Strengthening the Rule of Law: Effective and transparent delivery of justice and rule-making in Egypt.

ABOUT

STUDY VISIT: THE NETHERLANDS

The objective of the study visit’s programme is to build legislative drafting capacities in the Ministry of Justice, Egypt. The study visit was addressed to representatives from the General Department of Legislation of the Ministry of Justice, Egypt. It included visits to the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the House of Representatives, the International Criminal Court (ICC), the State Council, the Ministry of Security and Justice and the Peace Palace. The delegates benefited from an overview of the administrative simplification policy in the Dutch legislative system. They were notably introduced to a comprehensive overview of the Parliamentary legislative procedures with a focus on the safeguards of quality and inclusiveness. Moreover, the visit to the State Council and the ICC gave the Delegation the possibility to understand the mission and mandate of these institutions. In addition, the delegates discussed the role of bilateral relationship between The Netherlands and Egypt, as well as the Dutch efforts to promote democracy and good governance in Egypt.

This study visit to the Hague, the Netherlands was organised within the framework of the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership, from 23 November – 3 December 2015.

SUMMARY
The study visit has shaped further options for consideration to: 1. Develop a Guide for the drafting of legislation and use of Better Regulation tools such as Regulatory Impact Assessment and improved consultations; 2. Establish a training course for legal drafters, such as the Legislative drafting academy on the lines of the one in The Hague, to train officials in the art and science of legislative drafting; 3. Organize regular seminars, conferences and discussions about legislative drafting in Cairo so as to develop an understanding of its importance and encourage lawyers to take an interest in it.