



# Cooperation against Cybercrime

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- The *United Nations Development Programme's Regional Bureau of Arab States* (UNDP/RBAS) launched the *Programme on Governance in the Arab Region* (UNDP-POGAR) in 2000 to support governance reform to promote human development in the Arab region.
- UNDP-POGAR's overall objective is to contribute to the economic and social development of the Arab countries through the creation of an environment where good governance is advocated and practiced through partnerships between governments, civil society and the private sector.

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## Programme on "Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Arab States Project on the Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices

In 2002, UNDP-POGAR launched a major regional programme aimed at strengthening the rule of law in the Arab states; the unique and original entry point was a project on *Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices* aimed at modernizing public prosecution offices in five pilot countries:

1. Egypt,
2. Jordan,
3. Morocco,
4. Yemen, and
5. Lebanon

The overall aim of the project is to build the capacity of the public prosecution offices and improve security systems in the Arab Region, within respect for the rule of law, access to justice and the protection of human rights.

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## Objectives

The specific objectives of the project are:

- Building and promoting the capacity of public prosecution offices:
  - Building knowledge and capacity for human resources through training programs, workshops, seminars and focus groups related to a number of topics such as investigation techniques and human rights, etc.
  - Provision/modernization of the equipment and other working tools for the public prosecution offices;
- Strengthening the relationship between public prosecution offices and civil society organizations and promoting collaboration and cooperation between the two sides;
- Creating and developing communication channels between the public prosecution offices and the international community.
- Advocating and building knowledge on related law reform

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# Training Activities

Training public prosecutors is an essential pillar of the project.  
The workplan features:

- Developing and carrying out training of trainers' sessions (ToT) and establishing national training plans for each pilot country,
- Organizing regional and national workshops/conferences for the dissemination of knowledge; and
- Participating in international events and undertaking field visits.

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# Training Of Trainers

- The training of trainers' will occur in two distinct steps:

Step I: Training of Trainers will occur on a regional level and will focus on the formation of qualified trainers on a number of different topics.

Step II: The trainers of Step I shall transfer the knowledge and expertise that they have gained to other public prosecution members by conducting national/local training sessions in each pilot country.

- The proposed training programs include, but are not limited to, the following topics:
  - Training on case management as well as training on the elaboration and evaluation of projects.
  - **Training on investigative techniques for:**
    - a. **Computer-related crimes**
    - b. Corruption and money laundering
    - c. Transnational and Organized Crime (security and terrorism)

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## Conferences/Workshops

- A regional conference on Cybercrime is organized on 19/20 June 2007 in Morocco. The council of Europe contributed in organizing this conference by assisting UNDP-POGAR in preparing the programme and in providing experts,
- A regional conference on Corruption and money Laundering shall be organized in October 2007,
- Four national workshops shall be organized in the pilot countries on “Human Rights during Trial, Arrest and Imprisonment”,

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## Regional Conference on “CYBERCRIME”

- UNDP-POGAR with the contribution of the Council of Europe is organizing a Regional Conference on “CYBERCRIME” in Casablanca, Kingdom of Morocco on June 19-20, 2007
- The conference shall focus on the following areas:
  1. Introduction to Cybercrime, identification and specification;
  2. Relevant Legislation on Cybercrime ;
  3. Building the capacity of human resources in the investigation, prosecution and trial of Cybercrime;
  4. Prevention measures and international cooperation to combat Cybercrime.

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## Field Visits

- Two field visits are planned to be conducted during the second half of year 2007:
  1. A field visit to Belgium, with cooperation of “Service Public Fédéral Justice”. The areas of concern are the modern investigative techniques in Case Management, Money Laundering, and Computer-related crimes,
  2. A field visit to United Kingdom, with cooperation of the “Crown Prosecution Service”. The areas of concern are the role and functions of Public Prosecutors in UK, new methods of case management, organized crime division, and counter terrorism division.

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## Law Reform

- Law reform studies have demonstrated that the existing criminal laws of many Arab countries do not meet the needs of the countries in question.

Many of them need to change or modernize their current criminal laws in order for these laws to comply with modern international systems and concepts such as transnational organized crimes, computer-related crimes, respect for human rights, etc.
- The Project aims to:
  1. Modernize existing criminal laws in conformity with modern international systems and concepts
  2. Advance new laws, when deemed necessary

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