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Kingdom of Jordan
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**Programme on Strengthening the Rule of Law in Some Arab States
“Project on Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices”**

**Regional Conference
On the
“Legal Organization of Public Prosecution”**

**The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Le Meridien Hotel, 13-14 November, 2007**

Agenda

First Day - November 13, 2007

- 09:00 – 09:45 **Opening session: Welcoming speeches**
- Statement by His Excellency the Minister of Justice, **Mr. Sharif Al Zubi**
 - Statement by UNDP-Country Office in Jordan, **Ms. Mona Hider**
 - Statement by His Excellency Head of Public Prosecution Office in Jordan, **Judge Yousef El Hmoud**
 - Statement by POGAR-Project on the Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices, **Mrs. Reem Abu Hassan**
- 09:45 – 10:15 **Coffee Break**
- 10:15- 12:15 **First session: The legal foundation of the concept and role of public prosecution in criminal procedures**
- The role of public prosecution in criminal procedures in the various criminal justice systems.

- The source of public prosecution's powers in the various criminal justice systems.

Chairman:

- **H.E. Judge Yousef El Hmoud/** Head of the Public Prosecution Office (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Speakers:

- **Judge Pascal Lemoine,** Inspector, Judicial Service (France)
- **Mr. Rosario Aitalia,** Director of the Criminal Justice Department, European Commission and Advisor to the Italian Parliament (Italy)
- **Mr. Wolfgang Schomburg,** Judge, Appeals Chambers, ICTY,ICTR (Germany)
- **Mrs. Elizabeth Howe,** General Counsel, The International Association of Prosecutors “IAP” (UK)
- **Professor Nizam Al-Majali,** Instructor of Criminal Law, University of Mo'ota (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

12:15 – 12:30

Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00

Second Session: The independence of the public prosecution from the judiciary

- The powers and jurisdictions of the public prosecution and the judiciary: cooperation and interaction.
- Identifying the extent of aspired independence from the judiciary and the other authorities: total independence or administrative and financial independence.
- The current situation in the Arab Region
- The United Nations Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary (1985).

Chairman:

- **Judge Naji Al Zubi/** Public Prosecutor of Amman (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)

Speakers:

- **Judge Nabil Omran/** Vice President of the Supreme Court and Deputy Secretary General, Higher Judicial Council in Egypt
- **Judge Dr. Jamal Al Zoubi/** Amman Court of Appeals in Jordan
- **Judge Mohamed Benalilou/** Head of the Division of Special Affairs in the Directorate of Criminal Affairs and Amnesty in Morocco

14:00 – 15:00

Lunch break

15:00 – 17:00

Third Session: The regional and international standards governing the role of public prosecutors

- The United Nations Guidelines on the Role of Prosecutors (1990).
- The Bangalore Principles on Judicial Conduct.
- The regional standards governing the performance and conduct of public prosecutors.

Chairman:

- **Judge Ali Abou Hjeili/** Amman Court of Appeals in Jordan

Speakers:

- **Judge Dr. Ali Abou Hjeile/** Amman Court of Appeals (Jordan)
- **Mrs. Elizabeth Howe/** General Counsel, The International Association of Prosecutors “IAP”
- **Mr. Bernard Leroy/** Senior Legal Advisor, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime “UNODC”
- **Mr. Rosario Aitalia/** Director of the Criminal Justice Department, European Commission and Advisor to the Italian Parliament

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09:00 – 10:30

Fourth session: International experiences concerning the role of public prosecutors

- The legal system adopted in international criminal courts.
- The specific powers and jurisdictions granted to public prosecutors in international criminal courts.
- The relationship between the prosecuting authority and the judge in international criminal courts.

Chairman:

- **Judge Dr. Jamal Al Zoubi/** Amman Court of Appeals in Jordan

Speakers:

- **Mr. Wolfgang Schomburg/** Judge, Appeals Chambers, (ICTY/ICTR)
- **Mr. Reinhold Gallmetzer/** Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- **Professor Kamal El-Said/** Former Dean, Jordan School of Law

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Fifth session: National experiences and the means of benefiting from them.

Part 1: *Experience Presentation:*

- The development of the public prosecution in the pilot countries and the challenges it faced.

Chairman:

- **Judge Yasseen Al-Abdallat/** Public Prosecutor, Grand Felony Court

Speakers:

- **H.E. Abdel-Mageed Mahmoud/** Attorney General (Arab Republic of Egypt)
- **Judge Naji Al Zubi /** Public Prosecutor of Amman (Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan)
- **Judge Roukouz Rizk/** Fiscal Public Prosecutor (Republic of Lebanon)
- **Judge Abdeslam Elimani/** Public Prosecutor in Court of 1st instance in Rabat (Kingdom of Morocco)
- **Judge Aly Al-Samet/** President of Court of Appeal, Hadidah Department (Republic of Yemen)

12:00 – 14:00

Part 2: *Round Table Discussion*

- Adopting and activating the characteristics featured by other systems.
- The possible amendments to be introduced to national laws regulating the work of public prosecution offices.

Moderator:

- **Judge Khaled M. Ahmad/** Regional Expert for the Project on Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices

14:00

Discussion and Recommendations

14:30

Lunch