



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Administration of Justice

A Shiraka professional development course



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The Netherlands invites senior civil servants from the Arab region with between five and ten years' relevant work experience to apply for a professional development course on Administration of Justice. Eligible countries for this course: Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

The objective of the course is for civil servants working in the field of administration of justice to share their knowledge and skills enabling them to lead and inspire the modernisation of judiciary and prosecution services. The course also aims to strengthen participants' ties with the Netherlands and the Dutch government; especially between Dutch civil servants and their counterparts in the target countries.

Goals of the Administration of Justice professional development course

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands is organising the professional development course with the following aims:

- To equip the participants with the necessary knowledge and practical skills and expose them to organisational and policy aspects that will enable them to develop and strengthen their home systems;
- To create understanding among the participating civil servants and members of the judiciary and prosecution services about each others' roles and capabilities;
- To better understand in the target countries the impact of human rights on the administration of justice;
- To foster networks between the participants and the speakers and to stimulate and strengthen closer judicial cooperation.

Course outline and content

- Safeguards of Judicial Independence
- Rule of law principles as foundations of administration of justice
- Integrity and Modernisation of the Judiciary
- Integrity of adjudication and dealing with the media in the courts
- Practical skills workshop
- Internationalisation of Administration of Justice
- Mediation Practices and Small claims procedures

Study-visits to:
International Criminal Court
Association of Judges
Legal Aid Board
Netherlands Supreme Court

Additionally, the course provides participants with the opportunity to develop a valuable network with other civil servants in the region and in the Netherlands.

Dates, location and language

The professional development course will take 2 weeks in total.

Part I: 4-13 December 2016 The Hague The Netherlands	Part II: March or April 2017 In one of the participating countries
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The courses will be in English, with interpretation into French. Participants are obliged to attend both parts in full. After completing the course, participants will receive a certificate.

Costs and fees

The Dutch government will take care of all relevant costs for participants from countries on the [OECD-DAC list](#). This includes international travel, board and lodging, visa and insurance, and tuition fees for the course. Participants from countries that are not on the OECD-DAC list will pay for their own travel and board and lodging costs. The T.M.C Asser Instituut will send participants a list of suggestions for hotels and flight schemes. Travel to and from the training location will only be facilitated from the hotels suggested.

All applicants are responsible for the organisation and costs of travelling to the airport in their own country. In case of no-shows or cancellations within four weeks before the start of the first part of the training, the organisation has the right to claim all costs incurred from the participants' employer.

Application

Applications should be made online before 28 October 2016. To apply you have to create an account first which will enable you to fill out the online application form. Go to the website:
<http://english.rvo.nl/subsidies-programmes/shiraka/stp>

Click on "Apply" and scroll to Administration of justice. Click on "Apply here: application form". Click on create an account and enter your personal information and login information. Click on register. After you have registered, your account is created. Log on to fill in the application form for Administration of Justice and save the form. Once you save your application form, you will have successfully applied. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Selection criteria are:

- Administrative check. Fully documented applications received before the deadline.
- Match of job position and learning goals with the topics of the course and motivation.
- Between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience as civil servants, members of the judiciary or prosecution services and international experience.
- No (previous) participation in other Shiraka or Matra-South Training Programmes.

We encourage female civil servants to apply. There are 25 places available, which will ideally be divided equally between the invited countries. A passive understanding of the English language would be a plus. Please be aware that this won't be used as a selection criteria.

Shiraka training programme

The course will be organised as part of the Shiraka programme for Arab Countries, an initiative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. Shiraka is a Dutch bilateral effort dedicated to contributing to political development in the Arab region. Through this Shiraka training programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to stimulate and support democratic transition in the Arab region and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries.

The aim of Shiraka is to support:

- democratisation, including organization of free and transparent elections and the government being held accountable;
- construction of the constitutional state and protection of human rights and minorities;
- economic growth partly by building up the economic infrastructure including the stimulation of employment.

More information

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The Shiraka Training Programme is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The unit International Projects, Missions & Matchmaking of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency implements the Shiraka Training Programme. The Administration of Justice professional development course will be organized by the T.M.C Asser Instituut.

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