RULE OF LAW COLLABORATIVE

RULE OF LAW SHORT COURSE

March 15-16, 2012
Washington, DC

Course Objectives
Fundamental to the mission of the Rule of Law Collaborative is the design and delivery of innovative, interagency training of personnel working in environments where rule of law is a necessary and promising aspect of post-conflict stabilization. Drawing on an extensive basis of research and practical experience of USC faculty, we seek to assist practitioners in enhancing their collaboration, coordination, and effectiveness. Through these trainings participants will better understand the roles of USG agencies (State, DOD, Justice, USAID, and others) in ROL and recognize opportunities for interagency cooperation in identifying, funding, and implementing projects. Participants will develop additional skill sets in working in an interagency approach to critical problem areas, while deepening their understanding of root causes of conflict and state breakdown.

Location
Ronald Reagan Building
Conference Room 2.9 D/E
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington D.C.
United States Agency for International Development
(Near Federal Triangle Metro Station)

Arrival & Attire
Enter Building on 14th Street / Photo ID Required / Casual Civilian Dress

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, March 15, 2012

12:45pm-1:00pm  Registration
Lunch Provided

1:00pm-1:30pm  Welcome Remarks
Steve Edminster, Team Leader, Governance Rule of Law Team
U.S. Agency for International Development

1:30pm-2:45pm  SESSION 1: COURSE OVERVIEW & RULE OF LAW MISSIONS AND MONEY
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina
* READINGS:
  o Catalogue of Main ROL Assistance Providers and Their Programs
  o Rule of Law Success Stories
* REFERENCES:

2:45pm-3:30pm  SESSION 2: WORKING WITH NGOS AND INTERNATIONAL RULE OF LAW ACTORS
Professor David Pimentel, Florida Coastal School of Law
A guide to working productively with NGOs and international organizations/foreign entities on rule of law promotion

3:30pm-3:45pm  Break
Refreshments Provided

3:45pm-5:00pm  SESSION 3: COMBATING CORRUPTION: AN EXERCISE
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina

* Additional recommended reading and reference materials are optional.
One of the persistent problems confronting rule of law personnel is corruption. This exercise illustrates the challenges in mounting interagency efforts to break the cycle of corruption.

**READINGS:**
- [World Economic Forum G20 Working Group on Improving Transparency and Eliminating Corruption](#)

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*Day 2: Friday, March 16, 2012*

8:15am-8:30am  **Registration**
Coffee and Pastries

8:30am-10:00am  **SESSION 4: AFGHANISTAN/Pakistan BACKGROUND**

*Dr. Sudha Ratan, Augusta State University*

Briefing on transborder issues and customary justice in both Afghanistan and Pakistan

**READINGS:**
- [My Cousin’s Enemy is My Friend: A Study of Pashtun “Tribes” in Afghanistan](#)
- [Washington’s Phantom War: The Effects of the U.S. Drone Program in Pakistan](#)
- [Getting the Military out of Pakistani Politics](#)

10:00am-11:15am  **SESSION 5: INTERAGENCY PANEL**

*CPT Jeremy Steward, Department of Defense*
*Brian Tomney, Department of Justice*
*Karen Hall, Department of State*
*Adam Schumacher, U.S. Agency for International Development*

An introduction to ROL in Afghanistan: Assessing progress/challenges facing interagency actors in the field.

11:15am-11:30am  **Break**
Refreshments Provided
11:30am-1:00pm  **SESSION 6: INTERAGENCY RULE OF LAW PLANNING CASE STUDY ON SOUTH SUDAN**

*Professor David Pimentel, Florida Coastal School of Law*

Tabletop exercise and analytical session to clarify agency roles through the use of a relevant case study

**READINGS:**
- Rule of Law Reform without Cultural Imperialism?: Reinforcing Customary Justice Through Collateral Review in Southern Sudan

1:00-2:00pm  **Wrap-up Session**

Lunch Provided