



Civil Society Dialogue Network

Middle East and North Africa: The Role of Civil Society in Institutional Reform

1 December 2011, 09h00 to 17h30

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rue de la Loi, Brussels

Agenda

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome and opening remarks Catherine Woollard, Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)
09.15 – 10.30	The EU's Response to Events in the MENA Region: An Overview Moderator: Catherine Woollard Presentation by Christian Berger, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq, European External Action Service (EEAS) Questions and comments by CSO participants
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.30	Civil Society and Reform of Law Enforcement Agencies The role of civil society in reform of law enforcement agencies, including tools and mechanisms to ensure civil society participation and oversight, vetting procedures, lustration, public sector reform processes, using access to information laws, case studies of civil society work on law enforcement, transitional justice, and mechanisms for promotion of good governance and reduction of corruption. Moderator: Rosy Cave, Head of Asia Programme, Saferworld (As the purpose of the meeting is a dialogue, it will take the form of a roundtable. After brief opening comments, the floor will be open to all participants).
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	Civil Society's Role in Reform and overall Governance of the Security Sector Developing security agencies that provide <i>citizen</i> security, tools and mechanisms to ensure civil society oversight of the security sector, balancing the need for confidentiality and access to information, vetting procedures, case studies of civil society work on Security Sector Reform, transitional justice and the security sector, and preventing corruption in the security sector. Moderator: Alar Olljum, Advisor to the Managing Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and Iraq, European External Action Service (EEAS) (As the purpose of the meeting is a dialogue, it will take the form of a roundtable. After brief opening comments, the floor will be open to all participants).
15.00 – 15.15	Coffee break

15.15 – 16.30	<p>Civil Society’s role in Institutional Reform <i>Break-out groups divided by country (Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco and Libya)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping civil society in the country • How will the EU engage with civil society in the country? • What political, technical and capacity support does civil society in the different countries of the MENA region need in order to play an oversight role in institutional reform? • What role can the EU and European civil society play in the region? • Specific ideas for civil society activities on institutional reform.
16.30 – 17.30	<p>Discussion of break-out group analysis and meeting conclusions</p> <p>Moderator: Phil Champaign, Director for Emerging Programmes, International Alert</p>
17.30 – 18.30	<p>Reception</p>

Please note: Simultaneous interpretation English – Arabic and Arabic – English will be available.

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