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EVENT	DATES
1. Rule of Law Systems: Country Analysis Workshop	November 20-21, 2019
<p>Description:</p> <p>This two-day workshop gives participants the skills to understand the justice systems of the partner nations with which they work, and better prepares them to engage in rule of law reform. The sheer complexity of justice systems can impair understanding of the relevant problems and, in turn, lead to ineffective program design and potentially compromised relationships with partners. A thorough understanding of the context in which U.S. Government professionals are assigned to work is the crucial foundation to effective program design, strong implementation, and concrete improvements in justice systems. This workshop helps program officers working with foreign justice systems better understand that context.</p>	
<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will learn how to map, analyze, and understand key features of a country’s justice system—including legal frameworks, institutions, and formal and informal actors—as a way to better identify context-specific interventions and opportunities; and • Participants will hone critical thinking skills and explore the breadth and depth of holistic justice systems. 	
2. Core Training: Interagency Civil Law Training Program	January 30-31, 2020
<p>Description:</p> <p>This course explores the unique features of the most widespread legal system in the world—the Civil Law system. The course introduces participants to the underpinnings and structure of the Civil Law system—its history, sources of law, legal education system, court structure, and actors. It also explores how the system has been implemented in countries from different regions around the world. The course uses examples from specific field experiences to discuss how to structure U.S. Government programs. The course also explores emerging trends, including the transition underway in many countries from the inquisitorial to the adversarial model of litigation, drawing out lessons learned from these efforts.</p>	
<p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will understand the underlying principles, mechanisms, and actors of the Civil Law system; and • Participants will have improved their skills and knowledge relating to managing and implementing justice sector programs in countries with Civil Law systems. 	



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3. Rule of Law Systems: Country Analysis Workshop

February 26-27, 2020

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4. Rule of Law Systems: Program Development Workshop

April 29-30, 2020

Description:

U.S. Foreign Assistance aims to provide partner nations with help as they develop functional and fair justice systems that serve all citizens. U.S. Government professionals engaged in rule of law reform work design interventions that target areas of greatest need and potential for change. Making decisions about which problems to focus on, which interventions to pursue, and how those interventions should be structured is a difficult process that should be grounded in data, careful problem identification, and a holistic understanding of how justice and governance systems work. Careful program development sets the stage for effective implementation and meaningful changes in the ways that citizens experience justice systems. This workshop focuses on identifying problems, crafting creative solutions, avoiding unintended consequences, and engaging in practical exercises to reinforce new skills.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will utilize problem-identifying techniques that will help them detect root problems;
- Participants will develop creative interventions that target root problems; and
- Participants will understand possible negative consequences of rule of law programs, as well as understand how to mitigate against those possible consequences.



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5. Core Training: Rule of Law Fundamentals

May 12-13, 2020

Description:

This course introduces participants to fundamental principles and concepts in rule of law and justice sector reform, such as competing definitions of rule of law, cultural considerations when engaging in rule of law programming in unfamiliar contexts, and the complex dimensions of corruption. In addition, the course provides participants with an overview of various aspects of designing and managing rule of law and justice sector reform programs, such as conducting rule of law assessments, lessons learned in program design, and practical considerations in developing justice indicators. The course incorporates a variety of tabletop exercises to give participants opportunities to think through strategies for tackling the kinds of complex rule of law problems that practitioners encounter. This course is intended for those who are new to the field or who want to reinforce their understanding of fundamental concepts. Further exploration of rule of law concepts and in-depth skill building will take place in the other JUSTRAC+ trainings and workshops.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will become familiar with fundamental knowledge, concepts, terminology, and resources in rule of law and justice sector reform;
- Participants will gain a basic understanding of practical aspects of rule of law and justice sector programming, such as assessments, program design, and monitoring and evaluation; and
- Participants will improve their capacity to synthesize complex information about rule of law challenges and propose solutions to those challenges.



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6. Core Training: Rule of Law Fundamentals (in conjunction with INL 101)

July 20-31, 2020
(exact dates TBD)

Description:

This course is intended for new INL foreign service officers, civil servants, and PSCs. It introduces participants to important principles and concepts in rule of law and justice sector reform that they will encounter in their jobs, such as competing understanding of the rule of law, cultural considerations regarding rule of law expectations, the holistic nature of justice systems, and the complex dimensions of corruption. In addition, the course provides participants with an understanding of important rule of law program-related needs. The course incorporates a variety of practical exercises to give participants opportunities to think through strategies for tackling the kinds of complex rule of law problems that practitioners encounter.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will become familiar with fundamental knowledge required in an INL posting, including concepts, terminology, and resources in rule of law and justice sector reform;
- Participants will gain a basic understanding of practical aspects of rule of law and justice sector programming done by INL, such as assessments, program design, and monitoring and evaluation; and
- Participants will improve their capacity to synthesize complex information about rule of law challenges and propose solutions to those challenges that they will encounter in their INL assignment.



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7. Core Training: Corruption

September 9-10, 2020

Description:

This course explores the ubiquitous role of corruption in developing countries. It introduces core concepts surrounding corruption, including its social, economic, and political aspects. Discussions will center on why corruption matters, why it persists, and how it relates to development and the rule of law. Expert practitioners will present the latest studies that help answer these questions, as well as provide lessons learned from past interventions. Different reform models will be discussed, such as anti-corruption courts and agencies, asset declaration policies, ethics rules, watchdog and whistleblower initiatives, procurement reforms, and the role of civil society. Practitioners will lead several interactive exercises designed to promote creative problem-solving and reinforce content understanding.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will understand the underlying aspects of corruption, why it persists, and why it is problematic; and
- Participants will improve their skills and knowledge relating to managing and implementing anti-corruption programs.