The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) is an internationally recognized training institute and a hub for rule of law based training and capacity building activities for justice sector practitioners in the area of counterterrorism and related criminal activities.

HANDS-ON RULE OF LAW TRAINING FOR JUSTICE PRACTITIONERS

IIJ designs trainings that enhance the competencies of parliamentarians, judges, prosecutors, police and other justice sector officials on how to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. The IIJ’s in-house and extensive network of practitioner experts deliver pertinent expertise based on approaches that are tailored to address specific concerns in various settings.

STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The IIJ promotes cooperation and information exchange among relevant authorities from the justice and security sectors. The IIJ collaborates with a variety of international, regional and non-governmental organizations and serves as a platform to reinforce synergies and to develop and exchange good practices.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM FORUM GOOD PRACTICES MEMORANDA

The IIJ supports the work of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) through the development and implementation of GCTF good practices memoranda and other initiatives with criminal justice practitioners and experts.

IIJ CORE STRENGTHS

The IIJ works flexibly with partners in developing interactive training and practical programs in a neutral setting. IIJ programs incorporate expertise from different legal systems and are designed to develop hands-on solutions to tailor criminal justice responses to terrorism while respecting rule of law principles. The IIJ takes advantage of the peer exchange training model. The IIJ continues to develop assessment tools.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

IIJ key programs address the following eight areas:

1. Investigation, prosecution and adjudication of terrorism cases
2. Judicial training and judicial training centre networks
3. International mutual legal assistance and central authorities
4. Criminal justice approaches to Foreign Terrorist Fighters
5. Comprehensive approach to returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters
6. Supporting parliamentarians in developing effective counterterrorism regimes
7. Juvenile justice in a counterterrorism context
Since its inception in June 2014, 1000 judges, prosecutors, investigators, parliamentarians, and other criminal justice professionals from 60 countries participated in 40 IIJ international programs.

THE IIJ OFFERS

An Ideal Setting

The IIJ offers a neutral learning environment where even politically sensitive topics can be discussed in a constructive manner. The IIJ’s location in the Mediterranean is well accessible for participants from across Africa, the Middle East and other regions. Through its partnership with the University of Malta, the IIJ can host programs in conference meeting rooms as large as 60 participants as well as smaller break out rooms for intimate programs.

Multilingual Team

The IIJ is fortunate to have a highly motivated and creative international team, which consists of eleven staff from nine countries speaking seven languages. The multilingual setting of the IIJ caters to participants in Arabic, French and English among others.

Quality Management

The IIJ implements high quality management standards through advanced financial, procurement, personnel and inventory policies. An annual financial audit is conducted by a renowned international audit and accounting firm.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law has an international Governing Board of Administrators representing its 13 board members: Algeria, France, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Morocco, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union.

The IIJ is currently implementing grants from the European Union, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It also benefits from secondments of experienced justice professionals from Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States. It receives a variety of in kind and administrative support and advice from Malta and other board members.