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Legislative & Judiciary Frameworks

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2015
Harmonise and strengthen the legislative and judiciary frameworks in line with regional and international standards.

and
Enhance relations between all relevant bodies and institutions in the judicial system.

to
Prompt access to justice and ease the exercise of citizens' and legal entities' rights and interests.

2016
Research and analysis of reasons for deficient legislation and the detrimental impact of the large amount of legislation being produced.

and
Evaluation of political and social strains which often shape attitudes to lawmakerng and its damaging impact in the judiciary.

to
Exploring specialist knowledge and advice to:

-improve the clarity and integrity of our lawmaking;
-improve access to justice.
Identifying Challenges in the Legislative & Judiciary Framework

**Problem Mapping**
- Concerns, problems and experiences of all relevant institutions, public and private sectors & civil society

**Solution Mapping**
- Evaluate generated inputs and deliver solutions to strengthen the reform process

**Goal Mapping**
- Long term achievement and accessibility of both legislative and judiciary frameworks

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- People are willing to participate in a constructive manner
- People are realistic about their potential impact on the ongoing reform
- The Law and Judiciary Sector Reform Commission is building knowledge
- Customary Law needs to be prioritised
- Courts feel encouraged to restructure towards accessibility and cultural adequacy
Specific Challenges In The Judiciary

- Slow procedures and slow justice
- Overloaded courts with minor cases
- Cases' mismanagement
- Better coordination between the courts and the ministry of justice

Specific Challenges In The Judiciary

- Equipment and infrastructure need improvement
- More skilled human resources
- Continuous education system for judges, public prosecutors and staff of the judiciary and the public prosecution
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- Consistent, coherent & accessible legal framework
- Legal contents justified by local reality
- Recognition of customary law as another source of national law
- Enhanced national lawmaking capacity
- Access to justice for all

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- Creation of procedural and human resource basics
- Improved Legislation
- Guaranteed Independence of the judiciary
- Equitable representation of citizens in the judiciary
- Protection of citizen's rights
- Equal access to justice
- Social Change