



ALSF Success Stories

ALSF FORGES A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH PALU TO BUILD LEGAL CAPACITIES ACROSS AFRICA

As part of its efforts to build legal capacities and improve the legal investment environment in African countries, the African Legal Support Facility (ALSF) partnered with the Pan-African Lawyers Union (PALU) to train public and private lawyers across Africa on complex commercial negotiations and litigation.

Through 4 seminars in the 5 African regions, the joint ALSF–PALU program provided training to 150 lawyers from 45 African countries, many of whom were receiving specialized legal training on commercial negotiations for the first time. The seminars covered important topics such as negotiation of oil and gas agreements, legal aspects of financing infrastructure projects and complex clauses in commercial agreements.

Participants in the seminars were highly satisfied with the quality of the training program and the skills they acquired, and they recommended organizing similar capacity building activities in the future.

The training program gave ALSF and PALU the opportunity to gain significant exposure among African legal professionals and establish a broad network of experienced lawyers in African governments and the private sector. Equally important, the seminars helped ALSF to identify and assess specific legal capacity needs in different African regions. The Facility is partnering with PALU and other organizations to address these needs through a range of targeted capacity building activities.



“ We are currently trying to build a new Libya, and lawyers have a major role to play in our situation. The issues discussed [during the regional workshop] like vulture funds, and the training session aimed at writing complex international commercial contracts are very important for the new Libya today. I am here to improve my skills and I am very glad. As a lawyer, I would like to sustainably contribute to building a new Libya. ”

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