INTERAGENCY SYMPOSIUM ON

JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM IN TUNISIA

إصلاح قطاع العدل في تونس

Friday, March 8, 2013

Washington, DC

Course Objectives
The Tunisian judiciary today finds itself at the center of many of the most fundamental challenges facing post-revolution Tunisia: drafting a new constitution, grappling with the role Sharia should play, balancing popular opinion with the need to protect the rights of women and minorities, reforming the security sector, combatting corruption, and establishing order and the rule of law conducive to restoring a stable environment for business, tourism and foreign investment. This symposium brings together leading academic experts on the Tunisian legal system to interact with personnel from a wide array of USG agencies that are working to better understand the rapidly shifting legal landscape in Tunisia and the North African region and chart future USG initiatives to assist in reforming their legal system. The symposium is intended to spark lively discussion among USG agencies and between USG personnel and the academic community.

Location
Thurgood Marshall Federal Judiciary Building
FJC Classrooms A & B
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Washington, DC 20544

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Nearest Metro: Union Station

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“Interagency Symposium on Justice Sector Reform in Tunisia”

8:15-8:30  Registration

8:30-10:00  **The New Constitution, Sharia, and the Judiciary**
Speakers: Dr. Tom Ginsburg, University of Chicago
           George Sadek, Library of Congress

10:00-10:15  Break

10:15-11:45  **Reform of the Security Sector: Ministry of Interior and the Police**
Speakers: Dr. Querine Hanlon, USIP
          Dr. Dan Brumberg, USIP and George Washington Univ.
          Dr. Robert Perito, USIP

11:45-1:30  **Interagency Panel: USG Rule of Law Programming in Tunisia**
            (Lunch Provided)
            Marianne Guerin-McManus, Department of Commerce
            TBA, Department of State
            CAPT Benes Aldana, USCG, U.S. Africa Command
            TBA, USAID
            Christopher Lehmann, Department of Justice

1:30-2:30  **Roundtable: NGOs, Civil Society, and Protecting the Rights of Women and Minorities**
Speakers: Duncan Pickard, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East,
          Atlantic Council
          Professor Jane Tchaicha, Bentley University

2:30-3:15  **Combatting Crime and Corruption**
Speakers: Mohamed Arafa, Indiana University

3:15-3:30  Break

3:30-4:15  **Legal Reform, the Economy and the Business Environment**
Speakers: Professor Fadhel Kaboub, Denison University
          Marianne Guerin-McManus, Department of Commerce

4:15-5:00  **Tunisia in Comparative Perspective**
Discussion Leader: Professor Nathan Brown, George Washington University