

IDLO launches ambitious program to strengthen justice delivery in Afghanistan

KABUL – March 10, 2013. The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) today launched its newest and most ambitious project to date in Afghanistan: the Justice Training Transition Program (JTTP) made possible through the support of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs of the U.S. State Department.

“IDLO has been working to build a culture of justice in Afghanistan since 2001 and the Justice Training Transition Program is a new initiative through which the organization will seek to strengthen the capacity of those working in Afghanistan’s justice sector,” said Irene Khan, Director-General of IDLO.

Through the Justice Training Transition Program, IDLO will provide criminal justice training and mentoring for prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys and criminal investigators with the aim of ensuring a full transition to Afghan institutions in 2015 (solar year 1395).

Working in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Interior, the Attorney General’s Office and the Supreme Court, IDLO’s trainers will work in the provinces of Kabul, Kunduz, Balkh, Badakhshan, Nangarhar, Herat and Bamyan. A “mobile” team, comprised of international and Afghan staff will be despatched throughout the country to ensure this training is accessible to all those working in the justice sector, even in the remote areas of Afghanistan.

The Justice Training Transition Program will be comprised of 106 staff, of whom 88 are Afghan professional legal staff, who will undertake training events such as seminars and courses, mentoring and professional development for every province in Afghanistan.

“Ensuring justice requires more than capacity-building and training, and IDLO looks forward to partnering with the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to make this happen,” concluded Ms Khan.

For further information or to interview Irene Khan, Director-General of IDLO, please contact: press@idlo.int or mobile +93 (0)797 850 663 in Afghanistan.

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