



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
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Programme

Specialised Judicial Training Series

‘Restoring Justice and Dignity in Ukraine’

Location: Online and in-person

Proposed Dates:

Online: 6 June – 9 July 2024

In-person: 18-19 July, Kyiv, Opera Hotel

Notes: Completion Certificates. Criteria for Selection of in-person participants from pool of online participants.

[Please note that programme may still be subject to change].

Part 1: Online trainings

| # | Date& Time | Format | Topic | Objectives |
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| 1. | 6 June 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | <i>In absentia</i> criminal proceedings: inter(national) law and practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing and analysing international, comparative and Ukrainian legal and procedural aspects of conducting <i>in absentia</i> proceedings, as well as best practices. - Overview of ECtHR case law regarding <i>in absentia</i> proceedings. - Q&A |
| 2. | 13 June 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | Case study in <i>absentia</i> proceedings: MH17 case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a detailed examination of the MH17 case. - Discuss the challenges and legal intricacies involved in conducting <i>in absentia</i> proceedings. - Analyse lessons learned and best practices applicable to the Ukrainian context. - Q&A |



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| 3. | 20 June 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | Introduction: Understanding trauma and its impact on victims and witnesses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Psychological and Emotional Effects of Trauma on Victims and Witnesses of atrocity crimes - Techniques to recognise trauma responses in victims and witnesses. - Trauma-informed investigative techniques. - Q&A. |
| 4. | 27 June 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | Trauma-informed judicial practices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-traumatisation: definition and causes - Identifying re-traumatisation triggers in the court room - Practical techniques for mitigating re-traumatisation - Trauma-sensitive communication for judges - Q&A. |
| 5. | 2 July 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | Open-source digital evidence in atrocity crimes cases (genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, aggression) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide an overview of open-source digital evidence found and used in int'l criminal proceedings or domestic proceedings involving int'l crimes. - Q&A |
| 6. | 9 July 2024 16:30-18:30 | Online | Case Study: open-source digital evidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss the prospects of using open-source digital evidence in Ukraine as linkage evidence and/or crime-base evidence. |

Part 2: In-person trainings, 2 days

DAY 1: 18 July 2024

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| 1. | 09:30-10:30 | In-person | Welcome & Presentation of the 'Restoring Dignity and Justice in Ukraine: A Whole-Of-Government Approach to Advancing Accountability for International Crimes' programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening Remarks. - Round of introductions. - Overview of the 'Restoring Dignity and Justice in Ukraine' programme and the specialised judicial trainings |
| | 10:30-10:45 | | Coffee break | |
| 2. | 10:45-12:30 | In-person | In absentia criminal proceedings: strategies and safeguards for addressing fair trial issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussing and analysing the practices of Ukrainian courts in conflict-related cases (atrocity crimes and collaboration crimes). |
| | 12:30-13:30 | In-person | Lunch | |



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| 3. | 13:30-15:00 | In-person | Mock hearing: Trauma-informed approaches (Session 1) | - Application of the practical techniques learnt for mitigating the re-traumatisation of witnesses and victims in role-play exercises. - Q&A |
| | 15:00-15:30 | | Coffee break | |
| 4. | 15:30-17:30 | In-person | Mock hearing: Trauma-informed approaches (Session 2) | - Application of the practical techniques learnt for mitigating the re-traumatisation of witnesses and victims in role-play exercises. - Q&A |

DAY 2: 19 July 2024

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| 5. | 09:00-12:30 | In-person | Mock hearing: admissibility of open-source evidence | -Strengthening the knowledge and skills acquired in a role-play exercise focusing on open-source evidence. |
| 6. | 12:30-13:30 | In-person | Closing Remarks | - Closing remarks and evaluation. |
| | 13:30-15:30 | In-person | Closing Luncheon | |

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