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Projects



➤ **Institutional Strengthening for Criminal Procedure Reform in Latin America**

The JSCA will use funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to offer a training program designed to optimize the implementation of the criminal justice reform in Latin America. The program's target audience is officials and members of the organizations and agencies linked to the criminal procedure reform process.

Project duration: 3 years (2003-2006)

Purposes



- To train regional leaders in the successful implementation of Criminal Justice reforms in the region
- To promote innovative approaches and practices in order to resolve the problems associated with implementing and following-up on Criminal Justice reforms in Latin America
- To reinforce the JSCA's institutional capacity in order to solidify its role as a key actor in Criminal Justice reform processes

Principals Results Expected



- To secure a “critical mass” of individuals in Latin America who have the knowledge and abilities needed to implement reforms
- To incorporate the contents and instruments associated with the project into the reform-related training programs and activities implemented in the region
- To carry out studies that will help identify problems associated with gender and diversity in the implementation of judicial reforms
- To establish a permanent network that will allow key players from Latin America and Canada to exchange experiences and knowledge on functioning of the Criminal Justice reforms, including a gender perspective

Beneficiaries



Program beneficiaries include authorities and members of institutions in the Justice Sector who participate in Criminal Justice reforms: judges, prosecutors, public defenders, members of Civil Society Organizations, academics, and governmental and international cooperation agencies.

Scope:

*We expect to reach more than **900 people** (direct beneficiaries and participants in local repetitions) through the activities that form part of this program.*

Strategy and Criteria for Selecting Participants



❖ **Estrategy**

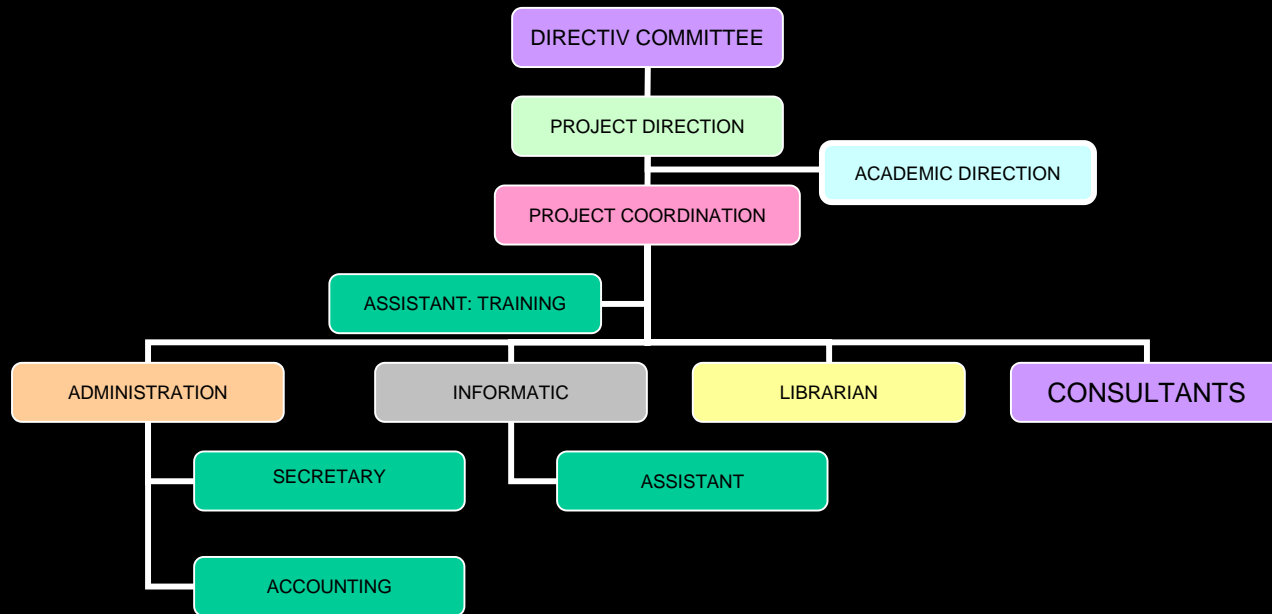
Grant Programs: The JSCA will offer full and partial grants to approximately 30% of the participants.

❖ **Criteria**

Gender: a minimum of 40% of the participants in the project will be women

Influence: one of our goals is to attract important individuals who can play a role in the reform processes in their home countries

Project Team : Flow Chart



Canadian Organizations



National Judicial Institute (NJI)

- During the preparatory stage of the Project, consultants from the JSCA's team will attend a course developed by the NJI and will receive assistance regarding strategies for educating training staff.
- An NJI expert will assist the JSCA team in designing the e-learning modules that serve as the basis of the Training Program.



Department of Justice de Canadá. (DoJ)

- A DoJ expert will offer technical assistance during the preparatory stage of the Project.
- Two DoJ experts will serve as instructors in the third stage of the Program (Educating Training Staff and Litigation Techniques).



Projects Components



- a) Study on *Gender and Criminal Procedure Reform***
- b) Study on *Diversity and Criminal Procedure Reform***
- c) Website, as support for the Training Program and the creation of a network of regional representatives**

Principal Component: Training Program

a) Study on Gender and Criminal Procedure Reform



Objectives:

- ✓ To obtain and disseminate empirical information that will allow for the evaluation of the degree to which the criminal justice reforms have had a positive impact on the treatment of gender-related cases.

- ✓ To advocate the inclusion of a gender perspective in the reform agendas in the region.

- ✓ The Study will be carried out in four countries.

- ✓ The Study's results will be used to create a module for the Training Program

b) Study on Diversity and Criminal Procedure Reform



Objectives:

- ✓ To gather and disseminate information that will allow for the definition of the degree to which the implementation of criminal justice reforms has had a positive impact on how problems related to Diversity are addressed.
- ✓ The Project proposes initiating the Study in one country.
- ✓ The results of the study will be incorporated into the Training Program.

c) Web site



The Project will promote an ongoing exchange among Network members, encouraging the use of virtual tools that have already been developed. These include:

- **Website:** The Website will offer support for the training program (e-learning) and the network of individuals who play key roles in creating the project's framework.
- **Electronic Newsletter:** A monthly bulletin will be published and distributed via Internet in order to keep the members updated and interconnected.
- **Virtual Library:** This service will allow network members to have access to updated information and materials related to the project's topic.
- **Virtual Forums:** Six virtual forums will be held in order to offer support and follow-up in the learning activities promoted through the training program.

Training Program



The Oral and Accusatory Criminal Procedure System: New Focuses and Practices for Its Implementation in Latin America

Program Characteristics :

- *This program forms part of an exhaustive diagnosis of the concrete problems and needs associated with the implementation of reforms*
- *It is based on empirical information and instruments that have been proven to offer solutions*
- *The program design is based on a course that has already been successfully implemented by the JSCA*

Thematic Axes



- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure Law
- Criminal Procedure Reform in Latin America
- Empirical Criminal Research
- Criminal Litigation Techniques
- Administration of Judicial Institutions
- Training Project Management
- Gender and Judicial Reform

Complete Cycle of the Training Program



First stage: **Course: *New Focuses and Practices for the Implementation of an Oral and Accusatory Criminal Procedure System***

Second stage: ***E-learning Enrichment Course***

Third stage: ***Advanced Training Staff Enrichment Course***

Local repetitions: Activities carried out by the training staff that has graduated from the program.

First Stage



Course: New Focuses and Practices for the Implementation of an Oral and Accusatory Criminal Procedure System

- On-site, one-week course to be held in Santiago de Chile.
- Large introductory course (approximately 90 participants).
- The JSCA will use this course to determine which participants will continue in the program.

Objectives:

To analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the reform processes in Latin America

To disseminate knowledge, instruments and skills for implementing reforms

To demonstrate the functioning of an oral and accusatory criminal procedure model in a practical manner and through on-site activities

Second Stage



E-learning Enrichment Course

- Directed at a smaller group (approximately 30 participants) selected during the first stage
- Will last one quarter
- The approach includes synchronic and asynchronic contact with the instructors who will run the modules

Includes 7 Modules

Criminal Procedure

Criminal Litigation

Substantive Criminal Law

Empirical Criminal Research

Criminal Litigation Techniques

Administration of Judicial Institutions

Training Project Management

Gender and Judicial Reform

Third Stage



Advanced Training Staff Enrichment Course

Intensive, 3 day on-site course to be held in Santiago in Chile.

- Directed at participants who have satisfactorily completed the e-learning course.
- The course emphasizes the acquisition of skills that cannot be learned via e-learning.

Objectives:

- To enrich training in Oral Litigation Techniques
- To develop pedagogical skills for those responsible for training staff

Locals Repetitions



Program graduates should organize various activities in their home countries, including courses, seminars, study groups and research.

- The Project Team will offer financial and technical support for developing some of the local repetitions to be held in the region and will supervise the development and results of the repetitions.

The purpose of the local activities is to promote the discussion of the problems associated with the reform and to propose solutions tailored to local realities, applying the instruments and knowledge transmitted during the Training Program.

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