



# **TAIEX Workshop on international refugee law**

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**organised in co-operation with  
the Tunisian Union of Administrative Judges**

**Venue: Hotel El Mouradi Grammarth, Tunis**

**20 - 21 October 2014**

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### **Aim of the meeting:**

The aim of the workshop is to provide Tunisian judges and other relevant public officials with training on the principles of international and EU refugee law, in particular the Geneva Convention and the EU Directives on qualifications and procedures.

In the latest Strategy Paper between the EU and Tunisia justice reform, management of migratory influxes and asylum have been identified as priorities. Asylum is referred to in relation to the principles outlined in the Geneva Convention of which Tunisia is a signatory. It is noted that there is a judicial gap in Tunisian legislation when it comes to determination of refugee status.

Experts from EU Member States will share their experience with Tunisian officials in how best to implement international refugee rights. The workshop aims at contributing to awareness raising, sharing of knowledge and development of capacities in support of the Geneva Convention in Tunisia.

### **Beneficiary:**

Tunisia

## Day 1 : Monday 20 October 2014

**Chair: Judge Katelijne Declerck**

9.00-9.30: Opening: EU Delegation and Judge Katelijne Declerck

### **9.30-11.00: Session 1: Who is a refugee: introduction?**

Speakers: François Guilbault, General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board  
Professor Amor Boubakri, UNDP

- Legal framework: Geneva Convention
- Refugee status determination: general principles
- Humanitarian Law and Human rights conventions
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11.00-11.30: *Coffee break*

### **11.30- 13.00: Session 2: Asylum procedures and the role of the judiciary**

Speakers: Judge Katelijne Declerck, Belgium  
Expert Anna Bengsston, Swedish Migration Board

- European Asylum *acquis*: Directives in the field of asylum
- Asylum Qualification Directive and Asylum Procedures Directive
- Case study (all speakers)
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13.00-14.00: *Lunch break*

### **14.00-15.30: Session 3: Right to asylum and the role of judiciary**

Speakers: Professor Amor Boubakri, UNDP  
Deborah Morrish, Acting Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Appeal Division and Ross Pattee, Deputy Chairperson, Refugee Protection Division, Immigration and Refugee Board  
Expert Anna Bengsston, Swedish Migration Board

- National legislation
- Judiciary and the refugee criteria: issues of interpretation
- Interviewing techniques in a judicial context

15.30-15.45: *Coffee break*

### **15.45-17.00: Session 4: Right to asylum in a challenging context**

Speakers: Judge Katelijne Declerck, Belgium  
Expert Anna Bengsston, Swedish Migration Board

- Case studies in working groups (all speakers)

17.00-17.15: Conclusion of the first day

## Day 2 : Tuesday 21 October 2014

Chair: Judge Katelijne Declerck

### 9.30-11.00: Session 5: *non-refoulement* and protection of asylum seekers and refugees

Speakers: François Guilbault, General Counsel, Immigration and Refugee Board  
Lilian Tsourdi, *Université Libre de Bruxelles*

- International refugee law and principle of *non-refoulement*
- Judiciary and the implementation of the principle of *non-refoulement*

11.00-11.30: *Coffee break*

### 11.30- 13.00: Session 6: Durable solutions

Speaker: Professor Amor Boubakri, UNDP

- The three durable solutions
- Challenges from the Choucha camp experience

13.00-14.00: *Lunch break*

### 14.00-15.30: Session 7: Complementary protection

Speakers: Expert Anna Bengsston, Swedish Migration Board

- Protection obligations under international human rights law instruments

15.30-15.45: *Coffee break*

### 15.45-17.00: Session 8: Mixed migration flows and challenges to protection

- The mixed migration flows phenomena
- Protection of refugees in the context of mixed migration flows

17.00-17.15: Final conclusion of training, distribution of certificates

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