



Project on
“Provision of Legal Training Components of the for Legal
Institutions in Iraq”

Regional Consolidation Meeting on
the Project’s training sessions

Explanatory Paper



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1. Introduction

In the context of the Project on “Provision of Legal Training Components for Legal Institutions in Iraq”, supported by UNDP Iraq, the Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI)¹ is organizing a consolidation meeting on “the Project’s training sessions” to be held in Beirut on the 27th- of September, 2010 ².

2. General Overview on the Project

The Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI) implements a Project entitled “Provision of Legal Training Components for Legal Institutions of Iraq- LTI”, hereinafter the Project, which comes within a broader Rule of Law (RoL) Programme implemented by UNDP Iraq.

The Project shall be implemented for duration of 14 months, with an overall objective to increase the professionalism and accountability of Government of Iraq justice actors. More specifically, the Project aims to improve the overall functioning and effectiveness of the Higher Judicial Council (HJC), Ministry of Justice (MOJ), Judicial Training Institute (JTI), and the pilot courts in Baghdad, Erbil and Basra through a diverse set of legal training activities tailored for each institution.

The purpose of the HJC training program will be to train judges on strategic planning, judicial ethics and integrity, judicial independence, fair and just investigations, and anti-corruption in addition on training them on relevant areas of both substantive and procedural law; within the MoJ, the aim of the legal training will be to build capacity in strategic planning and provide training on the use of computerized court documents and manuals, and on judicial independence. As for the purpose of the pilot courts training process, it is to help the judges and staff of the pilot courts to fully adopt the new procedures of these courts.

Finally, with regards to the Judicial Training Institute in Iraq, the project aims to establish a comprehensive reform process on the curriculum of the JTI in terms of developing the curriculum and

¹ The Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI) is an Arab regional, non-governmental and non-profit organization, based in Beirut with a number of national branches and partnership organizations in various Arab countries. ACRLI works with governmental agencies, the private sector and civil society organizations for the purpose of achieving its overall objectives through adopting means of scientific research, training, spreading awareness and knowledge building. ACRLI includes a number of leading experts in areas of judicial reform, human rights, combating corruption in the public and private sector, corporate governance, developing the environment of investment and businesses, legal informatics and others. For more information on ACRLI and its activities, please check the following website: www.arabruloflaw.org.

² This paper has been drafted for the purpose of providing basic background information on the workshop, the first activity carried out in the context of the Project on “Provision of Legal Training Components for Legal Institutions in Iraq”. For more information on ACRLI and the Project in general, kindly contact the Project Manager, Ms. Nelly RIHAN on the following email address: nrihan@arabruloflaw.org.

equipping the Institute with required working tools, in addition to providing specialized legal training in the areas of human rights, gender equity, gender-based violence, family law and juvenile justice.

ACRLI will work with a number of entities and individuals in order to ensure that the legal training component is implemented successfully, and these include: (i) UN agencies, including, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNAMI-HRO, UNICEF and others (ii) individual UN and international experts; and the (iii) Iraqi counterparts including the Higher Judicial Council (HJC), the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), and the Judicial Training Institute (JTI).

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3. Event Description

The regional consolidation meeting on the "project's training session" which shall be held in Beirut on September 27, 2010, consists the beginning of the implementation process of the said training sessions on the topics below:

- The methodology of the continuous training and the new training tool;
- Training of Trainers-TOT on "Arbitration", in addition to training sessions on "Arbitration";
- Strategic Planning;
- Juvenile Justice;
- International Laws and Standards and the Procedural Law;
- Performance of fair and just investigation, Criminal Law, Terrorism, Humanitarian Law;
- Judicial Ethics and Judicial Independence;
- Anti-Corruption;
- Gender Based Violence;
- Human Rights;
- Gender Equity;
- Family Code;

This meeting aims at presenting and discussing the draft programmes of the training sessions, whether related to the training topics, or to the methodologies that shall be adopted during the implementation. The training programmes shall be fine tuned according to the comments and feedback of the participants in the consolidation meeting.

It should be noted that ACRLI has benefited from the expertise and experience of its wide pool of regional and international experts who assisted in the design of the training sessions programmes.

In this regard, ACRLI adopted the international best practices and methodologies in designing the training sessions, elaborating its programme, conducting extensive research on the concerned topics and selecting the trainers. ACRLI will be using during the implementation of the training sessions the best techniques in the training process and the proper delivery of information and knowledge to the trainees, who will be evaluated during the beginning and the end of each training session.

Accordingly, the training programmes are based on the data and documents collected from international and local references, and the general framework of the training sessions were developed in close coordination with the international and regional experts, specially experts from the Judicial

Institute in France- ENM, in a way that consists with the Iraqi situation and the needs of the target beneficiaries.

Moreover, ACRLI will be using a practical approach while implementing the training sessions that focuses mainly on practical side and on enhancing the skills and capacities of the judges and the beneficiaries in each training session.

Therefore, the objectives of this workshop can be summarized as follows:

- Presentation and discussion of suggested training plan
- Shedding light on the research reports and background papers of the training sessions;
- Presentation and discussion of the contents of the training sessions;
- Introducing the trainers and discussing the tools and methodologies of the training sessions;

It is expected that during the meeting the training plan will be finalized and implemented accordingly during the upcoming 6 months.

- Participants: This workshop shall bring along representatives of the relevant judicial bodies in Baghdad and Kurdistan, as well as regional and international experts (ENM, UNDP and others).
- Logistics: ACRLI is organizing the mentioned workshop in Monroe Hotel, Beirut. For any queries about logistical details, please contact Ms. Romy Salem on: rsalem@arabruloflaw.org

4. Programme of Workshop

The one day meeting is held from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

After the opening speeches, The **first session** of the meeting provides a general overview of the components of the training sessions. This session will also present the topics of the training sessions in general, as well as the terminologies of the topics and the related general design and finalize the dates, location and target beneficiaries of the training sessions.

Furthermore, this session will present a brief on the methodologies of performance that shall be adopted during the training sessions, it will also provides a presentation of the pre and post evaluation process of each training session, which will allow a proper assessment of the progress made and level of understanding of the target beneficiaries.

Session two of the meeting will present and discuss the research reports prepared by the experts in close coordination with the center, in addition to presenting the methodology adopted in the search, data collection process, and references related to the different topics. This session will also demonstrate the main findings and outputs of the research which constituted a solid ground to identify the programmes and contents of the training sessions.

The **third session** and last session shall bring together the international, regional and local experts who have participated in the elaboration process of the training materials, where they will present and discuss the tools and methods of the training, in addition to the methodology of performance and implementation that will take into consideration the practical approach and international best practices in order to achieve the needed results and objectives.

5. Final Remarks

This meeting is expected to form a starting point in the implementation phase of the upcoming training sessions within the project, and an important phase in achieving one of the Project objectives namely, implementing some training courses in specialized legal areas such as human rights, gender equity, gender-based violence, family law, juvenile justice, and others.

The conclusions and recommendations of the meeting shall be published on ACRLI's website: www.arabruloflaw.org. For further questions and comments please contact the Project Manager, Ms. Nelly Rihan at the following address nrihan@arabruloflaw.org.