



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Legislation

## A Shiraka professional development course



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**The Netherlands invites senior civil servants from the Arab region to apply for a professional development course on Legislation.**

**Eligible countries for this course: Egypt, Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia**

The objective of the course is for civil servants working in the field of legislative drafting to share their knowledge and skills, enabling them to lead and inspire the modernisation of legislation in their home countries. 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 professional development course on Legislation

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

- Provide high-quality training to a group of twenty-five civil servants (policymakers, judges, public prosecutors, officers working at the ministries of justice and other governmental organisations) involved in the field of legislative drafting in their respective countries
- Acquaint the participants with the Dutch and European best practices in the field of legislative drafting, while also facilitating comparative insights into the legislative policies and practices in the participants' countries
- Facilitate knowledge exchange in addressing legislative challenges in the region

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

### Course outline and content

The training programme on legislation consists of 10 training days in The Netherlands and 5 training days in one of the participating countries (including travel days). The two modules are related and designed to support learning through follow-up and tailored feedback on participants' real life legislative practice.

The training will be interactive and geared towards practice and cooperation, while providing participants with insights and new or comparative perspectives on:

- + The Dutch constitutional system, including the role of the legislation and the legislative process; policy and practice for legislative quality in the Netherlands
- + Law drafting and the role of the legislative lawyer; problems and challenges in legislative drafting, constraints for legislative lawyers
- + International standards and treaties; legislation and Human Rights
- + The architecture of a draft law
- + Language rules and structures in legal drafting

- + Training of legislative drafters in the Netherlands (the Academy for Legislation)
- + Public/civil society involvement in preparation of legislation
- + Tools and resources for Dutch legislative drafters
- + Implementation, enforcement and evaluation of legislation

All theoretical elements will be doubled by practical examples and individual and group assignments, as well as group discussions and debates. Participants will learn about and apply the tools used by Dutch law drafters, and are expected to contribute actively to the training sessions.

Exchange of views and experiences with legislative lawyers of the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice will also be part of the training, as well as visits to other key Dutch institutions, such as for example to the Council of State, the House of Representatives of the Dutch Parliament and the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

## Dates, location and language

The professional development course will take 2 weeks in total.

Part I: 1 - 9 December 2016	Part II: <i>April 2017</i>
The Hague	<i>In one of the</i>
The Netherlands	<i>participating countries</i>

The courses will be in English, with interpretation into Arabic.

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 Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) 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 16 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 Legislation. 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 Legislation 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 servant in drafting legislation 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 organisation 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 Legislation professional development course will be organised by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC).

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