

Constitution Building for Democracy

A capacity building training course

2 to 6 July ♦ Bali, Indonesia



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAM-CSSTC) are collaborating to offer a capacity-building workshop on ‘*Constitution Building for Democracy*’ for practitioners from ASEAN member countries, Chile, Cuba, South Africa and Timor Leste.

Introduction

Constitutions do much more than establish government and regulate its relationship to citizens – for many states, they have become tools to manage crisis and conflict, build inclusive democracies and lay the foundation for a culture of human rights. Constitution building is a political process aimed at addressing the challenges that modern democracies are facing.

Constitutional reform has thus become a characteristic part of intrastate conflict resolution, peace building, democratic reform and equitable economic development. National stakeholders across many sectors must have a competent understanding of the process of constitution building, the challenges and constraints during these processes as well as the realistic opportunities for political and social transformation. This course will address what kind of practices will help citizens, leaders and their supporters build democratic, sustainable constitutions.

Overview

This five day course on ***Constitution building for democracy*** is aimed at professionals interested in developing their knowledge on the different stages and features of constitution building processes, and how constitution building practices influence the protection of political and other rights and liberties as a means to building democracies that resolve conflicts peacefully. The workshop will follow an experience-based and interactive learning format.

The workshop will revolve around norms, comparative practices and problem solving supported by resource materials from Constitution Building Training Programme:

- ✓ Module on constitution building practices and mechanisms
- ✓ Module on constitution building for a human rights culture

Objectives

Participants of the training will be able to:

- Improve their understanding of and engagement in constitution building processes
- Be able to identify viable constitution building practices that are suited in their own contexts
- Have broader options on how to bridge divisions on human rights issues
- Use constitution building to solve some of the challenges of building a sustainable democracy

Training outline

Overview

- Introduction to constitution building practice
- The 3-step approach of the Constitution Building Training Programme

Part 1:

- Setting the stage for constitution building in different democratizing contexts
- Selecting and establishing mechanisms and practices for constitution building
- Negotiating and dialogue processes during constitution building
- Approaches to constitutional drafting
- Options for constitutional promulgation
- The formal and substantive challenges and opportunities of constitutional implementation
- Case studies
- Problem solving exercises and feedback

Part 2:

- Identifying human rights issues in contested constitution building processes
- Building an inclusive and participatory human rights culture through a constitutional process
- Group dynamics in human rights claims, including by women and marginalized groups
- Case studies
- Problem solving exercises and feedback

Training team

The focus of the training workshop is the experience of the individual participants. The use of comparative options that are practice-oriented will assist participants to explore specific issues that they confront in their own work. A team of experienced trainers will lead the course and facilitate interactive exercises, discussions and case study analysis.

To enrich discussions, provide feedback to participants and to ensure that technical aspects, especially from a legal perspective, are thoroughly addressed, the training team will be complemented by resource persons who are constitutional and human rights experts.

Who should participate?

The course on Constitution Building for Democracy is open to participants from ASEAN member countries, Chile, Cuba, South Africa and Timor Leste. Participants will have a variety of disciplinary backgrounds and skills. They will be individuals working in political and technical aspects of democratic reform and conflict management within a range institutions. Specifically, those with responsibilities within the following functions will benefit from attending the training:

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| ✓ Advising on governance/democracy reforms | ✓ Implementing constitutional reform |
| ✓ Advocacy/promotion of human rights | ✓ Legislating/law making/legal reform |
| ✓ Briefing officials/politicians on constitutions | ✓ Monitoring democratic practices |
| ✓ Conflict mediation support | ✓ Policy making/implementation |
| ✓ Civic education on constitutions | ✓ Technical assistance for governance reform |
| | ✓ Media reporting on governance issues |

The course is limited to 28 participants and will be conducted in English.

Travel & accommodation

The organizers will provide economy-class return air tickets, accommodation, breakfast and lunch during the training and a dinner allowance for participants. There is no course fee.

Application

Please submit the nomination form on or before **8 June 2012**. Applications should be submitted to Jenny Isberg at j.isberg@idea.int and Nina Sudiro at nina.sudiro@gmail.com. Please ensure that application materials are sent to both email addresses.

Venue & Organizers

The training will be held at the Bali Rani Hotel, Bali, Indonesia.

International IDEA is an intergovernmental organization whose mission is to support locally owned and sustainable democratic change worldwide. It has 27 member states drawn from all continents. IDEA undertakes its work in the fields of electoral processes, constitution building, political participation and representation, and democracy and development. International IDEA works worldwide. Its global headquarters is in Stockholm, Sweden, with regional programmes in Asia and the Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, West Asia and North Africa. For more information on International IDEA, please visit www.idea.int. For more information on constitution building, please visit www.constitutionnet.org.

The Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation (NAM CSSTC) was established in 1995 at the initiative of the Government of Indonesia and the Government of Brunei Darussalam at the eleventh Summit of NAM held in Cartagena, Colombia, as a vital and effective means for promoting and accelerating development in the developing countries. Its objective is to enhance collective self-reliance of developing countries in attaining sustained people-centered economic and social development as well as to enable developing countries to become equal partners in international relations. NAM CSSTC is a centre for action and pooling resources, a forum for dialogue among developing countries. Its programmes carry direct and long-term benefit to render the economy of developing countries to be more broad-based, efficient and resilient to participate in the globalization process. Further details please visit <http://www.csstc.org>.

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