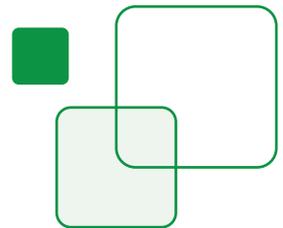




Ministry of Local Government  
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The General Directorate for Legal Affairs is one of the central administrations in the Ministry of Local Government. The Directorate is in charge of following up all duties and authorities related to the Ministry's mandate in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to the work of the Ministry and LGUs in the various governorates. To this end, the Directorate aims to provide a adequate legal environment that supports a good local governance that is capable of achieving sustainable development. In addition, it provides legal support to all the Ministry's activities.

### Values:

Integrity, rule of law.

### Objective:

Develop laws and regulations related to the work of the Ministry and the LGUs and adopt the necessary procedures for its application.

### Main Agenda:

- Revise and develop the legal regulations related to the mandate of LGUs in cooperation with the German International Cooperation (GIZ).
- Revise the Local Government Law and its amendments so as to reflect the strategic goals of the Ministry in consultation with the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF).

### Duties:

The Directorate provides counseling and legal advice for the Minister, Deputy Minister and the various units and central departments across the Ministry and the directorates. In specific, it:

1. Participate in drafting laws, regulations and instructions related to the ministry and LGUs.
2. Follow up amendments over the laws and regulations.
3. Provide legal advice for all issues referred by the Ministry departments and directorates.
4. Represent the Ministry at the Legal Interpretation Bureau.

5. Represent the Ministry at any committee by commission from the Minister or the Deputy.
6. Coordinate with the general attorneys and courts in order to prepare the Ministry's legal opinion for any court case.
7. Conduct investigations or take part in investigation committees by commission from the Minister or the Deputy.
8. Participate in preparing agreements as requested by the Minister or the Deputy.
9. Join other departments in submitting proposals for amendments to laws and regulations relevant to the ministry and its specializations.
10. Coordinating with other ministries and organizations on legal matters.

### Achievements:

1. Develop the first Palestinian LGUs staff by-law; follow up its endorsement process by the Cabinet. The By-law has significantly influenced the LGUs staff through organizing their work, rights and duties.
2. Define the required amendments for the Palestinian Local Government law (no. 1) for 1997; and follow up the procedures amended law issuance by the Palestinian National Authority President by resolution (no. 9) for 2008.
3. Review and update the by-laws concerning the works LGUs in coordination with the LGUs and submit them for Cabinet's endorsement.

### Challenges:

- Amend and develop the laws and by-laws that the Palestinian Authority and the Ministry of Local Government have inherited from the past eras.
- The suspension of the work of the Palestinian Legislative Council has obstructed the process of developing the laws that regulate the ministry's work in accordance with its strategic plan. The Ministry of Local Government urgently needs to amend a number of laws and develop them in line with its strategic plan.