



Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Legislation

## A Shiraka professional development course

The Netherlands invites civil servants from the MENA region to apply for a professional development course on Legislation. Eligible countries are: Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories, Sudan and Tunisia.

The objective of the course is for civil servants working in the field of legislative drafting to share their knowledge and skills enabling them to lead and inspire the modernisation of legislation in their home countries. The course also aims to strengthen participants' ties with the Netherlands and the Dutch government; especially between Dutch civil servants and their counterparts in the target countries.

### Goals of the Legislation professional development course

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands is organising the professional development course with the following aims:

- Provide high quality training to a group of 25 civil servants involved in the field of legislative drafting in their respective countries;
- Acquaint the participants with good practices in the field of legislative drafting;
- Enable the participants to act as change agents in their respective countries.

Additionally, the course provides participants with the opportunity to develop a valuable network with other civil servants in the region and in the Netherlands.

### Course outline and content

The training programme on Legislation consists of a 5-week online training (1 day per week, 5 sessions in total), followed by a 11 day training in the Netherlands (including travel days). The two modules are related and designed to support learning through follow-up and tailored feedback on participants' real-life legislative practice.

The training will be interactive and geared towards practice and cooperation, while providing participants with insights and new or comparative perspectives on:

- The Dutch system, including the role of the legislation and the legislative process;
- Policy and practice for legislative quality in the Netherlands;
- The architecture of a draft law;
- Language rules and structures in legal drafting;
- Public/civil society involvement in preparation of legislation;
- Tools and resources of Dutch legislative drafters.

All theoretical elements will be complemented by practical examples and individual and group assignments, as well as group discussions and debates. Participants will learn about and apply the tools used by Dutch law drafters, and are expected to contribute actively to the training sessions.

Exchange of views and experiences with legislative lawyers of the Netherlands Ministry of Justice and Security will also be part of the training, as well as visits to other key Dutch institutions, such as for example to the House of Representatives and the International Court of Justice.

