



Ministry of Justice
Republic of Lebanon



Regional Conference on
“Good Judiciary and Criminal Justice”

November 29-30, 2008

Beirut- Lebanon

Agenda

Day One: Saturday 29 November, 2008

09:00-10:00	Registration
10:00-11:00	<p>Opening Session</p> <p><i>Official Statement:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Marta Ruedas, <i>Resident Representative in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i> <p><i>Statements by Chairs of the Regional Working Group on Judicial Reform and Enforcement of Judgments:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E Mr. Ayman Odeh, <i>Minister of Justice/Chair of the regional working group on Judicial Reform and Enforcement of Judgments, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i> - Mr. Eric Minnegheer, <i>Regional Attaché of Co-operation for the Justice Sector, French Embassy to Jordan and Representative of the French Co-Chair</i> - Mr. Jeffrey Cole, <i>Justice Attaché for the U.S Embassy, Egypt and Representative of US Co-Chair</i> <p><i>Official Statement:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E Professor Ibrahim Najjar, <i>Minister of Justice, Lebanese Republic</i> <p><i>Presentation of the Programme:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Wassim Harb, <i>Senior Rule of Law Advisor, Programme of Governance in the Arab Region (UNDP-POGAR)</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<p>Session One: Principles for Good Judiciary and Criminal Justice: International and regional frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on international principles and standards in the area of justice • Overview on Arab principles and standards in the area of justice • Benchmarking; a tool to strengthen justice systems based on international and regional frameworks.

	<p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Francois Falletti- <i>President of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP)</i> - Mr. Assaad Diab- <i>Former Minister, Lebanese Republic</i> - Mr. Eduardo Vetere- <i>Vice-President of IAACA and Former Director of the Treaty Division, UNODC</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
<p>13:00-14:30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:30-16:00</p>	<p>Session Two: The role of justice systems in achieving security and combating crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of public prosecutors in formulating and implementing coordinated criminal justice policies. • The role of specialized research centers and forensic institutes in policy making. • The importance of periodic assessment of criminal justice systems and major evaluation tools. <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Roger Coe Salazar- <i>Chief Crown Prosecutor, United Kingdom</i> - Mr. Giovanni Pasqua- <i>Director, International Institute for Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Italy</i> - Mr. Wim Neuteboom- <i>Head of Department for Foreign Affairs, Education, Science, and Research/Secretary at ENFSI, The Netherlands</i> - Mr. Hatem Aly- <i>Senior Crime Prevention Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC)</i> <p>General Discussion</p>

Day Two: Sunday 30 November, 2008

09:30-10:45	<p>Session Three (Part 1): Modernizing criminal laws; an entry point to strengthening justice systems in light of human rights' norms and standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and regional norms and standards on human rights in the administration of justice. • Case study; the state of criminal law in Jordan. • Case study; the state of criminal law in Egypt. <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Dominique Jacques, <i>European Commission Senior Expert</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Fateh Azzam- <i>Regional Representative for the Middle East Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</i> – Mr. Farouk Al-Keelani- <i>Lawyer, Jordan</i> – Mr. Khaled Ahmad- <i>Judge and Regional Expert for the Project on Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices, Egypt</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	<p>Session Three (Part 2): Modernizing criminal laws; an entry point to strengthening justice systems in light of human rights' norms and standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Lebanon • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Morocco • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Yemen <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mrs. Dominique Jacques, <i>European Commission Senior Expert</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Ghaleb Ghanem- <i>Head of State Council, Lebanon</i> – Mr. Mohammed Benalilou- <i>Head of the Division of Special Affairs in the Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Amnesty, Morocco</i> – Mr. Sharafeddine Al-Mahbashi- <i>Head of the Judiciary Inspection Committee, Yemen</i> <p>General discussion</p>

12:00-12:15	Lunch Break
12:15-13:45	<p>Session Four: International and regional cooperation in the area of justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on Inter-Arab cooperation efforts in the area of justice. • Joint Euro-Arab efforts in the area of justice. • Efforts of United Nations agencies in the area of justice in the Arab region • The role of professional associations in promoting international cooperation in the area of justice. <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Hatem Aly- <i>Senior Crime Prevention Officer, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNODC)</i> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr. Abdullah Hamed Kilani –<i>Assigned Minister, League of Arab States</i> – Mr. Eric Minnegheer- <i>Regional Attaché of the Cooperation Justice Sector in the French Embassy- Jordan</i> – Mr. José Maria Bento Company – <i>President of the International Association of Judges (IAJ), Italy</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
13:45-14:00	Coffee Break
14:00-14:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary and review of the sessions’ result • Recommendations • Closing Statement
14:30	Lunch