

**Legal Discrimination Against Women and Girls in the Arab Region:  
Priorities and Mechanisms for Future Action**

**Beirut, Padova Hotel**

**8-9 April 2019**

<b>Day 1</b>		
<b>Monday April 8, 2019</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Session</b>	
<b>9.00 AM</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>9:30 - 10:00 AM</b>	<p><b><u>Opening Session:</u></b></p> <p>Welcome Speech by Dr. <b>Yasmeen Hassan</b> (Global Executive Director, Equality Now)</p> <p>Welcome Speech by Lawyer <b>Chadia El Meouchi</b> (Board Member, Equality Now)</p> <p>Welcome Speech by Dr. <b>Dima Dabbous</b> (MENA Regional Director, Equality Now)</p>	
<b>10:00 - 11:30 AM</b>	<p><b><u>National Reports (1)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Tunisia:</u></b> Ms. <b>Hafidha Chekir</b> (Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Tunis)</p> <p><b><u>Morocco:</u></b> Lawyer <b>Saadia Wadah</b> (Board member, Moroccan Association for Combating Violence against Women in Casablanca)</p> <p><b><u>Algeria:</u></b> Ms. <b>Yamina Houhou</b> ( Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Algeria)</p>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Afifeh El Sayed</b> (Vice President, Committee for the Follow-Up on Women's Issues)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Najat Razi</b> (Board member, Moroccan Association for Women's Rights/ National Observatory on Violence against Women)</p>
<b>11:30 - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Coffee/ Tea Break</b>	

<p><b>12:00 - 1:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Reports (2)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Lebanon:</u></b> Ms. <b>Rania Jazairi</b> (Member of the National Commission for Lebanese Women; First Social Affairs Officer at UN-ESCWA)</p> <p><b><u>Syria:</u></b> Ms. <b>Sabah Hallak</b> (Board member, Syrian Women’s League)</p> <p><b><u>Jordan:</u></b> Ms. <b>Laila Nafaa</b> (Director of Programmes, Arab Women Organization of Jordan)</p>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Lawyer <b>Ikbal Murad Doughan</b> (President, Lebanese Council of Women)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Lawyer <b>Manar Zaaiter</b> (Consultant, ESCWA)</p>
<p><b>1:30 – 2:30 PM Lunch Break</b></p>		
<p><b>2:30 - 4:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>National Reports (3):</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Iraq:</u></b> Dr. <b>Bushra Obeidi</b> (President, Human Rights Women Defenders “Sawtuha” Network)</p> <p>Ms. <b>Amal Kabashi</b> (Coordinator, Iraqi Women Network)</p> <p><b><u>Kuwait:</u></b> Lawyer <b>Bushra Hendall</b> (Court of Cassation in Kuwait)</p> <p><b><u>Bahrain:</u></b> Dr. <b>Wajeeha Baharna</b> (Vice-president, Bahrain Women’s Association)</p>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Lawyer <b>Brigitte Chelebian</b> (President, Justice Without Frontiers)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Lawyer <b>Manar Zaaiter</b> (Consultant, ESCWA)</p>



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Day 2		
Tuesday April 9, 2019		
Time	Session	
9:30-11:00 AM	<p><b><u>National Reports (4):</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Egypt:</u></b> Dr. <b>Fatemah Khafagy</b> (Coordinator, Arab Women Network for Parity and Equality)</p> <p><b><u>Sudan:</u></b> Lawyer <b>Noun Gailoub</b>, (“Mutawinat”)</p> <p><b><u>Libya:</u></b> Judge <b>Naimah Gebril</b> (Former Head of Court of Appeal in Benghazi)- (<i>via Skype</i>)</p>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Dr. <b>Samira Atallah</b> (International Expert on Development and Public Policy)</p> <p><b>Discussant:</b> Dr. <b>Zina Sawaf</b> (Early Career Fellow, Arab Council for the Social Sciences)</p>
11:00 - 11:30 PM	<b>Coffee/ Tea Break</b>	
11:30-1:30 PM	<p><b><u>Discussing Challenges and Opportunities in Networking on the Regional and International Levels:</u></b></p> <p><b>Role of Youth in Gender Advocacy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. <b>Doha Jourshi</b> (Executive Director, ADO+)</li><li>• Ms. <b>Linda Tourkhani</b></li><li>• Mr. <b>Kheireddine Abdali</b></li><li>• Mr. <b>Nizar Aouad</b></li><li>• Mr. <b>Anthony Keedi</b> (Gender Specialist; “Engaging Men” Program Manager, Abaad)</li></ul> <p><b>Role of Women Human Right Defenders and Protection Mechanisms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. <b>Sara AbouGhazal</b>/Ms. <b>Islam Khatib</b> (Women Human Rights Defenders-MENA)</li></ul>	<p><b>Chairperson:</b> Ms. <b>Miriam Sfeir</b> (Director, The Arab Institute for Women at LAU)</p>
1:30 – 2:30 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

<p><b>2:30-4:30 PM</b></p>	<p><b><u>Closing Session: Mechanisms for Promoting Legal Equality for Women and Girls:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A word from Ms. <b>Hasnaa Mansour</b> (Lebanon Representative, Westminster Foundation for Democracy): <b>“Importance of Networking between NGOs and Arab Parliamentarians”</b></li> <li>• A word from Ms. <b>Hedia Bel Haj Youssef</b> (Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, CAWTAR): <b>“Role of Regional NGOs in Supporting Advocacy for Legal Change”</b></li> <li>• Case study by Ms. <b>Laura Sfeir</b> (President, Lebanese Council to Resist Violence Against Women “LECORVAW”): <b>“Case study: Abolition of Article 522 of the Lebanese Penal Code”</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Group Work by sub-region:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Identifying Priorities in Legal Advocacy Campaigns.</b></li> <li>• <b>Recommendations for the Development of Legal Advocacy Campaigns in the Arab Region in Cooperation with Equality Now.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>8:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Dinner</b></p>	