



ASOCIASAUN ADVOGADO TIMOR LOROSA'E CHRONOLOGY

October/November, 2002

- Commencement of discussions between ASF, East Timorese lawyers and the Ministry of Justice regarding the formation of an East Timor Bar Association.
- Questionnaire prepared by ASF to encourage participation by lawyers.
- Examples of the Bar Association Constitutions of Portugal, Brazil, Macao, Hong Kong, Argentina, Australia, Singapore and Malaysia are obtained.
- A comparative study is conducted of these sample Constitutions.

December, 2002

- December 17, 2002 – Meeting between ASF and private lawyers held to discuss the future of Asociasaun Advogado Timor Lorosa'e (AATL).

January, 2003

- January 14, 2003 – Decision to proceed with the formalization of the AATL is made by private lawyers.
- January 18, 2003 – An AATL Commission is created and consists of members of each LBH.
- January 24, 2003 – First meeting of the AATL Commission is held during which sample Bar Association Constitutions are reviewed.

February, 2003

- February 17 – 21 - ASF meets with lawyers individually to discuss the benefits of a Bar Association.
- February 22, 2003 – One day workshop conducted to commence drafting of the AATL Constitution.

March, 2003

- March 1, March 5, and March 15 2003 – One day workshops conducted to continue drafting of the AATL Constitution. First draft of AATL Constitution completed.

- March 20, 2003 – A meeting with Vice-Minister Manual Abrantes, the President and Vice-President of the AATL, as well as the ASF Program Officer is held to discuss future plans for AATL, the proposed draft of the AATL Constitution, and the future drafting of the Advocacy Statute.

April, 2003

- Final draft of the AATL Constitution is translated into Bahasa-Indonesian.
- April 25, 2003 – Copies of the finalised AATL Constitution are delivered to lawyers for comment.

May, 2003

- May 5, 2003 – General guidelines on the drafting of the Advocacy Statute are drafted by ASF and translated into Bahasa-Indonesian for delivery to lawyers for comment.
- Sample Advocacy Statutes from other countries are translated into Bahasa-Indonesian and delivered to lawyers for comparison.

June, 2003

- June 1, 2003 – A meeting is called by AATL President - Benevides Barros, to discuss the drafting of the Advocacy Statute.
- Advocacy Statute is drafted and translated into Portuguese by ASF.

July, 2003

- A comparison is made of the Advocacy Statute with the Public Defenders Organic Law and the AATL Constitution to ensure consistency.
- July 10, 2003 – Advocacy Statute translated into Bahasa Indonesian and delivered to lawyers for comment.
- Meeting with Vice-Minister Manual Abrantes to update him on the progress of AATL Constitution, Advocacy Statute and development of the AATL.

August, 2003

- August 29, 2003 – AATL General Constituent Assembly meeting: Attended by 36 lawyers, Vice-Minister Manual Abrantes, Ministry of Justice officials, representatives from The Asia Foundation, and International Advisors to the Public Defenders Office, Ministry of Justice and Prosecutor Generals Office.
- AATL Constitution and Advocacy Statute unanimously approved by members.
- Transitional Administrative Body, including AATL President and Vice President, are elected to continue development of the AATL and to proceed with enactment of the AATL Constitution and Advocacy Statute.

October, 2003

- Advocacy Statute presented to the Ministry of Justice for consideration.

February, 2004

- February 13, 2004 – Draft AATL Strategic Plan and Timeline are prepared.
- February 25, 2004 – Draft Law Directory Questionnaire is prepared and translated into Tetun.

March, 2004

- March 30, 2004 – AATL Strategic Plan and Timeline is revised.

May, 2004

- May 14, 2004 – Formal Planning Meeting between ASF and AATL President Benevides Barros is held to discuss the AATL Preliminary Strategic Plan.
- May 25, 2004 – AATL Transitional Administrative Body Monthly meeting. AATL programs and activities are discussed.
- May 27, 2004 – The dissemination and retrieval of the Law Directory Questionnaire is reviewed and the results are examined.

June, 2004

- June 8 and 15, 2004 – AATL Transitional Administrative Body Monthly meeting. An overview of AATL programs and activities are discussed.
- June 20 – 28, 2004 – AATL delegates attend a Malaysian Bar Council Training Program in Kuala Lumpur.

July, 2004

- July 23, 2004 – Research for paper on world-wide accreditation standards.

August, 2004

- August 6, 2004 - AATL Transitional Administrative Body monthly meeting.
- August 28, 2004 – AATL Transitional Administrative Body emergency meeting on the Decree Law relating to the training of Judges, Prosecutors and Public Defenders.
- August 28, 2004 - Research for paper on world wide accreditation standards.

September, 2004

- September 1, 2004 – Research on interim mechanisms for the AATL.

- September 3, 2004 – Special Meeting of the AATL Sub-Committee to discuss a response to the Ministry of Justice in relation to Advocacy Statute.
- September 17, 2004 – AATL Meeting with the Lobby Sub-Committee and AATL Transitional Administrative Body.
- September 23, 2004 – Drafting of paper on accreditation standards.
- September 25, 2004 – AATL Annual Constituent General Assembly meeting.
- September 29, 2004 – Special AATL Executive Committee Meeting in preparation of meeting with Vice-Minister Abrantes.
- September 30, 2004 – AATL Executive Committee meeting with Vice-Minister Abrantes.

October, 2004

- October 8, 2004 - AATL Transitional Administrative Body monthly meeting.
- October 14, 2004 – AATL Transitional Administrative Body meeting with AUSAid.
- October 16, 2004 – AATL workshop on the draft of the Advocacy Statute.
- October 23, 2004 – AATL workshop on the Malaysian Bar Council training program.
- October 28, 2004 – Drafting and publication of the first AATL newsletter.

November, 2004

- November 6, 2004 – AATL workshop on development of a Bar Association. A presentation given by Anildo da Cruz from the Guinea Bissau Bar Association.
- November 10, 2004 – Special AATL Advocacy Statute Sub-Committee meeting to prepare for meeting with Commission A of the National Parliament.
- November 11, 2004 – AATL meeting with Members of Commission A.
- November 16, 2004 – AATL Code of Conduct Sub-Committee meeting to discuss the drafting process for a Code of Conduct.
- November 26, 2004 – AATL meeting with Code of Ethics Sub-Committee.
- November 20, 2004 - AATL workshop on Professional Ethics.
- November 24, 2004 – AATL special meeting with Advocacy Statute Sub-Committee.
- November 25, 2004 – AATL meeting with Public Information Sub-Committee.

December, 2004

- December 7, 2004 – Special meeting with Sergio Hornai of the Public Defender's Office.
- December 10, 2004 – Presentation to the AATL logo prize winner. Press release announcing details is issued.
- December 18, 2004 – Special meeting with AATL members and Public Defenders.

- December 23, 2004 – AATL meeting with the Public Information Sub-Committee.
- December 30, 2004 – AATL Transitional Administrative Body monthly meeting.
- December, 2004 – Publication of the AATL Law Directory.

February, 2005

- February 24, 2005 – AATL Accreditation Sub-Committee meeting to discuss the Decree Law proposed by the Ministry of Justice – *Regulation for the Registration and Certification for the Exercise of the Legal Profession*.
- February 26, 2005 – Special Meeting of the AATL General Membership to discuss and prepare a response to the proposed Decree Law. AATL Team Draft and AATL Team Lobby are formed.

March, 2005

- March 3 and March 8, 2005 – AATL Team Lobby meeting to discuss the lobbying of members of government on the concerns of the private lawyers to the proposed Decree Law.
- March 9, 2005 – AATL Team Draft meeting for the preparation of a written response and materials to the proposed Decree Law.

April, 2005

- April 16, 2005 – AATL General Member meeting to discuss updates from the Lobby Sub-Committee and Drafting Sub-Committee.
- April 19, 2005 – AATL Special Constituent General Assembly meeting to formally develop and approve a Plan of Action in relation to the proposed Decree Law and the Advocacy Statute.
- April 23, 2005 – AATL workshop on the Advocacy Statute with Jose Manuel Pinto, Parliamentary Advisor to Commission A of the National Parliament.
- April 20, 2005 – Meeting with members of Commission A to discuss the process for revision of the Advocacy Statute by the Joint Working Committee.
- April 20, 2005 – Meeting with Parliamentary Advisors, Anildo da Cruz and Jose Manuel Pinto to discuss further revisions to the AATL Advocacy Statute.
- April 23, 2005 – AATL meeting with Parliamentary Advisor, Jose Manuel Pinto to discuss further revisions to the AATL Advocacy Statute.