

Global Judicial Integrity Network

Judicial Ethics



This activity is part of the Judicial Integrity pillar of the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration, which was adopted by the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 2015. The Declaration reaffirms Member States' commitment to:

"Make every effort to prevent and counter corruption, and to implement measures aimed at enhancing transparency in public administration and promoting the integrity and accountability of our criminal justice systems, in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption."



What are the Judicial Ethics Training Tools?

These are training tools aimed at providing newly appointed and serving members of the judiciary with a solid understanding of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct and the requirements of article 11 of the United Nations Convention against Corruption. Strong demand for such tools was identified through cooperation with Member States under the Global Programme for the Implementation of the Doha Declaration.

The tools consist of the following three components:

I. E-Learning Course

A widely applicable and interactive electronic course consisting of three separate modules dealing with various aspects of judicial ethics.

II. Self-Directed Course

A text-based (PDF) course on judicial ethics for those who cannot complete the e-Learning course.



"This UNODC training of trainers programme was perfectly timed, and will be of immense help for the planning and execution of the judicial conduct and ethics training programme that I will conduct myself this summer."

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, Mr. Dennis Kiyoshi Yamase



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III. Trainers' Manual

Upon completion of the e-Learning or self-directed course, a face-to-face workshop can be organized to allow judges to apply and deepen the acquired knowledge. The trainers' manual guides national trainers in developing and designing their own training courses and tailoring them to the needs and circumstances of various jurisdictions.



Timelines

The courses and the manual are planned to be finalized by 2018. The tools will be translated into several UN official languages and Portuguese.

Train-the-Trainers Workshop

A first "train-the-trainers" workshop was held in Brussels in March 2018 on how to use the trainers' manual to facilitate national and regional judicial ethics courses. These participants will go on to initiate training activities in 2018. UNODC organized an additional workshop in October 2018 as well and will offer another in early 2019.



How to Join

Several jurisdictions worldwide have already become pilot sites for the implementation of the new tools. This cooperation includes:

- nomination of a focal point to assist in the consultative process;
- provision of feedback and comments on the tools;
- participation in the train-the-trainers workshops;
- dissemination of the e-learning and self-directed courses among judges;
- provision of one-day judicial ethics training workshops in 2018 and 2019;
- sharing experiences and good practices with UNODC and other States.

Other interested countries are still encouraged to become pilot sites.

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