

Key content of Environmental law

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Basic high lights of the JOPTC

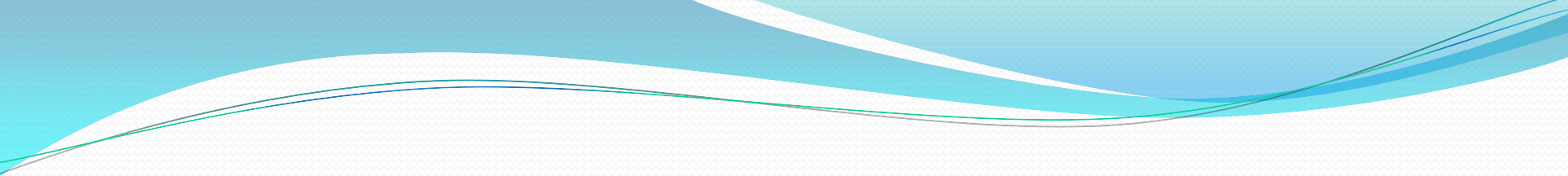
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Organizational setup

- The training centre highest organ of authority is the training council composed of the following members.
- President of the federal supreme court.....chairperson.
- Vice president of the federal supreme court.....member.
- Minister of ministry of justice.....member
- Minister of ministry of capacity building..... member
- Five presidents of regional supreme courts.....members
- The director of the centre..... member and secretary

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- the day to day activity is headed by the director . The center also has two deputy directors .
- One of the deputy directors is heading the training program, and the other deputy director is heading the administrative side of the centre

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- The day to day administrative activity is currently run by the head of administration and finance., there are the following occupied positions.
 - Administration head,
 - Finance Head,
 - General Service Head,
 - Planning Expert,
 - Legal Expert,
 - Librarian, and
 - IT technician.

training programs.

- there are three training programs.
 - Initial training(.pre-training)
 - In service training.
 - Special training.

- Initial training
- the Initial training program is being run in two modes.
 - Face to face training. By receiving trainees at the training centre and providing accommodation and,
 - Training by video conferencing.
 - . In-service training
- In- service training program is to upgrade the judges and prosecutors knowledge and skill and to acquaint them with the new developments.
 - Special training
- The centre has a special training program for professions closely related with the justice sector, registrars, court clerks, government office advocates, police etc

Relation with regional training centers

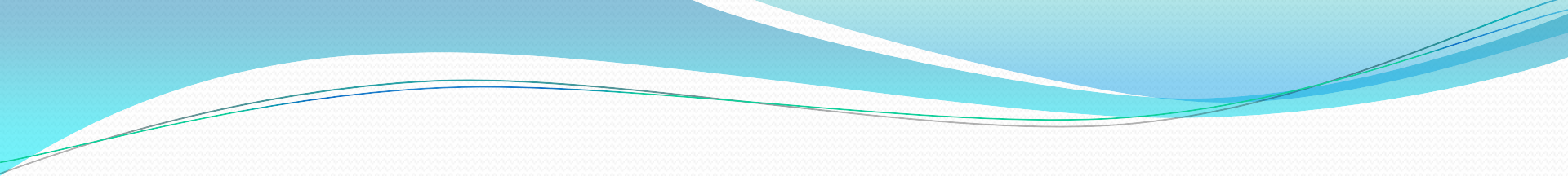
- Initially the regional training centers have been established to coordinate the effort of JOPTC to conduct professional training to legal professionals who will become Woreda (district) level judges and prosecutors.
- Currently there are four regional training centers (Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, South) which have their own personality .
- Both the federal and regional training centers have their common works hope which held three time annually . Through this work shope they exchange information and create uniform training programs and curricula.

Research and publication

- Research department
- 4 senior researcher
- invited well known researchers and accadamicians
- Limited but five research
- journal once annually

Working with others

- French assists in finance In- service training especially at initial stages.
- In partnership between the federal Supreme Court and UNICEF, a child right protection and training development project is carried out. The project developed a training module for child right protection for initial training and in service training.
- CEU funded the center's new building project.
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- The center new curricula
 - Practical
 - Adult interactive methods
 - Problem solving based
 - Need assessment /research based
 - Well evaluated methods
 - Under the new draft curriculum environmental law is included
 - the new curriculum

Key contenets

- **Title :-Introduction to Environmental Law: From International and National Law**
- **Perspectives**
- - Nature of Environmental Problems, and Damages
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- - Pollution to Environment as International, Regional and National Concern
- - The Rationale for the Protection of the Environment
- - Nature of Environmental Damages
- - Problems in Defining Environmental Damages
- - Damages Forming New and Additional Category of Damage to the Environment
- - What is International Environmental Law?.
- - What is National Environmental Law
- - Historical Development of International Environment Law
- - The Role of International and National Laws in the Protection Environment
- - Foundations of Environmental Protection
- - Religious Traditions
- - Traditional Communities
- - International Law
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Title 2:- BASIC PRINCIPLES OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

- - Introduction to the Basic Principles of Environmental Law
- - Environmental Justice and Equity
- - Environmental Justice Generally
- - Public Trust
- -The Integration Principle
- -The Public Participation Principle
- -The Obligation of States' not to Cause Damage to the Environment
- -States' Obligation to Cooperate, to Inform and to Consult with Other States
- - Shared Natural Resources, Common Property and Common Heritage of Mankind
- -The Principle of Sustainable Development

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- **Title 3 ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**
- - Introduction to Environmental Rights
- - Right to Information
- - Public Participation
- -Access to Justice
- -Environmental Quality
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- **Title 4 REMEDIES AND ENFORCEMENT**
- - Introduction to Environmental Remedies
- - Some Guidelines For Assessing Sanctions In Environmental Cases
- Constitutional Law Remedies
- - Administrative Remedies
- -Civil Liability
- -Criminal Liability
- -Enforcement of Judicial Decisions

Content of training manuals

- Course descriptions
- Objectives:
- Methods:-
- Tools:-
- Equipments:-
- evaluation Techniques :-



- Course descriptions
 - what the courses is all about
 - May include goals of the course
- Objectives:
 - General and specific objectives
 - What is aspired/intent to accomplish after the training
 - It should be practical ,measurable and limited to not to leave room for interpretation.
- Methods:- Designed based on adult interactive methods
 - e.g. group discussion, lecture, role play, demonstration, guest speakers, video conferences etc



- Tools:- Aids supporting materials
- e.g. slides, posters, film clips, etc.
- Equipments:- infrastructure
- i.e. over head projectors, slide projectors, smart boards ,etc.
- evaluation Techniques :-various techniques
- the level of participations group presentations , written exams, paper preparation and presentations, judgment writings, etc.
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