

Enhancing the legal framework of associations in the Arab World



Palestinian Minister chairs the session on government concerns and laws

Main objectives:

The project aims at strengthening the rule of law and democratic process through the creation of guidelines and standards governing civil society (NGOs, political parties, labour unions) based on national dialogue with governments. These guidelines and standards shall be promoted through Arab official bodies, networks and CSOs as reform models from inside.

It aims at building partnership between CSOs and Arab governments on a national and regional level through promotion of an active ongoing dialogue focussing on three laws. In addition, it aims at improving CSOs performance, image and relations with the government and with their constituencies through the adoption of internal good governance's principles and a

Code of Conduct and an Arab Charter on Democratic Practices.

Specific objectives:

The specific objective is to strengthen the foundations of democratic development through new coalition between government and CSOs (including all ideological and political forces that adhere to democratic practices) as partners in development.

Target groups:

On the national level, the project mainly targets political parties, labour unions, research centres, NGOs and government institutions, including moderate Islamic groups that play a leading role in society. On the regional level the project will involve Arab CSOs, Arab Le-

Mashrek: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria with an outreach to Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia

ague institutions, Arab Parliament, NGO networks and research institutions; the local and regional media as well as international organisations.

Partners:

- Friedrich Naumann Stiftung für die Freiheit (FNF) (Germany, lead partner)
- Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (regional partner, Lebanon)
- National partners in each project country

Role of different partners:

- FNF office in Amman is responsible for the regional activities, as well as for the coordination with the national partners.
- ACRLI organises and implements activities in Lebanon and Syria.
- The national partners in the five countries are the main and actual implementers of the project activities in order to guarantee the ownership of the project by national actors.

Expected results:

- Arab guidelines and standards in line with international standards for political parties, NGOs, Labour Unions are drafted and widely discussed through intensive media campaigns motivating Arab governments to put the recommendations on their agendas.
- Improved capability of the governments to accept CSOs as adequate partners in the decision making process.
- Code of Conduct and Arab Charter on Democratic Practices to govern the work of the CSOs
- Improved capacity of CSOs in dia-

logue, advocacy and public information and communication with decision makers, authorities and public at large.

- Women participation in civil society and politics will become more effective.

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