

Dear ILAC members,

The message that I sent out to ILAC member organisations on 30 March, concerning possible interest for a coordination conference on assistance to the justice system in Haiti on 15 June has met with a very encouraging response. To date, 15 organisations have expressed an interest in participating in such a conference.

This means the conference will go ahead as planned. The venue will be Paris and the date will be 15 June. The conference will be organised jointly by ILAC and the Union Internationale des Avocats, which is one of the founding members of ILAC and has its headquarters in Paris.

ILAC has presently a team of experts working within the Haitian Ministry of Justice with the purpose of drawing up a plan for medium and long term legal reform. Their report, which is due by mid-May, will serve as the basis for the conference. The conference will provide an opportunity to make an inventory of available resources, both financial and human, and to prioritize and distribute proposed projects among organisations that are interested in taking part in the implementation. Since it is very important that any initiatives coming out of this conference are closely coordinated with both present activities and future plans, representatives from the government of Haiti and the UN are also expected to participate.

Participating organisations will be expected to arrange and pay for their accommodation and travel, while ILAC will bear all direct costs in connection the conference. Since the conference will take the whole day of 15 June, it might be wise to arrange for arrival on 14 June and departure on 16 June. UIA/ILAC will provide you with a list of recommended hotels in the vicinity of the conference venue.

We will soon provide you with further information.

Best regards

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