

# Strengthening the 'Federal Justice Organs Professionals Training Centre' (JOPTC)

*The Ethiopian judicial system has been significantly developing during the past years. The needs for an effective judicial system of a country populated by no less than 90 million people are high. In order to provide justice of high quality to the population, the judicial system should be based on the principles of the rule of law, transparency and independence.*

The Ethiopian Justice Organs Professional Training Center (JOPTC) aims at training incoming judges and prosecutors as well as in-service magistrates whose skills and integrity stand firm to the protection of the constitutional order. This judicial training is provided by experienced magistrates from all over the country on a regular basis in order to ensure a coherent, just and effective judicial system within the country.

The European Union support focuses on:

- Increasing the capacity of the JOPTC to plan and implement its training strategy at Federal and Regional State levels. Increasing the skills and competences of its trainers. Establishment of research capacity of the JOPTC, namely on training and case-based methodology.
- Design the JOPTC curriculum in the areas of pre and in-service training provided to the Judiciary, Prosecutors and other justice professionals.
- Construction of new training facilities.
- Provision of training equipment

## Facts and figures

EU partners National Authorizing Authority (NAO), Government of Ethiopia

Duration 2011-2016

Amount € 5,3 million

**Kick-off meeting of the grant component of the EU-supported programme "Strengthening the JOPTC"**



### 1. Technical Assistance for Strengthening the JOPTC (until December 15th, 2013)

Signed with 'Human Dynamics' for a duration of 32 months, the project mainly focuses on the training of aspiring and in-service justice organs professionals and on the design of an overall training strategy as well as enhancing the capacity of the centre with the long-term objective to ensure a high standard of justice is delivered to all citizens of Ethiopia.



### 2. *École Nationale de la Magistrature* (July 2013 to July 2015)

Having for objectives to develop the Centre's training capacity, to elaborate research strategy and methodology, to complete the Centre's library as well as to connect the latter to good practices and other training centres in Africa and Europe, the project will rely on a series of expert missions in Ethiopia and on study visits in the Bordeaux and Paris *École Nationale de la Magistrature*. An international conference on judicial training shall also be held in Addis Ababa as part of this ambitious project.



### 3. Supply of IT equipment

A supply tender for videoconference and IT equipment and procurement of office furniture was launched on November 12th, 2013. This material support aims at enabling the Centre to fulfil its regional outreach ambitions.



### 4. Construction of a new building for the Centre to start by Spring 2014.

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