

IDLO ORGANIZE JUDICIAL STUDY TOUR FOR EGYPTIAN COUNCIL OF STATE

As part of a major project with the Egyptian Council of State, IDLO has begun a one-month study tour for 20 judges, who will visit a range of legal institutions in five European cities (Paris and Strasbourg in France, Brussels in Belgium, and Berlin and Leipzig in Germany) between June 19 and July 18, 2008.

The tour will enable the Egyptian judges to gain first-hand experience of the organization and function of the different court systems in Europe. The aim is to provide these judges with an opportunity to evaluate international best practices and identify potential measures for strengthening working models within the Egyptian Council of State.

The official delegation will be visiting the following judicial institutions, where they will learn about their structure, activities and management; attend hearing sessions; participate in working sessions and training, visit the legal libraries of key universities, and meet senior officials:

Paris: French Council of State, Constitutional Council, Mayor of Paris, Administrative Court of Appeal, Ecole Nationale d'Administration, and Administrative Tribunal of Versailles,

Strasbourg: European Court of Human Rights

Brussels: Court of Cassation, Mayor of Brussels, Belgian Council of State, Constitutional Court, Belgian Foreign Minister, College of Europe, and Conseil du Contentieux des Etrangers

Berlin: Higher Administrative Court

Leipzig: Mayor of Leipzig and the Federal Administrative Court

The two-year IDLO project, which is funded by USAID, works towards improving the quality of the Council's work, the effectiveness with which it pursues its mandate, the overall fairness of its procedures, and the uniformity of the decisions it achieves throughout the country.

Project activities include:

- Professional development training to enhance the levels of legal knowledge and skills and the overall levels of competence of judges, clerks and administrative officers of the Egyptian State Council
- Professional development training to increase the efficiency of the role played by the heads of jurisdictions in managing administrative courts
- Expanding the comparative approach, enhancing the international expertise and exchange of experiences of the members of the Egyptian State council by interacting with international experts of Administrative Law through roundtables, distance learning policy dialogues activities, and a study tour
- Providing relevant and up-to-date legal resources relevant to the State Council

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