



Better Policies for Better Lives: the Role of Legislation



High-Level Presentation and Consultation on the Egyptian Legislative Drafting Manual

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The Project – MENA Transition Fund

Good legislation is essential for the effective application of the Rule of Law, the attraction of inward investment and achieving socio-economic objectives. The project, financed by the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership, supports Egypt in institutionalising good practices and procedures for policy-making and drafting of legislation. In particular, the project supports the building of capacities and mechanisms in legislative drafting. To this end, a legislative drafting manual that provides clear drafting instructions can strengthen regulatory quality and transparency in the rule-making process.

Meeting Overview and Objectives

The Egyptian Legislative Drafting Manual aims to provide a framework of principles guiding legislators and policy-makers in their day-to-day legislative practice. The Manual is tailored to the country-specific priorities of Egypt and aspires to build and improve capacities of national authorities in drafting and reviewing legislation. Its structure follows the chronological sequence of actions of a legislative process, and it will grow based on the feedback given by its users on their experience of working with this tool.

The objective of this high-level meeting is to discuss the Legislative Drafting Manual prepared by the Ministry of Justice of Egypt by drawing on expertise and good practices of OECD countries. The meeting will also introduce the Egyptian legal professionals, parliamentarians and civil servants working on drafting and reviewing legislation to the use of the Manual as a new, reliable tool for the public administration and better regulation.



AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00

➤ **Registration**

➤ **Opening remarks**

10:00 – 11:00

- His Excellency **Justice Mohamed Hosam Ahmed Ali Abdel-Reheem**, Minister of Justice, Egypt
- Her Excellency **Dr. Sahar Nasr**, Minister of Investment and International Cooperation, Egypt, TBC
- His Excellency **Stéphane Romatet**, Ambassador of France to Egypt
- Mrs **Malinne Blomberg**, Country Manager, African Development Bank Country Office, Egypt
- Mr. **Adam Ostry**, Senior Advisor, Public Governance Directorate, OECD

11:00 – 11:30

➤ **Photo & Coffee**

Chair: **Justice Hany Hanna Sedra**, Vice President of the Court of Cassation, Deputy Minister of Justice, Head of General Legislation Department

➤ **Presentation of the Legislative Drafting Guide (30min)**

11:30 – 13:00

- Presentation by **Justice Magued Sobhi**, President of Appeal, Department of General Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Egypt
- Intervention by OECD peers:
 - **William Robinson**, Legislative Drafting Expert, Former European Commission
 - **Edward Donelan**, Legislative Drafting Expert, Ireland

➤ **Discussion with key Egyptian stakeholders (1h)**

➤ **Conclusions**

13:00 – 13:30

- Judge **Ahmed Moheb**, Department of General Legislation, Ministry of Justice, Egypt
- Ms **Miriam Allam**, Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international body that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 36 member countries, a secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. We collaborate with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme strengthens collaboration with the most relevant multilateral initiatives currently underway in the region. In particular, the Programme supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership and assists governments in meeting the eligibility criteria to become a member of the Open Government Partnership. Through these initiatives, the Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.



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