

LIST OF IDLO ACTIVITIES IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION 1986 – 2006

By Country

Australia

- Training Workshop on "*Mediation Skills*" (Sydney, 1993)
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- 1st edition for the Asia-Pacific of IDLO's annual "*Public International Trade Law Course*" (Melbourne, 2000)
- Technical Assistance: "*Asia Pacific Perspectives on Combating Corruption: Drafting National Anti-Corruption Action Plans*" (2002)
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- IDLO annual course "*Public International Trade Law Course*" (Sydney, 2001)
- "*Judicial Administration and Reform Course*" – 3 week course - (Sydney, 2002)
- "*External Consultations to Review the ADB Inspection Function*" (2002)
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- “WTO/IDLO Trade Training Capacity Building Workshop” (Sydney, 2003)
As part of the WTO’ Trade Training Capacity Building Program, this program sought to enhance trade training capacity and expertise on a range of WTO subject matters, particularly with local and regional trade related training institutions. IDLO conducted jointly with the WTO a three-week Trade Training Capacity Building Workshop for the Asia Pacific region in Sydney from 12-30 May 2003. This Workshop included a training program on substantive issues including the rules, operations and impact of the WTO Multilateral Trading System – Doha Development Agenda – on regional trading arrangements, and skills-based training-of-trainers and research components. The participants were government officials from relevant Ministries, trainers from local and regional trade related training institutions, as well as researchers, policy analysts and academics from economic research institutions, economic policy think-tanks and academia.
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Bangladesh

- Training Workshop on: “Private Sector Infrastructure Development” (Dhaka, 2001)
- Distance Learning Seminar: “Private Sector Infrastructure Development” (Rome-Dhaka, 2001)
- Training of Trainers on “Private Sector Infrastructure Development” (Dhaka, 2001)

Cambodia

- Training Workshop on “Negotiating and Drafting International Contracts” (Phnom Penh, 1992)
- Training Workshop on “Mediation and Conciliation Techniques: Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods for International Contract” (Phnom Penh, 1993)
- Technical Assistance “Mekong Region Law Center” (Phnom Penh, 1994)
- Training Workshop on “Legal Aspects of Banking Techniques” (Phnom Penh, 1994)
- Training Workshop on “Training Needs Assessment” (Phnom Penh, 1997)
- Training Workshop on “Legal Aspects of membership and Participation in International Organization” (Phnom Penh, 1998)
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- Training Workshop on “*National Action Plan on Anti-Corruption*” (Phnom Penh, 1999)
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 - “Cambodia: AusAID ‘Cambodia CATAF Royal School for Judges and Prosecutors Project’” (2005)
IDLO and the Centre for Judicial Studies (‘CJS’) were selected in a competitive tender to deliver: (a) a workshop in Cambodia to identify the training needs of the judiciary of Cambodia and the Royal School for Judges and Prosecutors (‘RSJP’) for institutional capacity-building and professional development; and (b) a follow-up report on further assistance to the RSJP/Cambodian Judiciary, under the AusAID-funded Cambodia-Australia Technical Assistance Facility (CATAF).
In April 2005, IDLO and Livingston Armytage, CJS conducted a training needs assessment and workshop in Cambodia (30 March-11 April) for members from the RSJP Board of Administration, management staff and training faculty with the aim of developing the capacity to design, manage and implement an effective program of judicial education. IDLO also prepared the final workshop report and a follow-up report on further assistance to the RSJP/Cambodian Judiciary. The report was submitted to CATAF on 18 April, 2005.

Hong Kong

- Training Workshop: “*International Purchase Contracts in the Electronic Sector*” (1991)

India

- Training Workshop on "*Legal Training in BOT/BOOT Infrastructure Development*" (New Delhi, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training needs Assessment*" (Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya, Pradesh, 1999)

Indonesia

- Training Workshop on "*Legal Aspects of International Trade*" (Jakarta, 1986)
- Training Workshop on "*Key Issues in Indonesian Corporate Law*" (Jakarta, 1987)
- Training Workshop on "*Business Contracts*" (Jakarta, 1988)
- Training Workshop on "*Legal Training in BOT/BOOT Infrastructure Development*" (Jakarta, 1998)
- Technical Assistance "*Judicial Sector Review of the Training Needs of the Supreme Court of Indonesia*" (Jakarta, 2004)
- "*Environmental Law and Enforcement in Australia- Indonesia Australia Specialized Training Project Phase III*" (2005-2008)
In July 2005, the joint IDLO-University of South Australia-SAGRIC bid won the tender for the AusAID-funded 'Environmental Law and Enforcement – In Australia Project'. This Project fell within the framework of the 'Indonesia-Australia Specialized Training Project – Phase III (IASTP III), managed by Hassall and Associates International (HAI) for a period spanning from April 2004 – December 2008. The 'Environmental Law and Enforcement – In Australia Project' involved a 12-week training course for 18 Indonesian judges, prosecutors and environmental enforcement officers, focusing on criminal and civil aspects of environmental law and good governance principles as they relate to environmental law enforcement. The first six weeks of the course (19 September-28 October 2005) were held in Sydney and comprised a number of field trips to Courts, and Government Departments and Agencies, while the remaining six weeks (28 November-10 December 2005) were held at the University of South Australia.
- "*AusAID Judicial Sector Review*" (2005)
Melbourne University Private (MUP)/ Asian Law Group (ALG) are the consortium implementing the AusAID Indonesia-Australia Legal Development Facility (LDF) totaling AUD22m of assistance over a 5 years period. IDLO was selected through a limited tender to provide a judicial training expert who would (i) conduct a review of the training and technical assistance activities that have been undertaken between the Federal Court of Australia (FCA) and the Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia (MA) during the past five years; (ii) assess the training needs of the MA and provide recommendations on a program

of technical assistance for the next two years and (iii) address issues concerned with the design, implementation and evaluation of this technical assistance. Meetings were held with the training and TA's stakeholders in Australia (MUP, ALG, FCA) and during a two week mission which took place in Jakarta from 22 August to 3 September, 2005, meetings were held with judges and court officials from the Supreme Court of Indonesia, including the Hon. Chief Justice Bagir Manan SH MC, Chief Justice of the MA, as well as NGO representatives, lawyers, academics and donors.

Japan

- "*External Consultations to Review the ADB Inspection Function*" (2002)
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- Training Workshop on: "*Intellectual Property*" (Osaka and Tokyo, 2003)

Korea

- Technical Assistance: "*Corporate Governance Reform in Korea*" (1999-2000)
In collaboration with its consortium partners, Coudert Brothers, Shin & Kim and Stanford University, IDLO provided training on recommendations on modern corporate governance practices for government officials and corporate decision-makers, as part of a World Bank-funded project on *Corporate Governance Reform* in Korea.

Mongolia

- Training Workshop on "*Legal Skills for International Sales Contracts*" (Ulaanbaatar, 1993)
- "Training of Trainers" (Ulaanbaatar, 1995)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training Needs Assessment*" (Ulaanbaatar 1995)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training Needs Assessment*" (Ulaanbaatar 1996)
- Technical Assistance: "*Providing Training and Resources to the Mongolian Judiciary*" (Ulaanbaatar 1997)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook I*" (Uvurkhangai, 1998)

- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook II*" (Ulaanbaatar, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook III*" (Zavkhan/Govi-Altai, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook IV*" (Khuvsgul/Arkhangai, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook V*" (Khentii, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook VI*" (Umnugovi/Dundgovi, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook VII*" (Ulaanbaatar, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook VIII*" (Orkhon/Selenge/Erdenet, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook IX*" (Darkhan/Bulgan, 1998)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook X*" (Ulaanbaatar, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Mongolian Benchbook XI & XII*" (Dorngobi/Khovd, 1999)
- "*New Benchbook for the Mongolian Judiciary*" (2002-2004)
This USAID-funded project initiated in August 2002, was concluded in February 2004 with a launch of a new manual, "benchbook", addressed to Mongolian magistrates, and other experts in the legal field. The "benchbook" facilitates a better understanding and application of the Civil Procedure Code and Criminal Procedure Code enacted in Mongolia on September 1, 2002, and provides practical guidance in relation to Court and Case Management, Legal Reasoning and Judgment Writing, and Judicial Ethics.

Nepal

- Training Workshop on "*Private Sector Reform: Privatization Issues and Methods*" (Katmandu, 1994)
- Training Workshop on "*Managing NGOs: legal Issues*" (Katmandu, 2000)
- "*External Consultations to Review the ADB Inspection Function*" (2002)
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Pakistan

- Training Workshop on "*Transfer of Technology*" (Karachi, 1987)
- Training Workshop on "*Managing NGOs: Legal and Organizational Issues for NGO Leaders*" (Lahore, 2004)

Papua New Guinea

- Technical Assistance: "*National Anti-Corruption Action Plan*" (Port Moresby, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Asia Pacific Perspectives on Combating Corruption: Drafting National Anti-Corruption Action Plans*" (2002)
In partnership with the Centre for Democratic Institutions and the National Centre for Development Studies at the Australian National University, and the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption, IDLO implemented a project co-financed by AusAID and USAID on *Asia Pacific Perspectives on Combating Corruption: Drafting National Anticorruption Action Plans*. One-week workshops were held in each of the three countries included in the project, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. In each country, the workshop focused on elaborating a draft national action plan to combat corruption or refining the existing strategy. A regional workshop was held in May 2000 in Canberra with representatives from each country, as well as Indonesia, with the aim of discussing issues of implementation of national action plans in the four jurisdictions.
- "*Judicial Training Project*" (Port Moresby, 2002)

People's Democratic Republic of Laos

- Training Workshop on "*Negotiating and Drafting International Contracts*" (Vientiane, 1991)
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- Training Workshop on "*Legal Aspects of Banking Techniques*" (Vientiane, 1994)
- Training Workshop on "*Enhancing Governance in Laos: Practical Training for the Judiciary*" (Vientiane, 1998)
- "Training of Trainers" (Vientiane, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook I*" (Vientiane, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook II*" (Luang Prabang, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook III*" (Luang Prabang, 1999)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook IV*" (Vientiane, 2000)
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- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook VIII*" (Vientiane, 2000)
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on the Lao Benchbook IX*" (Vientiane, 2000)

People's Republic of China

- Training Workshop on "*Company Law*" (Beijing, 1986)
- Training Workshop on "*Legal Issues of Foreign Investments*" (Beijing, 1993)
- Training Workshop on "*Training for Legal Trainers*" (Beijing, 1994)
- Training Workshop on "*Cross-Cultural Business Negotiation*" (Beijing, 1995)
- Training Workshop on "*Technical Assistance Needs Assessment*" (Beijing, 1995)
- Training Workshop on "*Training Needs Assessment*" (Beijing, 1997)
- Training Workshop on "*Legal Training in BOT/BOOT Infrastructure Development*" (Beijing, 1998)
- Technical Assistance "*Institutionalizing Legal Training in Cambodia, People's Republic of China, Mongolia and Viet Nam*"
- Training Workshop on "*Training for Government Officials in Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Shanghai, 2000)
- Distance Learning Seminar on "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Rome-Shanghai, 2000)
- Trainer of Trainers on "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Shanghai, 2000)
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- "*WTO Law Training for the Shanghai Municipal Government*" (2005)
The Institute for International Business, Economics and Law (IIBE &L) of the University of Adelaide called on IDLO to organize and execute a one week training course as part of their specialized twelve week WTO law training program, jointly financed by the municipal government and the Shanghai WTO Consultancy center, in 2005. The IDLO office in Sydney thus put together a one week training course on the service sector, notably focusing on tourism and its legal and financial aspects. The course also included organized visits to various different international business and tourism institutions.

The Philippines

- Training Workshop on "*Negotiating, Arbitrating and Drafting International Contracts*" (Talisay, 1992)
- Technical Assistance: "*Asia Pacific Perspectives on Combating Corruption: Drafting National Anti-Corruption Action Plans*" (2002)
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- Technical Assistance: "*National Anti-Corruption Action Plan*" (Manila, 1999)
- "*Enhancing the Efficiency and Accountability of the Judicial Process: Producing Benchbooks for Philippine Judges*" (2001)
With AusAID funding, the IDLO worked with the Philippine Supreme Court on a Judicial Technical Assistance project: *Drafting Benchbooks for Judges and Training on their Use*. The project was designed to upgrade the judicial skills of judges, improve the efficiency of courts and enhance the integrity, transparency and accountability of the judicial process. Benchbooks were published in hard copy as well as in CD-ROM and web-based versions.
- Technical Assistance: "*Training on Philippines Benchbook for Trial Court Judges*" (10 workshops throughout 2001)
- Regional seminar on "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Manila, 2001)
- "*Publication on ADB Law and Reform Activities*" (Manila 2004, 2 missions to Manila sponsored by ADB)
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Sri Lanka

- Training Workshop on: *"WTO Implementation"* (Colombo, 1998)
- Training Workshop on: *"Managing the NGO: Legal and Organizational Issues for NGO Leaders"* (Colombo 2002)
- "Commercial Law for Sri Lankan Judges" (2005)
The World Bank, in the frame of The Legal and Judicial Reform Project (LJRP), requested that IDLO design and implement a Commercial Law Training course for Sri Lankan Judges. Accordingly:
 - > In March 2005, the LJRP of The World Bank Group financed a two-week seminar entitled "An Introduction to Commercial Law, Certain Aspects of Commercial Law, Commercial Dispute Resolution Mechanisms, and Certain Aspects of Corporate Criminality".
 - > In April 2005, 34 officials from the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka were in Rome, for a three-week specific tailor-made training seminar. The objective of the seminar was to enable legal professionals from Sri Lanka to: gain knowledge and build practical skills; learn how to apply their knowledge and skills to the resolution of commercial disputes through various mechanisms and in different forums, and develop lasting skills as negotiators and mediators in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.
 - > In August 2005, 18 Judges from the Ministry of Justice of Sri Lanka took part in a two-week course in Rome. The project treated the main legal issues relating to banking legislation, regulation and current banking, securities regulation and market manipulation, economic law and development financing, competition law, commercial financing and alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Thailand

- Technical Assistance: *"Law in Transition Conference"* (Chiang Mai, 1992)
- Training Workshop on: *"Enforcement of Pollution Control Legislation in Urban Areas"* (Bangkok, 1992)
- Technical Assistance: *"Mekong region Law Center"* (Nongkhai, 1993)
- Training Workshop on: *"Needs Assessment on Insolvency Law"* (Bangkok, 2000)
- Training Workshop on: *"Training on Insolvency and Business Reorganization"* (Bangkok, 2001)
- *"Training in Corporate Reorganization and Insolvency for the Business Reorganization Office and Legal Execution Department of Thailand"* (2002-2003)

A project funded by the Asian Development Bank with the Thai Legal Execution Department (LED) began in 2002 to strengthen the capacity of the Department to provide in-house training on insolvency law issues. The Project included the following elements: (i) development of performance support materials for LED officials to assist the lawyers

and accountants to accomplish particular work tasks that they are responsible for; (ii) the publication of performance support materials in the Thai language on an LED training website to make the training materials accessible to all of the LED's 2000 employees spread over 85 offices throughout Thailand; and (iii) training of trainers workshops with LED officials on the design of performance support materials and the maintenance and updating of the electronic website of training materials. The launch of the LED electronic database of training materials took place at the end of April 2003. IDLO implemented this Project with the assistance of Allen Arthur Robinson law firm and Siam Premier International law firm.

Timor-Leste

- Technical Assistance: "*Training for the Judiciary*" (Dili, 2000)
- "*Training of the Judiciary in Timor-Leste*" (2000-2004)

From May 2000 and with funding from USAID, IDLO implemented a major *Training of the Judiciary* Project for Timor-Leste. The first phase of this project consisted of an extensive two-year program (2000-2002) of practical training on criminal law and procedure and civil law and procedure designed for newly appointed judges, prosecutors and public defenders. In June 2002, IDLO signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Justice of Timor-Leste, marking the beginning of Phase II of the Project (2002-2003). In February 2004, parties signed Phase III of the Project, which consisted of: 1) 14 training sessions for a group of 15 Timorese prosecutors; 2) the completion of a training manual for the prosecutors; and 3) the establishment of a documentation center for the Ministry of Justice.
- Training of the Prosecutors Program Workshops (Dili, 2004):
 - > "*Arrest and Pre Trial detention and Role of Prosecutor*"
 - > "*Preparation and Insurance of Indictment by prosecutor*"
 - > "*Preliminary Motions and Role of Prosecutor*"
 - > "*Role of the prosecutor in Preliminary Hearings*"
 - > "*Role of the Prosecutor in Proceedings on Admission of Guilt*"
 - > "*Legal Drafting*"
 - > "*Preparation for Trial by the Prosecutor*"
 - > "*Role of Prosecutor in Trial Proceedings*"
- Technical Assistance: "*Prosecutors Guidelines Manual*"

Vanuatu

- Training Workshop on: "*Negotiating International Contracts and Loan Agreements*" (Port Vila, 1994)

Vietnam

- Training Workshop on "*Contracts and Fiscal Legislation for Joint Venture Enterprises*" (Hanoi, 1990)
- Training Workshop on: "*Negotiating and Arbitrating International Contracts*" (Ho Chi Minh, 1991)
- Training Workshop on: "*Export Costing, Pricing and Financing*" (Hanoi, 1993)
- Training Workshop on: "*Negotiation and Legal Management of International Investment Contracts*" (Hanoi, 1993)
- Training Workshop on: "*International purchase Contracts*" (Hanoi, 1994)
- Training Workshop on: "*Drafting Techniques and Dispute Settlement of International Contracts*" (Hanoi, 1994)
- Technical Assistance: "*Legal Training Needs Assessment*" (Hanoi, 1995)
- Technical Assistance: "*Legal Training Needs Assessment*" (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Danang, 1995)
- "Training of Trainers" (Hanoi, 1996)
- Training Workshop on: "*International Trade Negotiations*" (Ho Chi Minh, 1996)
- Technical Assistance: "*Technical Assistance to the Viet Nam Lawyer's Association: Providing Legal Aid to Viet Nam*" (Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh, Tuyen Quang, 1997)
- Training Workshop on: "*Negotiation Techniques*" (Hanoi, 1997)
- Training Workshop on: "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Hanoi, 2000)
- Distance Learning Seminar on "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Rome-Hanoi, 2000)
- Training of Trainers on "*Private Sector Infrastructure Development*" (Hanoi, 2000)
- Technical Assistance: "*Benchbook for the Vietnamese Judiciary*" (12 month project- 2004)
- "*Benchbook for the Vietnamese Judiciary*" (2005-2006)

IDLO was the successful tender for this project in an AusAID competitive bid. The inception mission in Vietnam took place from July 6-22, 2005, and the first of four follow-up missions took place from October 3-15, 2005. The project involved the development of a Benchbook for the Supreme People's Court in (i) a web based electronic format with an update facility; (ii) a hard copy loose-leaf manual and (iii) a CDROM with relevant applicable laws also accessible on the CDROM. In the first two missions to Vietnam a team of 8 judges to form the Authors Group and 2 judges to form the Editors Group were selected as well as the local project staff. A survey on what the Benchbook should contain was sent to all courts and other legal stakeholders in Vietnam. A report synthesizing the over 500 survey responses was presented at two Stakeholder Seminars that were held in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi to receive judges' feedback on what should be contained within the Benchbook. IDLO worked with the Authors' Group to finalise the contents of the Benchbook which was

approved by the Judicial Council in Vietnam in May 2006. Two training-of-trainers are taking place in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in May.