm		Session 1: The development and operation of forensic science services
		<p>This meeting will involve group discussions and breakout groups facilitated by James Hamilton, Roula Sylla and Jean Pierre Bueb</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Any matters not fully covered on the previous days concerning the Codes of Conduct for Judges and prosecutors and to map out a plan to amend the Code of Conduct for Judges, if needed, and to draft a Code of Conduct for prosecutors 7. How a policy for the improvement of forensic science services in Yemen can be achieved? 8. What should be prioritised as regards the purchase of equipment, having regard to the funding provided by this project? 9. What additional funding will be needed to develop and maintain forensic science services in Yemen and where the funding could be obtained? 10. What, if anything, needs to be done to disseminate information about the code of conduct for judges? <p>Any other matters which require discussion</p>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		lunch Break
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm		Session 2: Continue the discussion on Code of Conduct
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm		Coffee Break
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm		Summary and Conclusions

Friday 17 October 2014

10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Visit to the Ministry of Justice - Paris.
	Forensic Science in France.