



High-Level Launch of the Strategic Review “Towards a child-friendly justice system in Egypt: Implementing SDGs for children”



25 July 2023, 10.00 – 15.30 (Cairo time)
Sofitel El Gezirah, Cairo, Egypt

Agenda



The Project

The objective of this project is to support the development of a child-friendly justice system in Egypt and better protect children in contact with the law. Aligned with Egypt's Vision 2030, the National Child Strategy and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the project is implemented by the OECD with the financial support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The project facilitates high-level engagement in support of the objectives of the Strategic Framework and National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt 2018-2030. It contributes to strengthening the Rule of Law and avails experiences from different OECD countries, particularly through peer-to-peer exchanges and policy dialogues with the Government of Egypt.

As part of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme, the project will provide support to the Government of Egypt in identifying key challenges and opportunities, building a Roadmap for reform and raising public awareness on the importance of child-friendly justice.

The two main outcomes of the project are as follows:

- Improved capacities of child-justice stakeholders to better protect children in contact with the justice system;
- Improved governance and coordination mechanisms among key child justice stakeholders.

The OECD aims to support the Government of Egypt to further enhance and empower the coordination and protection role of the child justice system. The support will be carried out in accordance with the objectives of the Strategic Framework & National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood.

Objective of the High-Level Conference

The objective of the High-Level Conference is to launch the Strategic Review **“Towards a child-friendly justice system in Egypt: Implementing SDGs for children”** in the presence of key national stakeholders, international partners, and OECD embassies. The conference aims to facilitate a dialogue between all national and international stakeholders, providing a unique opportunity to share and discuss the Review's main findings and recommendations.

Target participants:

The conference will gather high level representatives from involved key national stakeholders: The Ministry of Health and Population, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Social Solidarity, the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of International Cooperation, the Public Prosecution Office, and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, along with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, international actors, OECD peers and experts and the OECD Secretariat.

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Tuesday, 25 July 2023

Simultaneous interpretation between English and Arabic will be available.

10:00 – 11:00	Welcoming of participants
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Welcoming Speech and keynote</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E Justice Omar Marwan, Minister of Justice ▪ Eng. Nevine Osman, Secretary General, the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood <p><i>Opening</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Dr. Nivine El Kabbag, Minister of Social Solidarity ▪ H.E. General Hesham Amna, Minister of Local Development ▪ H.E. Counsellor Hossam Shaker, Head of the Child Protection Office - Public Prosecutor ▪ H.E. Yvonne Baumann, Ambassador of Switzerland to Egypt ▪ Dr. Martin Forst, Head of Governance Reviews and Partnerships, Public Governance Directorate, OECD ▪ H.E. Dr. Hala El Said, Minister of Planning and Economic Development
12:00 – 12:15	Open Discussion
12:15 – 12:30	Coffee break
12:30 – 13:30	<p>Presentation of the Key findings of the Strategic Review “Towards a child-friendly justice system in Egypt: Implementing SDGs for children”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Senior Justice Counsellor, OECD ▪ Ms. Claire Farid, Director General and Senior General Counsel, Family Law and Youth Justice Section, Justice Canada <p>Keynote interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Justice Amal Ammar, Assistant Minister for Human, Women and Child Rights, Ministry of Justice ▪ Counsellor Mohamed Al Hussein, Child Protection Office - Public Prosecution ▪ Counsellor Mohamed Kamary, Assistant Minister for Family and Child Affairs, Ministry of Social Solidarity ▪ Counsellor Dr. Alaa Ramadan, Legal Advisor of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood ▪ Dr. Mona Essam, Assistant Minister for Sustainable Development, Ministry of Planning and Economic Development <p>Moderator: Mr. Amr Soliman, Project Lead and Policy Analyst, OECD</p>
13:30 – 15:00	Open discussion
15:00 – 15:30	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Dr. Saleh El-Sheikh, President of the Central Agency for Organisation and Administration ▪ H.E. Dr. Rania Al Mashat, Minister of International Cooperation ▪ Eng. Nevine Osman, Secretary General, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood ▪ Mr. Amr Soliman, Project Lead and Policy Analyst, OECD

15:30

Lunch

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.

The 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 38 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-centered 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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