



Inter-Parliamentary Union

Technical Cooperation Programme

PROJECT PROFILE: Yemen



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Project details

Title:	Support to the National Programme for Governance Capacity and Institutional Reform
Status:	Closed
Duration:	3 years (1999-2001)
Budget:	US\$ 64,000
Donor partner:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Background

In response to a request from the Yemen House of Representatives and the UNDP Representative in Sana'a, the IPU fielded a needs assessment mission in 1996 to assist the House in identifying areas for possible external assistance and suitable for UNDP funding. The Programme Document designed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to support the National Programme for Governance Capacity and Institutional Reform incorporates the said mission's results in its sub-Programme devoted to the Parliament. In March 1999, the IPU and the Parliament of Yemen signed a Co-operation Agreement for a three-year period under which the IPU would implement some of the technical assistance components of the sub-programme.

Areas of Activities

The objectives of the project included:

1. Improved functions, structure, management and systems of the Parliament's Secretariat; better trained parliamentary staff who are able to provide more effective support to parliamentarians; better informed parliamentarians who are thus better prepared to discharge their functions in a more effective manner;
2. Better working relations between the Parliament and the Government with a regard to the legislative process and the oversight function of the Parliament;
3. Improved computer system for the Parliament with a view to better application of information technology in the work of the Parliament;
4. Procurement of hardware and software and provide IT training for Staff.

Target beneficiaries

The beneficiaries included provisional institutions of self-government, including the Parliament of Yemen, civil society and the public in Yemen.



Outcomes

Specifically, the outcomes included the following:

- Better understanding among parliamentarians of their roles in the legislative process and the oversight of government action;
- better understanding of the functioning of a modern parliament through a study visit to the Parliament of Morocco in October 1999.

Experts providing advice to the SPEAK project included:

- Honourable Raila Amolo Odinga, Member of the Parliament of Kenya;
- Mr Gerrit de Jong, Member of the Parliament of The Netherlands
- Mr. Joseph Maingot, Parliament of Canada;
- Ms. Maria Jesus Herrero Vegas, Head of Information Technology at the Parliament of Spain;