



ANNOUNCES JUDICIAL STRATEGIC PLAN (2018-2022) - TOWARDS IMPROVING JUSTICE FOR ALL

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar; 30 January 2018 – The Supreme Court of the Union of Myanmar unveiled a five year judicial strategic plan to continue the improvement of the Myanmar justice system.

The Five–Year Judicial Strategic Plan (2018-2022) is the second strategic plan for the Myanmar judiciary which builds on the successful implementation of the Three-Year Judiciary Strategic Plan, with recommendations of government stakeholders and civil societies of justice sector, technical assistance of experts from international organizations, court users survey, comments from the various departments, working committees, working groups and working teams of the Supreme Court of the Union and also feedback from the High Courts of Region and State, proposal of international development partners for cooperation.

For the judicial reform process, the strategic plan reflects the vision of the judiciary as its goal: to provide the highest quality of justice to all, and to promote public trust and confidence in the courts and effective rule of law. The Strategic action areas are identified as Public Access to Court Service, Promoting Public Awareness, Judicial Independence and Administrative Capacity, Professionalism, Accountability and Integrity of the judiciary and Efficient Case Management and Court Specialization to achieve the goal of the plan.

The plan outlines five year strategic initiatives, actions for year one action plan (2018), a set of priority rank for implementation and key performance targets with timelines. The performance targets include achieving 80 percent court user satisfaction and 100 percent calendar clearance rates and performance will be measured through court user satisfaction surveys and court performance statistical analysis.

The year one action plan makes the priorities for enhancing judicial independence, providing all people in need with quality legal assistance as set forth in new Law on Legal Aid, more people getting legal information, supporting ethical and professional advancement of judges and court staff, and developing national case management program. Moreover, court specialization and mediation process will be introduced as pilot programs.

Implementation of the plan will be overseen by leadership of the Supreme Court of the Union and High Courts of Region and State will manage the activities in the respective regions. For successful implementation of the plan, the judiciary will work together with the stakeholders of justice sector, government departments, international and internal partners, civil societies and media.

“Towards Improving Justice For All”: *Judicial Strategic Plan (2018-2022)*” is available at <http://www.unionsupremecourt.gov.mm>