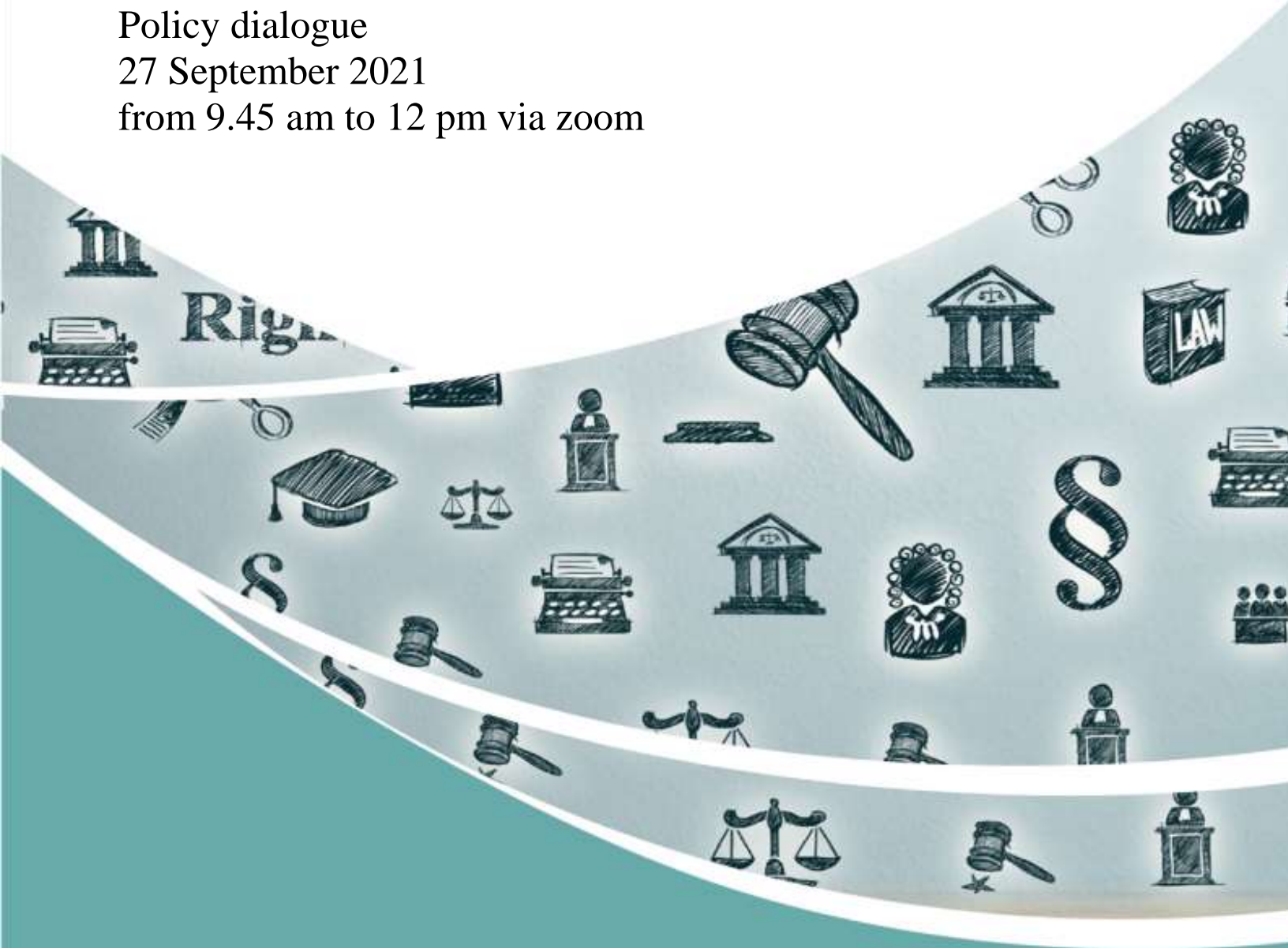




# Towards Child-Friendly Justice in Egypt: Understanding the justice needs and child-centred justice pathways

Policy dialogue  
27 September 2021  
from 9.45 am to 12 pm 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 Child 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 as the main national entity in charge of policymaking, planning and implementing programmes for the protection of children in conflict with the law for a more coordinated, participatory and coherent approach that enable a child-friendly Justice system in Egypt.

The project will facilitate high-level engagement in support of effective implementation of the objectives of the Strategic Framework and National Plan for Childhood and Motherhood in Egypt (SF&NPCM) for the years 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 Policy dialogue

This policy dialogue will help improving governance among the national stakeholders by increasing coordination and cooperation, including through the creation of a common understanding of the issues and policy remedies, as well as by fostering a network of practitioners that they can rely on when implementing reforms. The dialogue will aim to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to share experiences, discuss the challenges and priorities for a child-friendly justice and explore opportunities for improvement. This dialogue will give insight and feed in the OECD Peer review.

### **Participants:**

Senior management level representatives from:

- The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM);
- The Ministry of Justice (MoJ);
- The Public Prosecution Office (PPO);
- The Ministry of Social Solidarity (MoSS);
- the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development;
- Experts and practitioners from OECD member and partner countries.

# AGENDA

27 September 2021

Moderator: Amr Soliman, Policy Analyst, OECD

## 09:45 -10:00 Connection and welcome of participants

### Opening remarks

- H.E Ambassador Alaa Youssef, Ambassador of Egypt to France
- Dr. Sahar El Sonbaty, Secretary General of the NCCM
- Judge Amal Amaar, Assistant Minister of justice for Human, women and Child rights - MoJ
- Dr Miriam Allam, Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme

10:20 – 10:30

Speech of Dr Sherifa Sherif, Egypt's representative in the OECD's Public Governance Committee, Executive Director of the National Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development

### Project Overview

10:30 – 10:40 The aim of this session is to present the main objectives of the project, stakeholders and activities.

#### Speaker:

Dr Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Senior Justice Counsellor, OECD

### Introduction of the Child Justice System in Egypt and the role of main actors

The aim of the session is to facilitate an exchange of experiences and practices among the main actors working with children in contact with the law.

#### Speakers:

- Counsellor Hesham Gafaar, Senior Attorney General, Public Prosecution Office
- Mr. Sabry Osman, General Manager of the Child Helpline, National Council for Childhood and Motherhood
- Mr.,Mohamed Mazloum, General Manager of Social Defense Department, Ministry of Social Solidarity
- Judge Khaled Al Abra, Director of the General Department for Child Judicial Protection, Ministry of Justice

11:10 -11:30

## Open Discussion

### Presentation of International standards on child-friendly justice and coordination mechanism

11:30 -11:40 The aim of this session is to present international standards with respect to children who come in contact with the law and their implications for changing national child justice systems. The session will also aim to present strategies and coordination mechanisms that promote diversion options and child-centered civil and criminal justice pathways.

#### Speaker:

Nevena Vučković Šahović – OECD Expert on Child Friendly Justice

Professor of international Child Law and former member and general rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child

### **Challenges and priorities for Egypt's Child Justice System**

11:40 – 12:00

The aim of this session is to identify challenges and priorities for Egypt's Child Justice System and to launch a discussion about mechanisms and policy tools that can foster a structured and sustainable dialogue among all relevant stakeholders.

*Open discussion*

12:00

**Wrap up closing**

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## 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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