



Towards Child-Friendly Justice in Egypt project

Consultation meeting
Thursday 20 May 2021
from 12h00 to 13h00 via zoom



The Project

The objective of this project is to support the development of a child-friendly justice system in Egypt by enhancing the judicial capacity, institutional coordination and effectiveness of the Egyptian Juvenile justice system to better protect children in contact with the law. Aligned with Egypt Vision 2030, the National Child Strategy and the UN SDGs, the project is implemented by the OECD with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

As part of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme and rule of law support to Egypt, this project will support the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood in enabling a child-friendly justice environment through policymaking, planning and better coordination mechanisms.

The project will facilitate high-level engagement in support of effective implementation of the objectives of the Strategic Framework for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt and the National Plan (2018-2030) to contribute to strengthening the Rule of Law and enable a child-friendly justice system in Egypt, and will avail experiences from different OECD countries particularly through peer-to-peer exchanges and policy dialogue with the Government of Egypt.

The proposed activities on child-friendly justice will provide support to the Government of Egypt in identifying key challenges and opportunities in this field and build a roadmap for reform and raising public awareness on the importance of child-friendly justice.

Objective of the consultation meeting

This meeting brings together the NCCM leadership and the OECD project team in order to discuss and agree on a tentative timeline for the implementation of the project activities and action plan.

AGENDA

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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Welcoming word and overview about the role of NCCM within the Juvenile Justice System in Egypt
Dr. Sahar El Sonbaty, Secretary General of the NCCM |
| 10:15 -10:30 | Project Overview: Objectives, stakeholders and activities
Dr Miriam Allam, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme |
| 10:30 -10:45 | Strategic review: objectives, methodology and timeline
Dr Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Senior Justice Counsellor |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Open discussion and next steps |

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) is the agency for international cooperation of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA). The SDC is responsible for the overall coordination with other federal authorities of development and cooperation with Eastern Europe as well as for humanitarian aid delivered by the Swiss Confederation.

Swiss international cooperation, which is an integral part of the Federal Council's foreign policy, aims to alleviate need and poverty around the world, to foster respect for human rights, to promote democracy and to conserve the environment. It fosters economic self-reliance and state autonomy, contributes to the improvement of production conditions, helps address environmental problems, and ensures better access to education and basic healthcare services.

The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international organisation that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 37 Member countries, a Secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. It collaborates with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change, and measures productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

The OECD and Access to Justice for Children

The OECD supports its Member and partner countries in achieving more responsive and people-centred justice services and access to justice as core components of inclusive growth, sound democracies and a thriving investment climate. Vulnerable groups, including children and youth, face particular barriers to access justice, such as complex procedures, high costs and lack of legal empowerment. In particular, children have specific needs and rights but tend to face heightened difficulties in getting their legal needs addressed, which exacerbates the likelihood of trauma and impedes child well-being. The OECD supports countries in moving towards child-friendly justice that puts children at the centre of design and delivery of justice services and ensures their needs are met.

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policy making and transparency.

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