The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) is an internationally recognised 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 transnational criminal activities.

HANDS-ON RULE OF LAW TRAINING FOR JUSTICE PRACTITIONERS

The IIJ designs and delivers interactive trainings - in Malta and abroad - that enhance the competencies of parliamentarians, judges, prosecutors, police and other justice sector officials to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. The IIJ’s in-house and extensive network of CT experts deliver training for criminal justice practitioners tailored to the needs of the regions that the IIJ serves.

STRENGTHENING 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 organisations and serves as a platform to develop and exchange good practices on judicial cooperation including mutual legal assistance and extraditions.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL COUNTERTERRORISM FORUM GOOD PRACTICES MEMORANDA

The IIJ supports the work of the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) through the development, implementation and operationalisation of GCTF initiatives and good practices.

IIJ CORE STRENGTHS

The IIJ works flexibly with donor and beneficiary states to develop and deliver interactive training and practical programs in a neutral setting. IIJ programs incorporate expertise from different legal systems and are designed to develop criminal justice responses to terrorism while respecting the rule of law. The IIJ utilises peer exchanges to promote a dynamic training environment and employs a monitoring and evaluation framework to maximise sustainable outcomes.

PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The IIJ delivers rule of law-based training through eight IIJ Core Initiatives listed below, as well as an innovative new workstream on Battlefield Evidence:

1. Addressing Homegrown Terrorism
2. Global Central Authorities
3. Investigations
4. Judicial Capacity Building and Judicial Schools
5. Juvenile Justice in a Counterterrorism Context
6. Parliamentarians’ Nexus with Criminal Justice Actors
7. Prison Management
8. Returning Foreign Terrorist Fighters
Since its inception in June 2014, more than 4500 judges, prosecutors, investigators, parliamentarians, and other criminal justice practitioners from 123 countries have participated in over 140 IIJ programs.

THE IIJ OFFERS

AN IDEAL SETTING

The IIJ offers a neutral learning environment where politically sensitive topics can be discussed in a constructive manner. The IIJ’s location in the Mediterranean is accessible for participants from across Africa, the Middle East and other regions such as Southeast Asia. Through its partnership with the University of Malta, the IIJ hosts programs in Malta for groups as large as 60 principal participants with smaller break-out rooms for group discussions.

MULTILINGUAL TEAM

The IIJ is fortunate to have a highly motivated and creative international team, which consists of 25 staff from 15 countries speaking 10 languages. The IIJ’s multilingual team caters to participants in Arabic, French and English, among other languages.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The IIJ implements high quality management standards through advanced financial, procurement, personnel, monitoring and evaluation, 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 Australia, Canada, the European Union, Germany, Malta, 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, as well as in kind and administrative support and advice from Malta and other IIJ Board Members.

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