"Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law (RoL)"

Capacity-building programme on public consultations (part 1)

Agenda

21 & 22 December 2022

The project

In coordination with the PMO and its counterparts, the OECD is implementing the EU-funded project* "Support the Palestinian Authority to enhance Governance and the Rule of Law" (2020-2024). The overall objective of the project is to support the Palestinian Authority and contribute to achieving a more effective, transparent and participatory policy- and law-making process set in a clear normative framework, and thus enhance citizens and businesses trust in their government's action. More specifically, the project will aim at enhancing the capacity of law and policy-makers to:

– Produce clear, effective and transparent primary and secondary legislation,
– Use efficient public consultation mechanisms as part of the policy development process, and
– Develop (and improve) online tools providing access to adopted and draft legislation.

*The project is implemented with funding by the European Union.

The activity

In this framework a capacity-building programme will be organized on 21 and 22 December 2022 for dedicated governmental staff of the PA to strengthen existing public consultation mechanisms as part of the policy- and legislative- development process and make a specific use of the tools to efficiently apply public consultation. The programme will build on the PA Guidelines on Public Consultation developed by the Ministry of Justice in 2018.

The activities will be delivered by a local expert (on-site). OECD and MENA peers will intervene remotely to share best practices from OECD and MENA countries in terms of public consultation mechanisms, which will build on OECD standards and principles including from the OECD

Recommendation of the Council on Open Government[1] and the OECD Recommendation of the Council on Regulatory Policy and Governance[2].

Workshop and training on the institutional framework, mechanisms, and tools for public consultation in policy and legislation making

Content Day 1 – 21 December	Time (Ramallah time)
Registration	08:30 – 09:00
Opening • **Dr. Estephan Salameh**, Prime Minister's Office • **Mr. Thomas Kirchner**, European Union Representation • **Ms. Miriam Allam**, Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme	09:00 – 09:30
Session 1 – Mapping existing institutional framework, mechanisms and practices for public consultations – Institutional framework and current practices of governmental stakeholders in the public consultation process – Presentation around the Palestinian Authority's Public Consultations Guidelines (2017) – Identifying opportunities for better institutional coordination – Discussion	09:30– 11:00
Coffee Break	11:00-11:30
Intervention from OECD and MENA peers on best practices and lessons learned & Q/A • **Mr. Guillermo Hernandez,** Policy Analyst, OECD - Presentation of recommendations and good practices on stakeholder engagement from the OECD Review • **Ms. Saoussan Moalla,** Public Services Advisor, Presidency of the Government, Tunisia	11:30– 12:30
Session 2 – Stakeholder mapping and analysis – Stages of public consultation in policy and legislative development – Tools and best practices for effectively identifying interested and affected parties that should be included in the consultation process	12:00 – 13:00

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[1] https://legalinstruments.oecd.org/en/instruments/OECD-LEGAL-0438
[2] https://www.oecd.org/gov/regulatory-policy/2012-recommendation.htm

Session 3 – Strengthening consultation mechanisms to better engage the public in policy- and legislative-development (part 1) – Elaborating a clear timeframe and strengthening guidelines for the different stages of consultation – Setting binding minimum consultation standards	13:00 – 14:00
Recap of the day	14:00-14:15
Lunch	14:15–14:45

Content Day 2 – 22 December	**Time (Ramallah time)**
Registration & Pre-training evaluation	08:30-09:00
Session 4 – Strengthening consultation mechanisms to better engage the public in policy- and legislative-development (part 2) – Collecting data, information and sampling as part of public consultation processes – Enhancing the use of a multi-channel approach that combines a wider range of consultation tools	09:00 – 10:00
Session 5 – Integrating and communicating about the results of public consultation – Mechanisms, channels and tools for communicating around the results of public consultations (reports, website, visualising data, etc.) – Building monitoring mechanisms in order to support quality control	10:00 – 11:00
Coffee break	11:00 – 11:30
Intervention from OECD and MENA peers on best practices and lessons learned & Q/A • **Mr. Nikos Archontas**, Secretariat-General, Policy Officer, Evaluation, Impact Assessment and Stakeholder Consultation, European Commission • **Mr. Mohamed Moussa,** Interim Director of Information Systems, Ministry of Digital Transition and Administrative Reform, Morocco	11:30– 12:30
Session 6 – Setting the roadmap for improving public consultation mechanisms Collective exercise to set key recommendations to develop / improve concrete tools and innovative approaches to public consultations for the PA, and more particularly:	12:30 –13:45

• Improve institutional framework and clarify roles and responsibilities for conducting public consultations • Increase take-up and implementation of the Public Consultation Guidelines • Promote further participation of external stakeholders (public, private, civil society) across stages of policy and legislative development	
Review and evaluation of the training	13:45 - 14:00
Lunch	14:00 – 14:45