

Study visit on “Strengthening the Rule of Law: Effective and transparent delivery of justice and rule-making in Egypt”

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Summary

The objective of the study visit’s programme is to build legislative drafting capacity in the ministry of Justice, Egypt. The study visit, which is part of the of the Rule of Law project funded by the **MENA Transition Fund-G7 Deauville Partnership**, was addressed to representatives from the General department of Legislation of the Ministry of Justice, Egypt.

It included a visit to Justice Canada, the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations of the Senate and House of Commons, Community of Federal Regulators, the Privy Council, the Canada Gazette, the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Institute of Governance and the University of Ottawa. The delegates benefited from an overview of the approach to legislative drafting in the federal Government of Canada.



In addition, the visit provided an opportunity to exchange good practices in legal drafting and discuss governance of regulatory policy. The delegation was introduced to the different missions and mandates of the institutions mentioned above and their role in drafting quality legislation that meets the needs of public interest. In interactive discussions that were illustrated with real examples drawn from the Canadian experience, the delegation learned about core policy tools such as: legislative drafting guide, regulatory impact assessment and consultation guidelines. The study visit inspired the continuation of the project implementation.

Group photo at Justice Canada, where the delegation saw a mock meeting to discuss draft regulations which showed the complex interplay between the official in the Ministry providing instructions to the lawyer (legislative counsel)

Highlights

The way forward

The study visit has shaped further options for consideration for: 1) the development of a guide for legislative drafting; 2) The draft headings for the proposed Guide to Legislative drafting.



Meeting with the Community of Federal Regulators



Group photo with the Privy Council Office

“The study visit helped us shaping our guide to legislative drafting. It will be the first guide of its kind in Egypt.”

Deputy Minister of Justice, Hani Hanna



Group photo at the Canadian Senate

RECOMMENDATIONS

- I) **Continue** to work on the guide for drafting, based on the experience gained from the visit
- II) **Consider** developing better regulation tools such as regulatory impact and improve consultation
- III) **Design** training programmes to implement the guide for the drafting of legislation in Egypt