

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

Steering Committee Meeting

Kuwait (Kuwait), 08-09 June, 2014

Hosted by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Steering Committee held its first meeting for the MENA Transition Fund Project “Reinforcing the rule of law: Developing the capacities of the judiciary in Yemen” on 8-9 June in Kuwait. Back-to-back, the OECD conducted a workshop on the “Independence and Impartiality of the Judiciary in Yemen”.

The Yemeni delegation was headed by the **H.E. Morshed Al-Arshani, Minister of Justice**, and welcomed by **Mr. Abdelatif Al Hamad, Secretary General of the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development**. In his keynote speech, Mr. Al Hamad stressed the importance of cooperation with Yemen and the OECD within the framework of the G7 Deauville Partnership. The Minister of Justice underlined the commitment of the Yemeni government to improve performance of justice institutions and reinforce the rule of law.

The meeting brought together delegates from Yemen, the AFESD and OECD peers and experts to discuss the expected outcomes of the project and agree on the implementation steps.

Conclusions:

1. Finalize the Project design and activities in details;
2. Agree on the timetable conditions of implementation;
3. Develop communication strategy for results dissemination
4. Promote good practice in results evaluation and monitoring



Delegation from Yemen, headed by the Minister of Justice, at the Headquarters of the Arab Fund in Kuwait

This is the first project of the G7 Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund on the Rule of Law.

Project period: 2014-2017, Implementation Agencies: OECD and Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development



Majlis with the Secretary General of the Arab Fund, Minister of Justice and OECD, 8-9 June 2014, Kuwait

Next Steps

- OECD Peer Review to support the development of judiciary capacities
- Review of the Code of Conduct for Judges and drafting support for a Code for Prosecutors
- Study visit to the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI) on governance challenges in the management of forensic science services and Ministry of Justice, France on ethical codes (13-17 October 2014).