



Open Society Foundations - Armenia

JUSTICE GROUP

CIVIL SOCIETY REMARKS ON THE DRAFT JUDICIAL AND CRIMINAL CODES

Public Discussion

Draft Agenda
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DoubleTree by Hilton Yerevan, Milano Hall
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Open Society Foundations-Armenia in the framework of its criminal justice program, in 2015 initiated the establishment of an expert council, titled the Justice Group, comprised of civil society representatives and lawyers. The mission of the Group is to ensure effectiveness of the law-making process within the framework of the judicial and legal reforms, securing international standards in the new laws, as well as civilian oversight over the reforms.

09:45 – 10:00 ***Registration of participants, refreshments***

10:00 – 11:15 **PART 1. Does the draft Judicial Code address the existing problems in the judicial system?**

Moderator

Tatevik Khachatryan, Open Society Foundations – Armenia

Safeguards of independence and impartiality of judges

Hayk Alumyan, Attorney

Legality of fining the advocates from the perspective of human rights protection

Davit Khachaturyan, Ph.D., Expert

Judicial protection of the public interest by the civil society

Artur Sakunts, Helsinki Citizen's Assembly- Vanadzor, Chairman

Discussion, Q&A

11:30 – 13:00 **PART 2. Does the draft Criminal Code address the existing problems in the area of criminal justice?**

Moderator

David Amiryan, Open Society Foundations – Armenia

Legislative mechanisms for prevention of torture and ill-treatment

Davit Khachaturyan, Ph.D., Expert

Criminalization of the electoral rights' violations and corruption crimes

Heriqnaz Tigranyan, Transparency International Anticorruption Center, Legal Adviser

Access to justice for the persons serving life imprisonment

Avetik Ishkhanyan, Armenian Helsinki Committee, President

Discussion, Q&A

13:00 – 13:10 ***Closing Remarks***

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