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GLOBAL JUDICIAL INTEGRITY NETWORK

Draft Terms of Reference

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Harnessing the experience and expertise of judges, magistrates, other judicial office holders, members of judicial councils, court personnel, judicial associations and other stakeholders,

Mission Statement

The Global Judicial Integrity Network [(hereinafter "the Network")] is a platform to provide assistance to judiciaries in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system.

The Network will promote peer learning and support activities among judges and other justice sector stakeholders; facilitate access to relevant tools and resources on various issues relating to judicial integrity; and support the further development and effective implementation of principles of judicial conduct and the prevention of corruption within the justice system.

Through the Network, global guidance and technical materials on judicial integrity and anti-corruption will be developed and strengthened, and technical assistance will be provided to support judiciaries in the development and implementation of strategies, measures and systems to strengthen integrity and accountability in the justice system.

Objectives

The core objectives of the Network will be:

(i) to promote networking opportunities for judges and other justice sector stakeholders through virtual and face-to-face opportunities for dialogue, with a view to continuously expanding the Network and advancing the exchange of knowledge and mutual support in strengthening judicial integrity and preventing corruption in the justice system;

(ii) to facilitate the access of judges and other justice sector stakeholders to existing guidance materials, tools and similar resources on judicial integrity;

(iii) to assist in the identification of gaps in international standards and technical resources on judicial integrity and to support the development of new tools and technical resources to address such gaps;

(iv) to facilitate the identification of technical assistance needs and the provision of required technical assistance, including through facilitating peer-to-peer support and learning opportunities.

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Participation in the Network

Participation in the Network is open to individuals and institutions:

(i) Judges, magistrates, other judicial office holders, members of judicial councils and court personnel regardless of the participation of their respective judiciaries;

(ii) Judiciaries;

(iii) Judicial associations;

(iv) Other justice sector stakeholders;

(v) Relevant international organizations.

Organization of Work

The Network shall establish its priorities through consultations with its participants. Consultations with participants may be conducted at the Network's meetings, its website and other appropriate forms of communication.

The Network will organize regular global as well as regional meetings for the exchange of good practices and the development and dissemination of knowledge, subject to the availability of resources.

Advisory Board

The Network shall establish an Advisory Board to assist in the identification of priority challenges and emerging issues in judicial integrity and related activities to assist judiciaries in developing and implementing effective measures to address such challenges and issues.

The Advisory Board shall develop the work plan of the Network, based on the priorities identified through consultations with the participants of the Network. The Advisory Board may wish to adopt further guidelines for the organization and coordination of its work.

The Advisory Board shall be comprised of up to ten members, to be initially identified and proposed by the Network's Secretariat.

The Advisory Board shall be composed of Senior Judges who have a managerial, policy-making or training role within the Judiciary, including Chief Justices, Presidents of Supreme Courts, Presidents of Constitutional Courts or their representatives, as well as representatives from international and regional judicial associations and similar bodies active in promoting judicial integrity.

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The members shall serve on the Advisory Board for two years, with the possibility of renewal of their terms. The members shall be selected from participants of the Network.

The selection of the members of the Advisory Board shall follow an equitable geographical and gender distribution.

The Advisory Board shall be supported by the Secretariat of the Network.

The Advisory Board shall meet at least once a year. It may choose to conduct its annual meeting via video or telephone conferencing or to organize it in the margins of meetings and activities of the Network or similar appropriate occasions. In the interim, the Advisory Board shall conduct its business primarily by email.

Secretariat

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (hereinafter "UNODC") shall be the Secretariat of the Network and provide the required support services, including by organizing and servicing meetings of the Network, maintaining the website of the Network, developing and coordinating activities to implement the objectives of the Network, and supporting the work of the Advisory Board, subject to the availability of resources.

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