### WORLD BANK & EUROPEAN PUBLIC LAW ORGANIZATION

# LAUNCH CONFERENCE: EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA JUSTICE PEER-ASSISTED LEARNING (ECA JUST-PAL) NETWORK

Athens, Greece: 12-14 April 2011

## **Draft Agenda**

## **Day 1 (Tuesday, April 12, 2011)**

09.00-09.30: Registration

09.30-11.00: Opening Plenary Session

Welcome addresses: (i) Minister of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights; (ii) President – Hellenic Supreme Court of Civil and Penal Law – 10 minutes each

Welcome Message: Mr. Philippe Le Houerou, Regional Vice President, Europe & Central Asia, World Bank

Welcome Address: Mr. Hans Jurgen Gruss, Deputy General Counsel, World Bank Group

Remarks/addresses: representatives from EU Brussels (e.g. DG Justice), Ministers of Justice and/or Chief Justices/Justices of Supreme Courts

Official Launch of JUST-PAL & CoP Web Portal - Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director, EPLO and William Dorotinsky, Sector Manager, World Bank

1100-11.30: Coffee Break and Networking Opportunities

11.30-13.30: Parallel Break-out Sessions by Community of Practice<sup>1</sup>

(i) 20-30 minute presentations in each CoP by countries; (ii) discussion on draft terms of reference for CoPs, (iii) feedback on JUST-PAL and CoP web portal

Session A: CoP for Commercial Courts: Improving Case Disposal Times and Eliminating Backlogs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Desired outcomes for each CoP by the end of Day 2 CoP sessions: (i) agreed CoP terms of reference; (ii) mailing list for each CoP and (if feasible) moderator for online CoP discussion forum; (iii) agreed CoP work program for 1-2 years; (iv) CoP feedback on JUST-PAL web portal & CoP-specific parts of the web portal; (v) if feasible, adoption of each CoP by a country/entity and an offer for hosting the next CoP meeting in that country/entity.

(Country presentations: possibly Austria, Russia, Croatia, others TBD)

Session B: CoP for Justice Sector Budget Professionals - Optimizing Resource Allocations to Improve Efficiency

(Country presentations: possibly Croatia, Finland, France, Netherlands, Serbia, others TBD)

Session C: CoP for Physical Infrastructure Professionals - Functional Premises for Efficient Justice

(Country presentations: possibly Armenia, Azerbaijan, Romania, Spain, others TBD)

Session D: CoP for Information Systems Professionals - Information Systems to Support Efficiency and Transparency

(Country presentations: possibly Austria, France, Russia, Turkey, others TBD)

Session E: CoP for Court Managers and Administrators - Improving Court Administration and Case Management

(Country presentations: possibly Armenia, Croatia, Finland, France, Netherlands, Spain, TBD)

13.30-15.00: Lunch and Networking Opportunities

15.00-16.00: Parallel Break-out Sessions by Community of Practice – continued.

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:00 Plenary Session

(5 minutes report back from each CoP plus organizers' announcements)

20.00: Dinner

#### Day 2 (Wednesday, April 13, 2011)

09.00-11.00: Parallel Break-out Sessions by Community of Practice

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break and Networking Opportunities

11.30-13.00: Parallel Break-out Sessions by Community of Practice

Formation of CoPs with agreed Terms of Reference and draft Year 1 program, tentative date & venue for next CoP meeting (& financing if possible)

13.00-14.30:	Working Lunch and Networking Opportunities
14.30-15.30:	Parallel CoP break-out sessions (continued)
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break and Networking
16:00-17:00 <sup>2</sup>	Plenary session
	(5 minutes report back from each CoP plus any announcements from organizers)
19.00-20.00:	Dinner
<u>Day 3 (Thursday, April 14, 2011)</u>	
[08.00-08.45	World Bank team and EPLO put finishing touches to final drafts based on conference feedback/suggestions.]
09:00-10.30:	Plenary Session
	Final report back by each CoP followed by Q&A/discussion <sup>3</sup> (15 minutes each = 75 minutes)
	10 minute report back on overall JUST-PAL, final Conference Declaration <sup>4</sup> and Discussion & endorsement by plenary session (15 minutes)
10.30-11.30	Concluding remarks from dignitaries from Greece
	Concluding remarks from participants
	Closing remarks: Mr. William Dorotinsky, Sector Manager, Public Sector Institutional Reform, Europe & Central Asia region, The World Bank
12.00:	Lunch followed by departures

<sup>2</sup> After this session (i) each CoP rapporteur team will prepare its presentation/report for the closing plenary on Day 3 and provide them to EPLO and Bank facilitator; and (ii) Bank team and EPLO will prepare Conference Declaration based on suggestions and inputs on the draft Declaration, and EPLO will circulate to all participants before next

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes (i) findings & next steps from each CoP; (ii) final adjustments to CoP terms of reference & work programs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This will include: (i) final adjustments to JUST-PAL TOR and work program; (ii) final adjustments to Declaration