Legislative drafting learning process in Mozambique

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1. Min. of Justice - can't contact vice-minister; understand it's on their agenda - 2 ideas:
   a. Law reform comm
   b. 2 commrs - but can't say now.

2. Re law school too late to review curriculum, however, trying to convince Prof Pitana to some resource person/law reform.
   Difficulty: IBRD find/final. Deo's school = misunderstandings between VCs & law sch dlrs/money funds. Still hopes to come this fall himself, will write BV/finding; may not have by final.

3. Re MoJ's possible 4 drafts - will try to see if can send 2 next fall - involve next course.

Anna: Anna Persson = dir of IBRD proj/MoJ + 3-4 other progs.

Des: Asmoral = possible? = technical staff.

Anna: Q: is Assembly proposing Bills, will they accept MoJ work?
Bob: Ideal sit = 6 wks.

Anna: funding for 6 wks available; concern = can we pull it off; MPs will only take part for 2 weeks.
Perhaps, find at least 1 deputy to follow thru process.

Des: MPs must be deter'd to move forward; whatever results from which = phase 1 = 4 weeks agree on prob. areas; 3 weeks w/ researchers + government + for. consults -> for. exper.
Final week meet again w/ MPs + consultants -> agree on Bills + reports; MPs take results -> part of their work in next session.

Anna: For project, aim to strengthen Ass. people at BU = from law sch, MoJ -> lead, for others = wdl find 1 or 2 from law sch.

MoJ - Asmoral = great; or Secy of VC's office (= woman)

Des: IBRD find = transparency, prosa = shut them - identify people to fin/law faculty's R & T to do job.
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President of Assembly asked = 2 week seminar - meet in Antu → 2 weeks: suggest 2 allegees or interns
reasons for me → develop 3 bills, reps: request I consid.
1: wo/dep. tics; or 2 propose org seminar using consultants
first w/ draft then meet deputies - many come long
way from disk = put up

Bob: get minutes and w/ on th., + math. - then meet
deputies.

Andreas: option: longer course for drafters, then meet w/
deputies w/ drafters = multipliers. (working in close
collaboration w/ law school): total 6 weeks -
Assembly has decided only to train people in
1st workshop + 8 from elsewhere

Another option: write daily th & tools -
Will try to identify bills tomorrow.
In addition to drafters, include experts/bill -
Dez: Mario Rui (IBRD): 'too shy' - doesn't push program - stallng Dez's scholarship; VE + Law Dean - urging of sit; how get Mario Rui to act
Andrea: 5 components of long progs: 1 overall director; funds all allocated ➔ decentralized; Mario = just monitoring
Dez: But no action—
Andrea: After mtg him, realized nothing will happen.

Another Q:
Bob: Shd st. wt. tech. people = 2 wk/th; it meth 3 long for consults to wk 2 wk.
Andrea: If constituents come after 1 week, might not have mtgs ready...
Bob: don't need overlap — = 4 wk prog, 2 wks tech people — res. reps, GISs — 2nd two weeks = MPs go over GISs (< from Maputo>)
Andrea: 25th = Indep Day = Holiday; st. 1st wk/July
Dez: Wish they'd agree on GISs.
Andrea: Like idea of Prog Ext.
Bob: Environmental GISs.
Andrea: Be lucky if agree on new GISs.
Dez: Informal sector GIS?? ➔ be 1st of June deadline - have certificates, etc. re scholarship.

[Check with A. Birch re due date]
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Concerns:

1. Requested Assembly to nominate 1-2 people for course = low level of 20, not all have HS ed, abt 5

2. Difficulties coordinating work with Assembly: WLP gap for tier priorities fell apart in May; don’t accept VP of Assembly as lead on asked to postpone decisions, hopefully to be resolved.; will meet next Tues. Commission head will call tonight, so may know. One he suggested: minor bills = informal ec = key bill health & human services, not budget; reworking rules for drafting law = possible, but no receptivity to controversial bills.

3. Translation in WLP grps = 3 teams, require 2 translators

4. Participants in those rec. aren’t leaders = no power in NA - (6-10 = very powerful, try to get into course); suggest 2 days for top 10; 2 law faculty participants, 1 moj. some candidates/Commission; include min reps/bills

5. Philosophical Qs: Theo: since parties not lawyers, legal trad = diff s., shld we give day or 2 outside course on legal techniques, Moz. court, etc., = useful/consider req. = local lawyer/attorney = must in prof. = UP of Sup Ct, very sen. in NA.

6. Concerns abt POGEO order, need to meet him Sun. eve.

Meet him Sunday to discuss other issues.
will help at draft office, but don't have money yet

6. Separate rooms if possible/twrg qtrps— at NA
   or Law School

7. Will bring interp. eqpt