Introduction:
Following successful elections on July 2012, the General National Congress of Libya (GNC) has replaced the National Transitional Council as supreme national authority in the country assuming legislative power. The GNC is considered as the highest authority in the country during this transition period.

As part of the Transitional Governance Support project and as a preparatory phase UNDP’s support to the GNC focused on developing and delivering an induction programme for newly elected members, exposing them to fundamental concepts and principles of parliamentary work, advice to secretariat on the set up of administrative structure as well as developing an organisational chart and providing requested input and advice senior staff and elected members.

During 2013 and 2014, UNDP deployed missions to advice the secretary general of the GNC and senior elected members. Several meetings were held with UNDP experts to provide support and identify potential entry points and assess the interest of the national partner and evaluate the programming possibilities. In addition, round tables and workshops were organized on the organization of the administration with comparative perspectives and experiences from the Arab States Region.

Project objective:
The objective of the project is:

- To develop capacities of GNC’s secretariat staff to more effectively carry out their functions in support of the Elected members
- Support the establishment of the secretariat in terms of organization and procedures
- To develop mechanisms for Communication and Outreach with CSOs, media and universities
- Support elected members to fulfill their mandate with special focus on women

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Project Strategy:
UNDP supported the establishment of new parliament in a context of the prevailing political instability and limited knowledge and understanding of elected assemblies in the country.

The project aims to support different capacities of GNC staff and provide with essential support to the elected members as representatives of citizens and performing their legislative and oversight mandates in a manner that earns the acceptance of the people and fosters trust between citizens and their representatives. With the overall objective of the projects, the strategy is to provide:

- Trainings and capacity development
- improving the organizational structures of Secretariat,
- Strengthening the procedures to ensure effective oversight and legislative scrutiny,
- Establish e-Library and research department
- Establish mechanisms for regular interaction between civil society and the Congress for consultation and conflict prevention purposes.

The project will ensure the following

- Advisory services: short and long term advisors will be recruited to support and address
internal secretariat matters. Conducting diagnostic assessments will be a priority to facilitate proper technical support.

- **Trainings will remain a top priority of the project.** The GNC training centre will be established in 2014 and development of individual skills and knowledge will be facilitated through a training program.

- **Study tours:** The project will encourage increased participation by the National Congress in relevant international bodies. The project will also support exchanges with other parliaments, both by representatives and staff, either through the project or on a bilateral basis.

**Key beneficiary:**
The main beneficiary of the project is the General National Congress.

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### Results and Achievements 2013

- Project document signed between UNDP and the GNC.
- GNC’s training centre designed and finalized
- Draft proposal of the secretariat’s organizational chart defining the functions and the responsibilities of each department was drafted
- Policy and technical advice provided on the legal staff status, Job descriptions, procedures and secretariat organization.
- 45 committee staff members representing more than 20 GNC committees trained to more effectively carry out their functions in support of the GNC committee works