



On June 11th and 12th, USAID's Parliamentary Development Program (PDP II) brought together 30 civil servants, NGO activists, legal experts, and academics for a training of trainers (TOT) on the International Consortium for Law and Development's (ICLAD) legislative problem solving methodology. TOT participants had all received prior training, and were specifically selected for both their facility with the method and their experiences applying it.

Tetyana Fuley, PDP II's legal expert, ran the TOT with assistance from Laura Lucas of [ICLAD](#) . Over the two days, Ms. Fuley and Ms. Lucas asked attendees to straddle two roles, acting as both participants
and

future trainers. In their dual roles, they used the problem solving method to work through real life examples of problems afflicting Ukrainian communities, while occasionally pausing to reflect on pedagogy and the difficulties their future trainees might encounter. Participants also took turns facilitating sessions and debating their approaches with their peers.

The TOT was well received and met the expectations of both attendees and the PDP II team. Participants practiced employing the methodology, clarified questions with the trainers, and were able to discuss the best ways to transfer their understanding to others. In addition they

were able to exchange experiences, discuss the diverse ways in which the methodology can be applied, and suggest next steps for PDP II and [ICLAD](#) . For example, one civil servant voiced his desire to have one-day trainings on the method for every person involved in the legislative process at the Verkhovna Rada. Attendees also offered crucial feedback on a newly published manual entitled *Development and Drafting of Law in Accordance with the Problem Solving Method* (currently available only in [Ukrainian](#) on PDP II's website).

Ms. Lucas, who has worked with this methodology in over --20 countries, was impressed with Ukrainian experts' application of ICLAD's tool. After the TOT she noted that in Kyiv she had been party to "one of the most vibrant discussions of law development [she] had seen anywhere in the world."