

**Programme on Strengthening the Rule
of Law in the Arab States -
Project on Modernization of Public
Prosecution Offices**



**Launching Meeting
Cairo, 17-18 May 2005**

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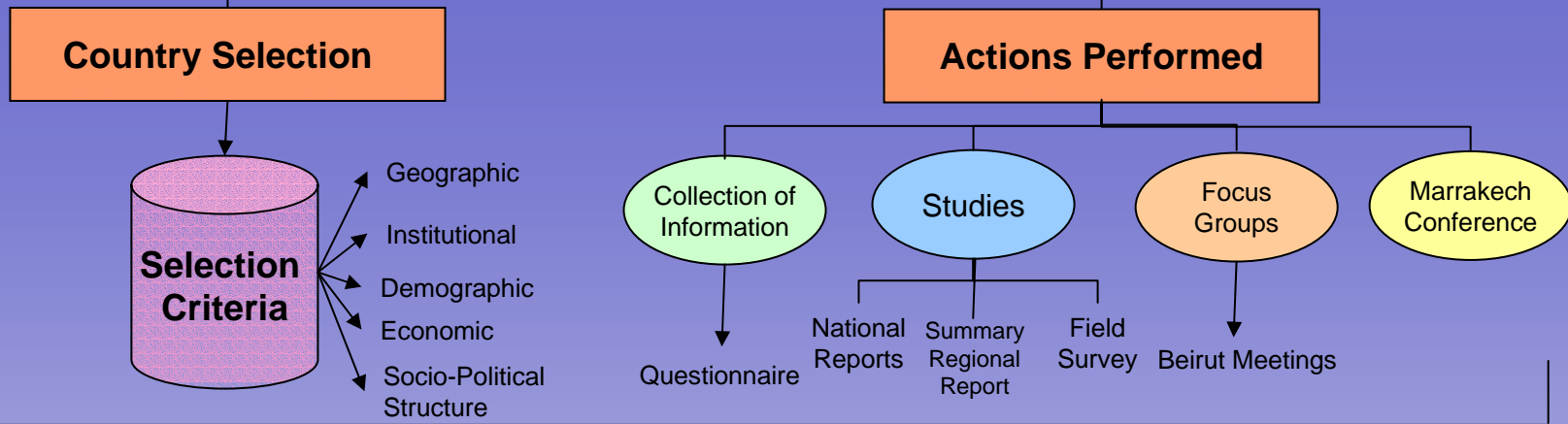
1 - Background

“Prosecutors play a crucial role in the administration of Justice, [...] thus contributing to fair and equitable criminal justice and the effective protection of citizens against crime”.

“Whereas it is essential to ensure that prosecutors possess the professional qualifications required for the accomplishment of their functions, through improved methods of recruitment and legal and professional training, and through the provision of all necessary means for the proper performance of their role in combating criminality, particularly in its new forms and dimension”.

(Guidelines on the Role of Prosecutors Adopted by the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Havana Cuba, 27 August to 7 September 1990).

2 - Preparatory Phase of the Project



Outputs of the Preparatory Phase and additional requirements

Outputs

- Highlighted need for reform of Public Prosecutors' Offices.
- Commitment of the Arab Countries in the reform process.
- The collection of primary information on the state of the Public Prosecutors' Offices in the Arab countries:
 - Handicaps of the Public Prosecutors systems.
 - Problems and obstacles of modernization.
 - Reform of Public Prosecutors Offices does not figure clearly on the agendas of Judicial reform in the Arab region.
 - The increase of the criminality rate relating to new crimes in the Arab countries.
 - Lack of knowledge and awareness regarding new types of crimes (IT crime, terrorism, ...).
- The establishment of guidelines relating to modernization and reform projects.

At the end of this Phase, we recognize that:

1. The reform of Public Prosecutors' Offices cannot be treated separately from criminal procedural law reform.
2. It is important for the success of the reform of Public Prosecutors' Offices to take into consideration the reform and capacity building of the auxiliary organs (clerks, the judicial police, etc.).

Requirements

- Complement knowledge acquired at the needs assessment at different levels.
- Elaborate reform projects and identify priorities.

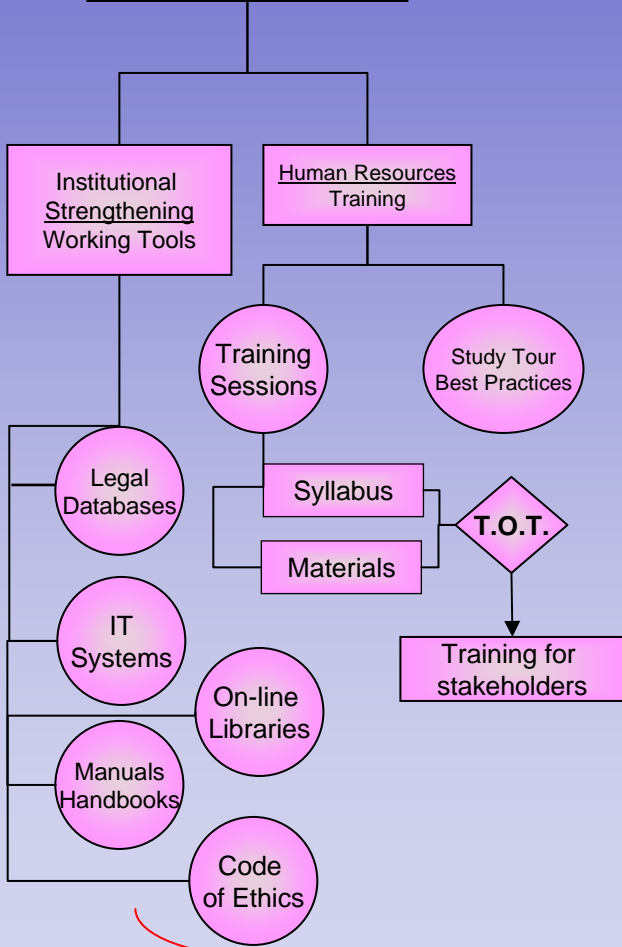
The Outputs of this Preparatory Phase will constitute the basis of this Project

3 - Objectives / Outcomes / Results of the Project

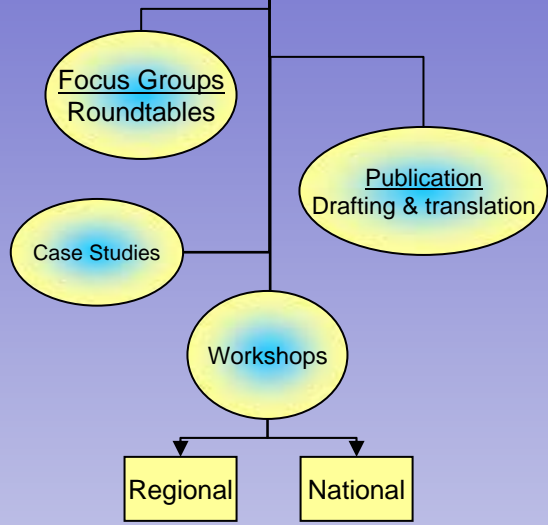
| Defined Objectives of the Project | Outcomes of the Project | Results of the Project |
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase the capacity and quality of State institutions, in particular Public Prosecutors' offices, with a view to increasing security and enforcing respect for the rule of law. 2. To increase interaction between Public Prosecutors' Offices and the public. 3. To support functioning regional and international networks of different stakeholders involved in issues of State and citizen security. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To improve human resources as well as working systems within Public Prosecutors' Offices in the three Pilot Countries. 2. Initiate a process of change towards positive interaction between Public Prosecutors and civil society. 3. Increase communication between State institutions and citizens and between other stakeholders on the regional and national level (by making information on issues of State and citizen security more widely available and by supporting regional links and encouraging dialogue between the different stakeholders). 4. Modernize criminal laws. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective protection of citizens against crime and terrorism. 2. Crime prevention and combating criminality. 3. Fair and equitable criminal justice. 4. Transparency. 5. Improve capacity building of Public Prosecutors especially regarding new crimes: terrorism, money laundering, corruption, etc. 6. Improve security systems and ensure a higher level of personal security and freedom for citizens within the Rule of Law. |

4 - Activities

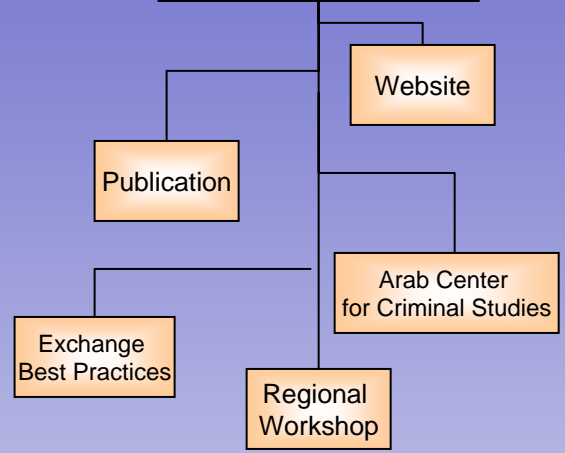
Capacity Building



Interaction Pub.Prof/Civil Society



Communication



Policy Reform

5 - Outcomes

Training

Terrorism

Corruption

Money Laundering

Transnational organized crime

IT Crimes

Relationship between international treaties & domestic Law

Legislative drafting for implementing international instruments

Case Studies

Conflict of Jurisdictions

Extradiction

Legal Assistance/ Access to Justice

Exchange of Information

Transfer of Criminal Proceedings

Joint Investigations

Protection of Witnesses

Law Enforcement Cooperation

Workshops

Women & the law

Security & Terrorism

Juvenile Criminality

Media and law

Others

Law Reform

Criminal Procedure

The concept of Public Prosecutors

Human Rights

Modernization of Working Tools

IT Equipments

Manuals Handbooks

6 - Implementation Mechanism

a - Structure / Organs of the Project

International Advisory Group

[International Experts, Regional Experts,
Representatives of Donors]

Project Management Team (PMT)

[Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), Project
Manager (PM), Assistant, Experts]

National Advisory Group (NAG)

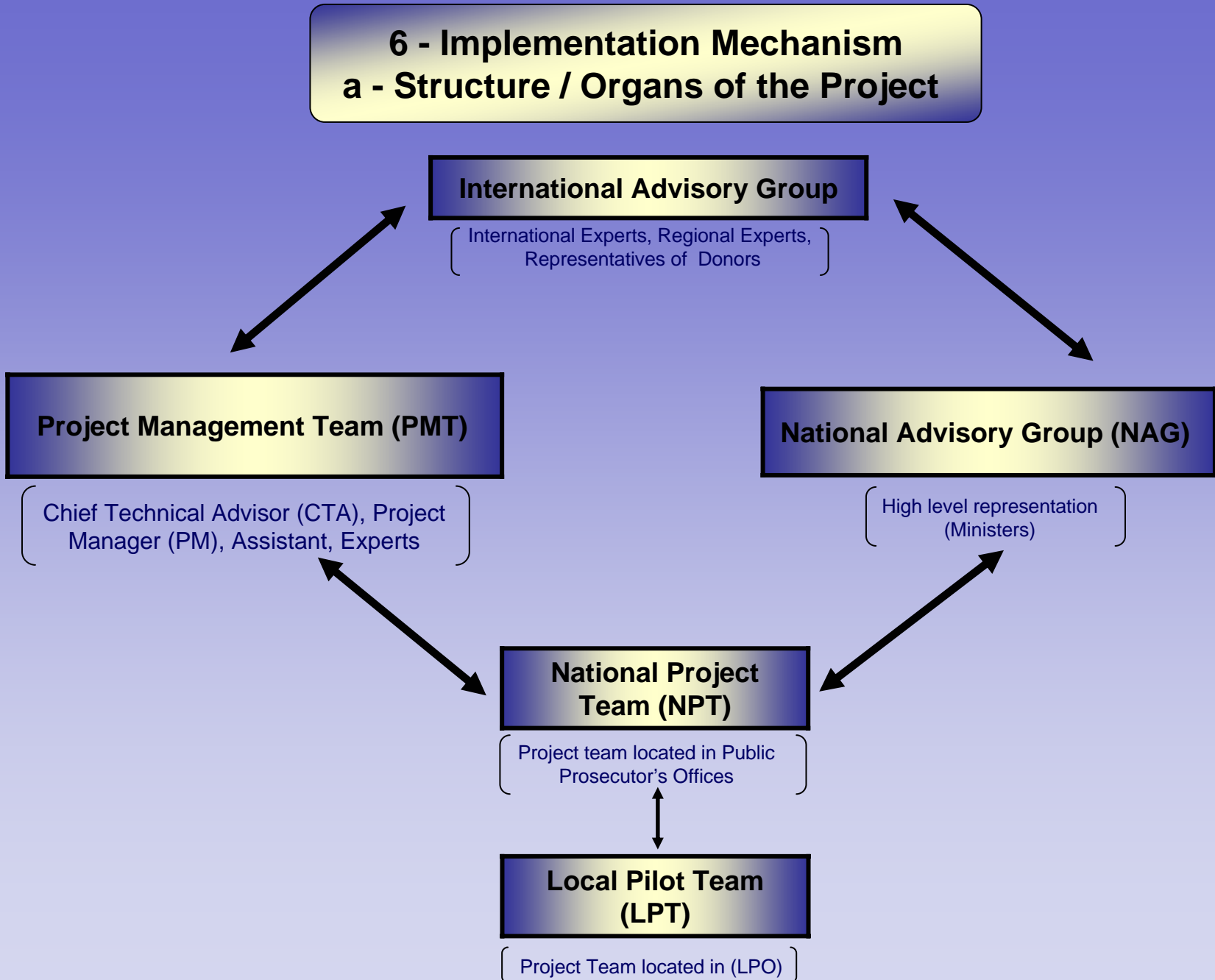
[High level representation
(Ministers)]

National Project Team (NPT)

[Project team located in Public
Prosecutor's Offices]

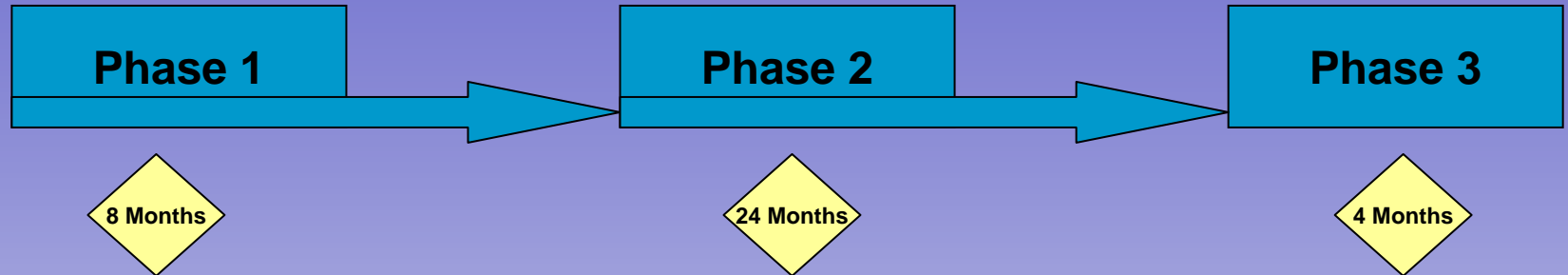
Local Pilot Team (LPT)

[Project Team located in (LPO)]



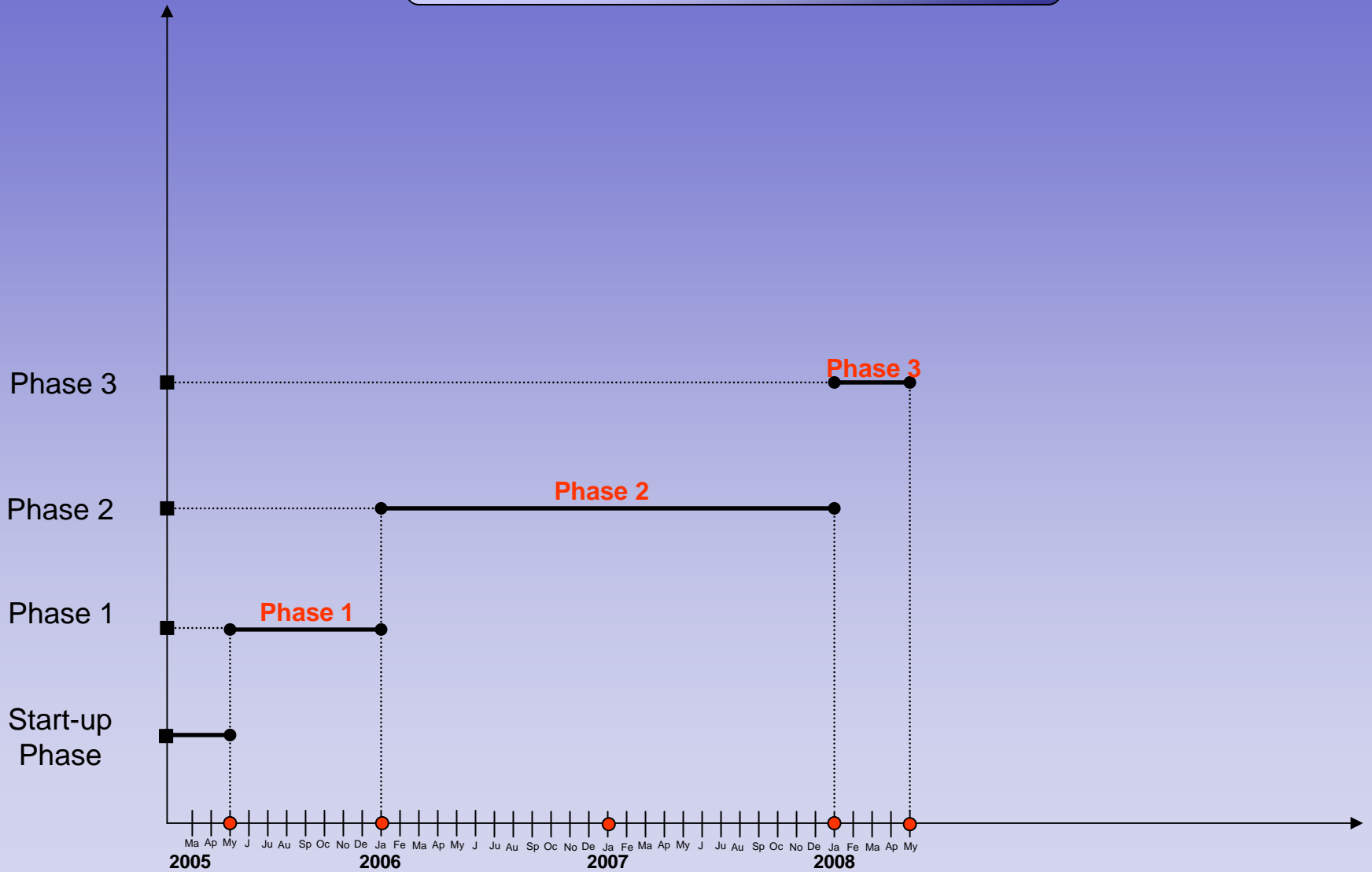
b - Implementation Mechanism Working Plan

Overview of the Main Phases of Implementation (Three Phases)



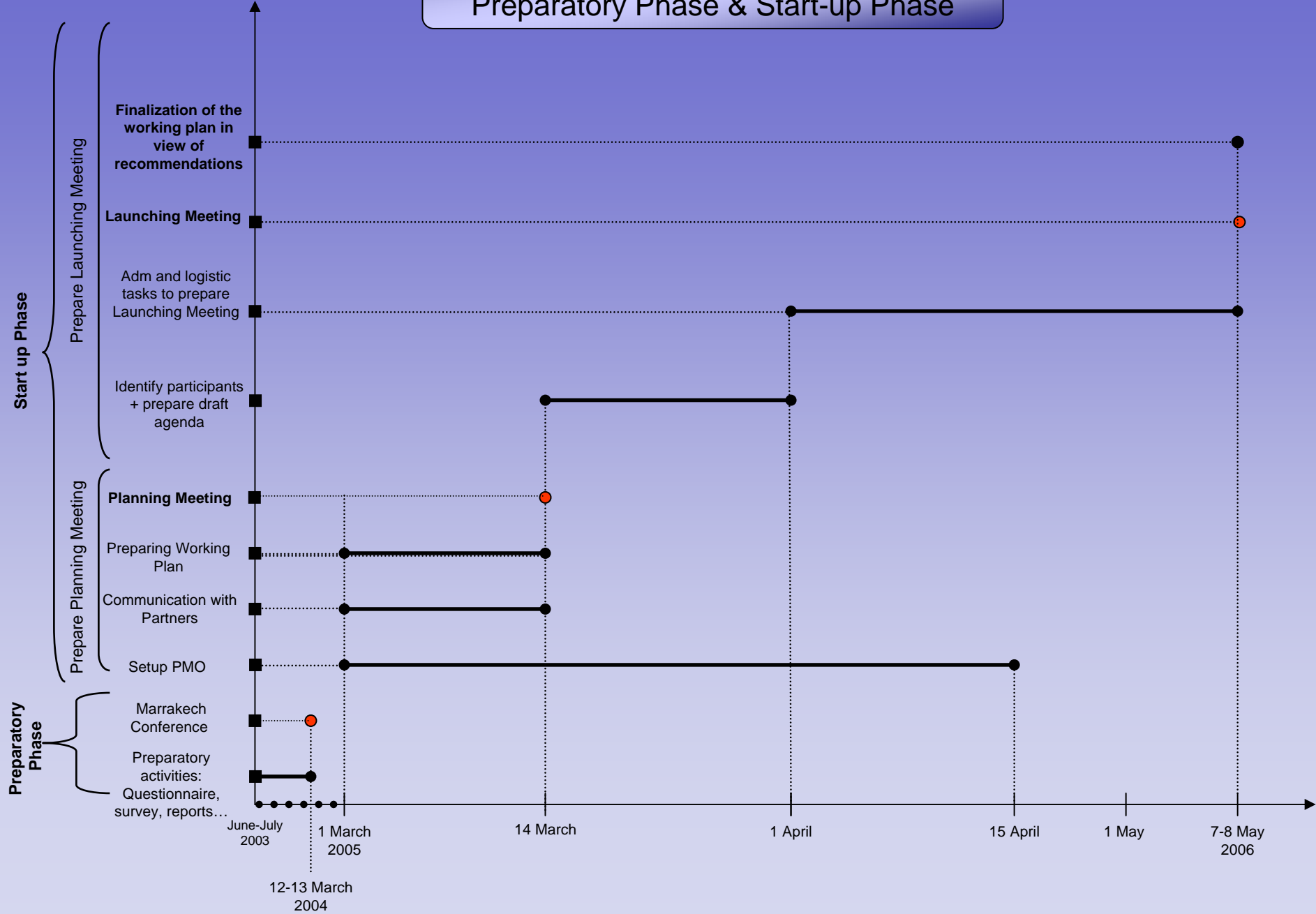
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| Main Tasks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare launching of the project • Set-up offices (PMO, LPO, NPO) • Establishment of groups and teams • Focus groups for brainstorming • Collection of information: (a) ongoing projects (similar), (b) List of experts (national, international) • Elaboration of detailed working plans/national strategy papers, and white papers for the projects • National workshops • Preparation of the Arab Center for Criminal Studies' status and Protocol of Agreement • Set-up website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of various projects: studies, software • Develop training courses and undertake training for trainers and for stakeholders (Pilot) • Conduct focus groups and national workshops • Launching the Arab Center for Criminal Studies, preparation of the framework for its strategy, and its working plan • Launching and updating website • Dissemination of publications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of regional conference • Updating website • Preparation and dissemination of publications • Implementation of the Arab Center for Criminal Studies' projects • Preparation of the Project's final report • Evaluation and assessments |
| Outputs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework for strategy • National strategy papers with objectives • Work plans for LPTs and NPTs • White papers for the projects • Agreement of the Arab Center for Criminal Studies • Framework of the website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studies • Software • Training tools • Publications • Progress reports • Trained trainers • Website • Arab Center for Criminal Studies and its working plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report • Publications • Website |

Implementation Mechanism Time Table

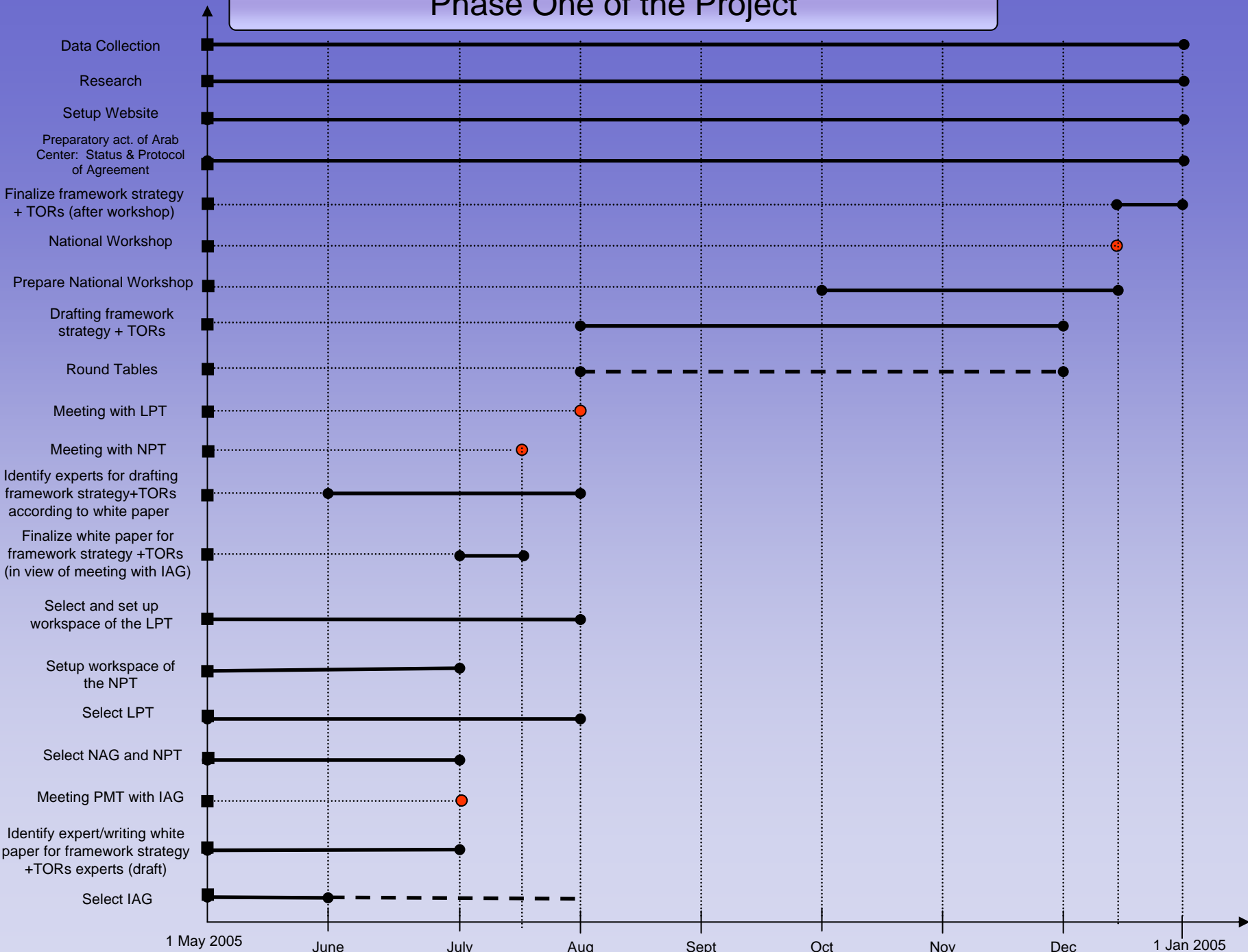


Implementation Mechanism

Preparatory Phase & Start-up Phase

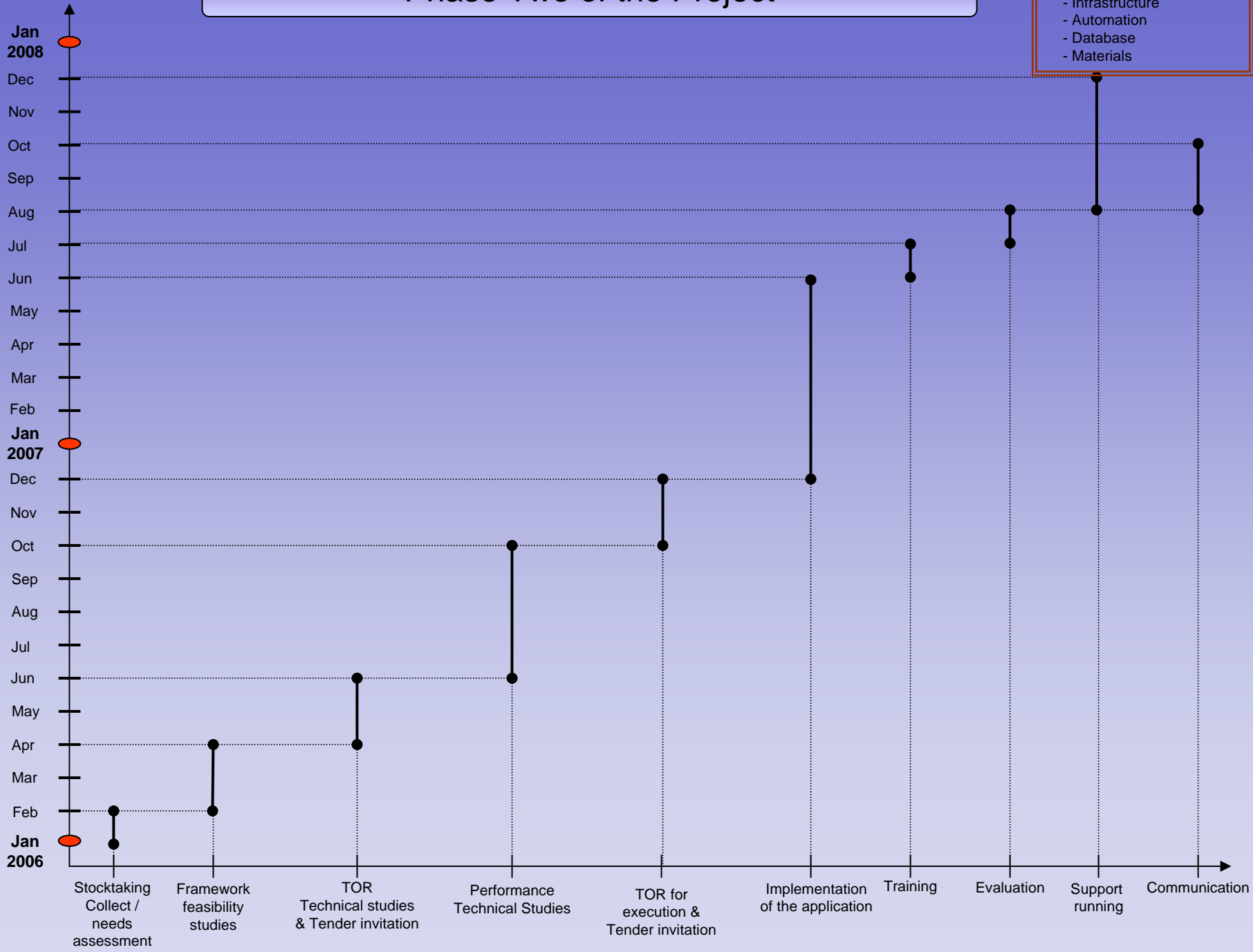


Phase One of the Project



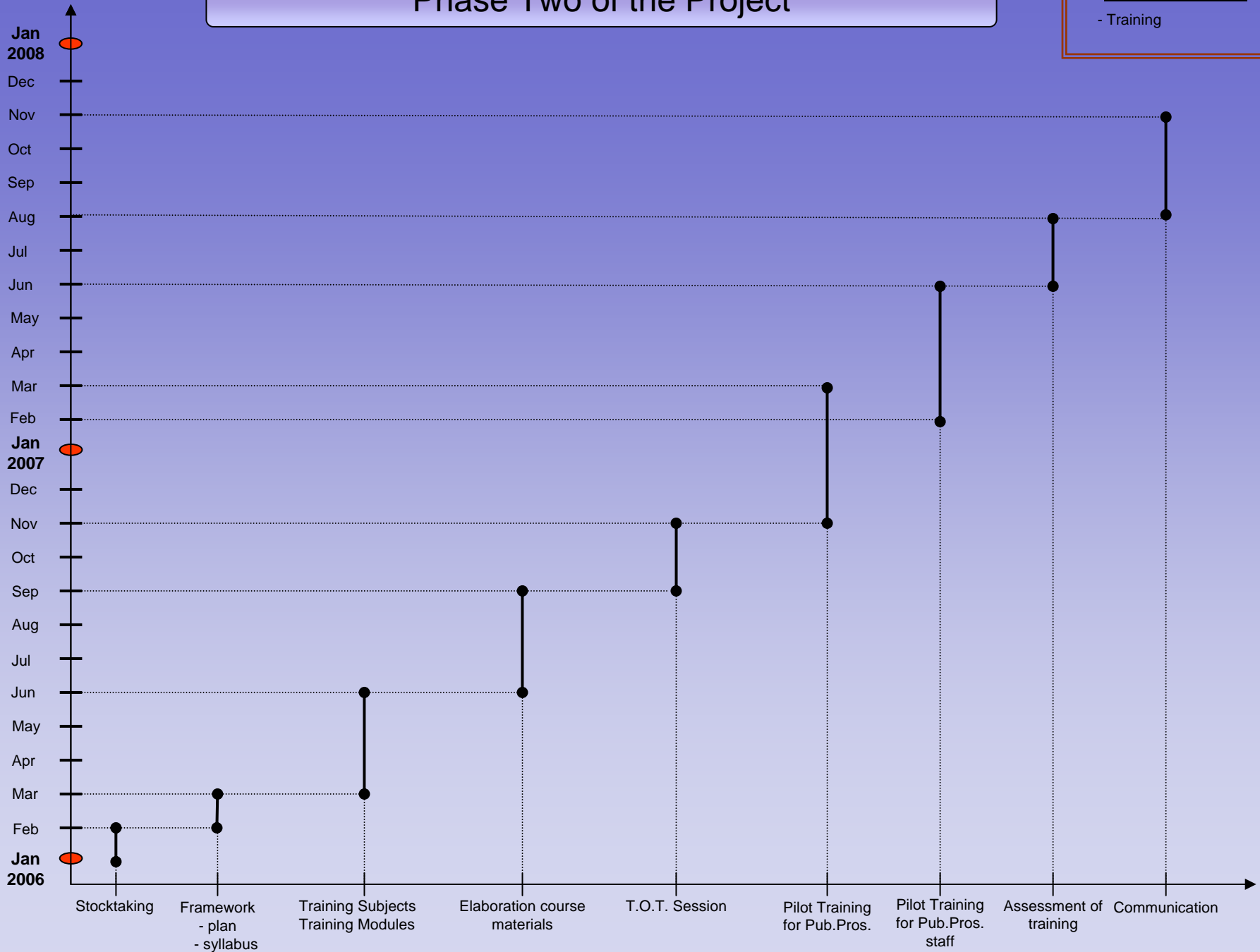
Phase Two of the Project

- I – Capacity Building**
- Infrastructure
 - Automation
 - Database
 - Materials



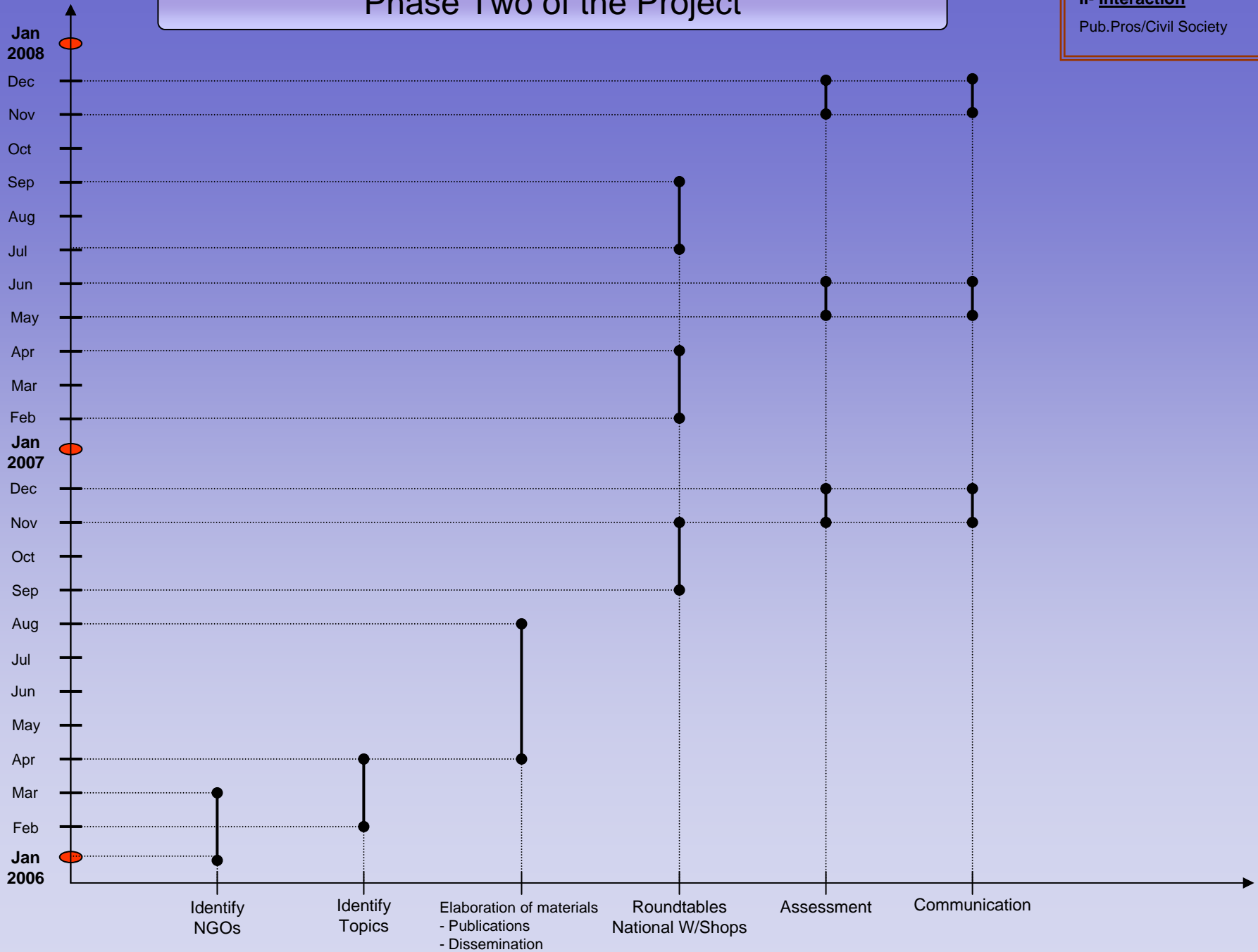
Phase Two of the Project

I – Capacity Building
- Training



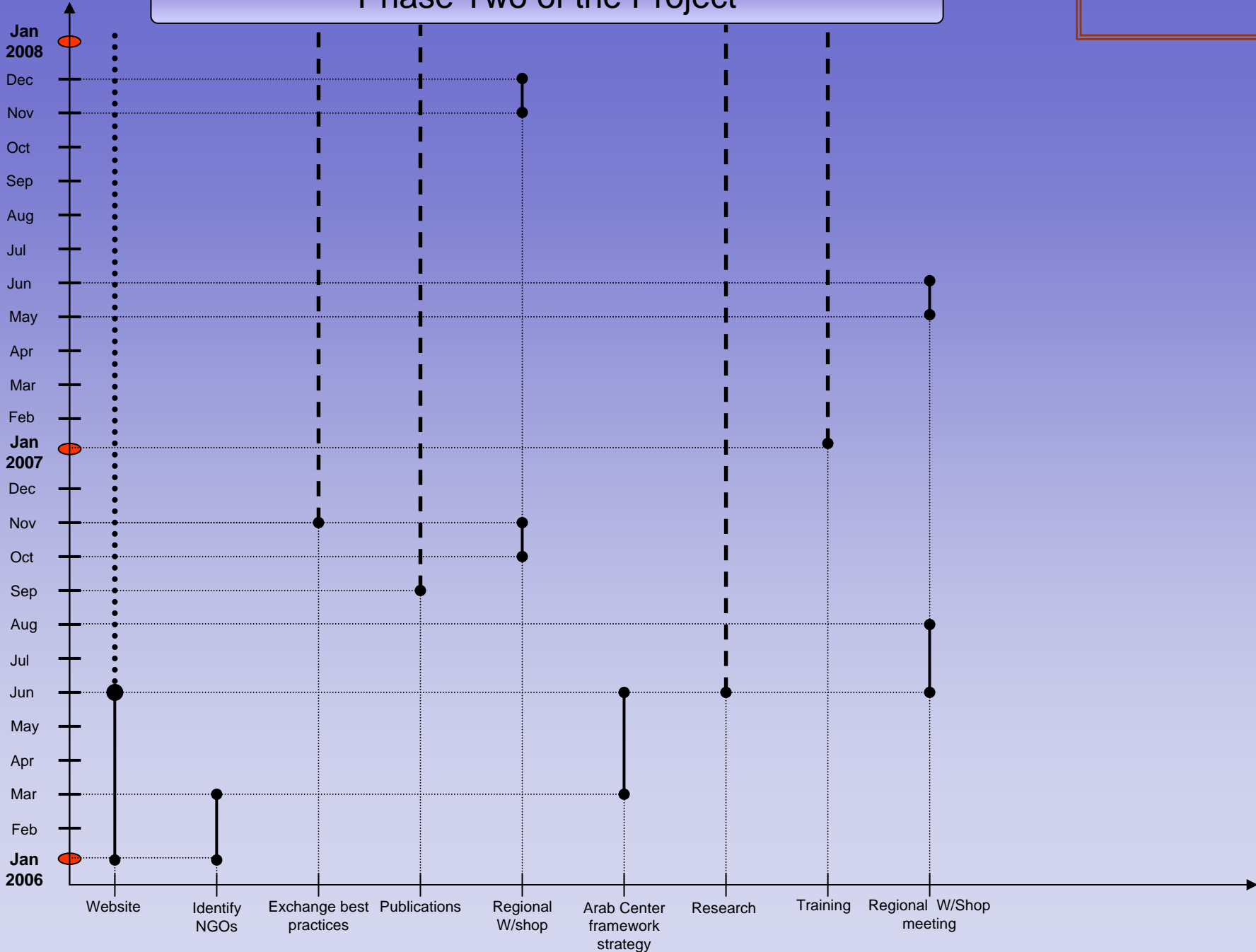
Phase Two of the Project

II- Interaction
Pub.Pros/Civil Society



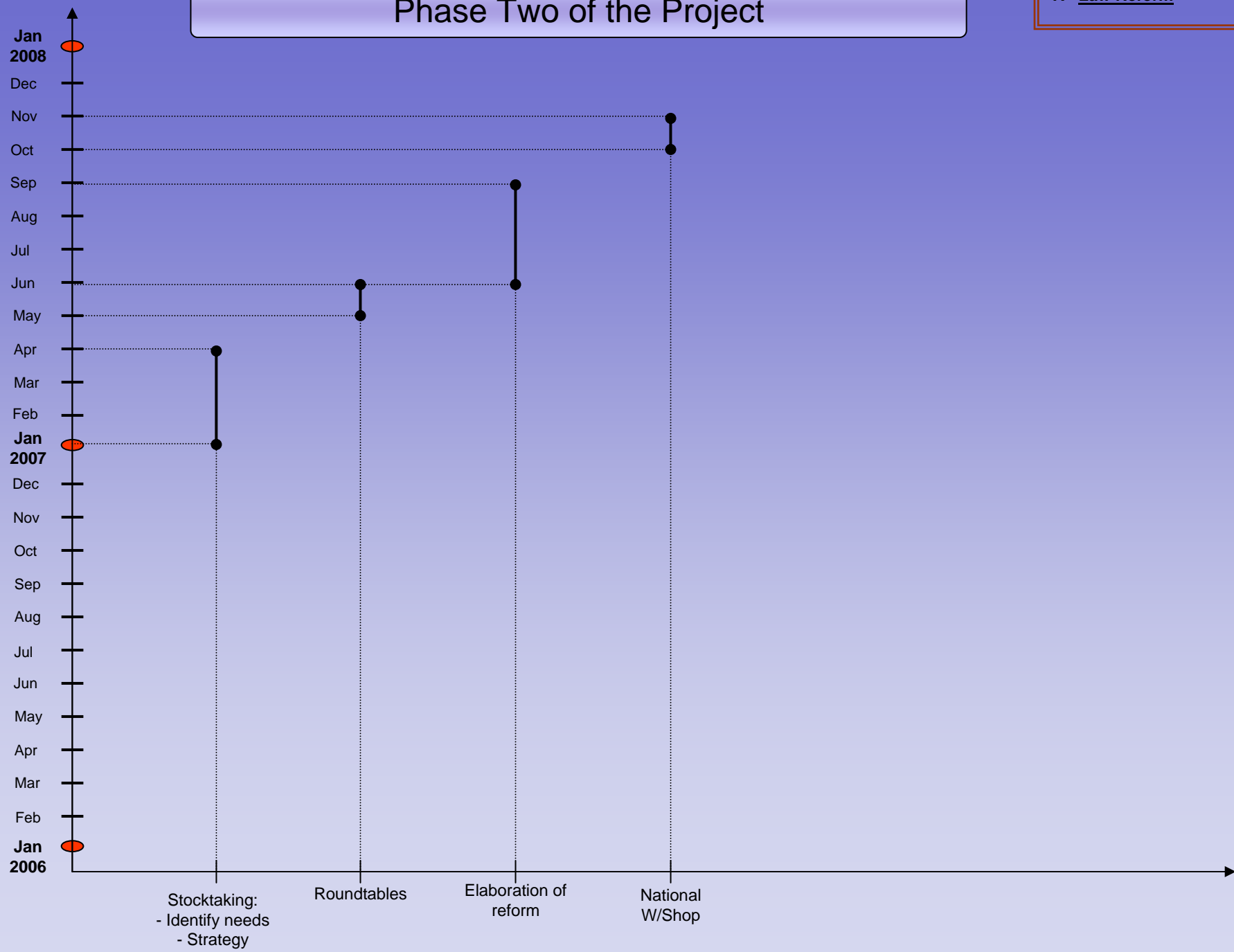
Phase Two of the Project

III- Communication



Phase Two of the Project

IV- Law Reform



Phase Three of the Project

