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Project on the Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices”

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“Strengthening Justice Systems in the Arab Countries”

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Agenda

Day One: Saturday 29 November, 2008	
09:30-11:00	Opening Session
11:00-12:00	Official reception- Launching of the judicial year in the Lebanese Republic
13:00-14:30	Lunch Break
14:30-16:00	<p>Session One: International and regional frameworks for strengthening justice systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on international principles and standards in the area of justice • Overview on Arab principles and standards in the area of justice • Benchmarking; a tool to strengthen justice systems based on international and regional frameworks. <p>General Discussion</p>
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break
16:15-17:45	<p>Session Two: The role of justice systems in achieving security and combating crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of public prosecutors in formulating and implementing coordinated criminal justice policies. • The role of specialized research centers and forensic institutes in policy making. • The importance of periodic assessment of criminal justice systems and major evaluation tools. <p>General Discussion</p>
Day Two: Sunday 30 November, 2008	
09:30-10:45	<p>Session Three (Part 1): Modernizing criminal laws; an entry point to strengthening justice systems in light of human rights' norms and standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and regional norms and standards on human rights in the administration of justice. • Case study; the state of criminal law in Jordan. • Case study; the state of criminal law in Egypt. <p>General Discussion</p>
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break

11:00-12:00	<p>Session Three (Part 2): Modernizing criminal laws; an entry point to strengthening justice systems in light of human rights' norms and standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Lebanon • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Morocco • Case study ; the state of criminal law in Yemen <p>General discussion</p>
12:00-12:15	Lunch Break
12:15-13:45	<p>Session Four: International and regional cooperation in the area of justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview on Inter-Arab cooperation efforts in the area of justice. • Joint Euro-Arab efforts in the area of justice. • Efforts of United Nations agencies in the area of justice in the Arab region • The role of professional associations in promoting international cooperation in the area of justice. <p>General Discussion</p>
13:45-14:00	Coffee Break
14:00-14:30	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary and review of the sessions' result • Recommendations • Closing Statement
14:30	Lunch