FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010

All Conference Sessions will take place in Building 4 on the campus of Al Akhawayn University

9:00–10:00AM  REGISTRATION

9:15–9:45AM  PRESS BRIEFING

9:15–10:00AM  ORIENTATION SESSION FOR MODERATORS AND RAPPORTEURS

10:00AM  CONFERENCE OPENS

10:00–10:30AM  INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND THE WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT OVERVIEW
Speaker  William C. Hubbard, Chairman, Board of Directors, The World Justice Project, USA

10:30AM–12:30PM  WHY DOES THE RULE OF LAW MATTER TO MENA?
What are the specific challenges, issues and lessons learned related to Access to Justice across the region? What are the existing Access to Justice experiences, mechanisms and practices in the region? How are Access to Justice issues addressed through the prism of national, regional and international standards?

Moderator  Driss Ouauicha, President, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

Keynote Panel  Sheikha Abdulla-Al-Misnad, President, Qatar University, Qatar

Q&A  Ahmed Benbitour, Former Prime Minister of Algeria

Emil Constantinescu, Former President of Romania; Board Director, The World Justice Project

Abderrahim Foukara, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, USA

12:30–1:45PM  LUNCH
1:45–3:15PM

**INTRODUCTION TO THE RULE OF LAW INDEX: MEASURING ADHERENCE TO THE RULE OF LAW IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT**

An interactive presentation of the Rule of Law Index methodology and its application to the MENA region, followed by Q&A session.

**Moderator** Wassim Harb, Founder, Arab Center for the Development of Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI), Lebanon

**Speakers**
- Juan Carlos Botero, Rule of Law Index Director, The World Justice Project, Colombia
- Alejandro Ponce-Rodriguez, Senior Economist, The World Justice Project, Mexico

3:15–5:00PM

**SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS**

Participants will develop concrete action plans to strengthen Rule of Law regionally.

**Broading the Range of Legal Aid Services**

**Moderator** T. Jeremy Gunn, Associate Professor of International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

**Rapporteur** Azza Kamel Maghur, Senior Partner, Maghur & Partners, Libya

**Building a Better Business Enabling Environment**

**Moderator** Martin Forst, Head of the Governance Review and Partnerships Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), France

**Rapporteur** Ibrahim Elsadig, Head, Corporate and Commercial Department, Denton Wilde Sapte, UAE

**Creating Opportunities for Youth Empowerment**

**Moderator** Hisham Jabi, Senior Associate for Youth Development, Management Systems International (MSI), Palestine

**Rapporteur** Tajeddine Rachidi, Associate Dean, School of Science and Engineering (Information Technology and Research), Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

**Equal Access to Water Rights**

**Moderator** Walid Saleh, Regional Coordinator, MENA, United Nations University, UAE

**Rapporteur** Jauad El Kharraz, Manager, Water Sector EMWS, Technical Unit, The Euro Mediterranean Information System, France

**Freedom of the Press and Journalistic Responsibility**

**Moderator** Abderrahim Foukara, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, USA

**Making Alternative Dispute Resolutions Work for Everyone**

**Moderator** Ehab Maher Elsonbaty, Senior Advisor, Amiri Diwan,
State of Qatar

Rapporteur Sami Houerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa, International Chamber of Commerce Dispute Resolution Services, Tunisia

Maximizing Access and Use of Information in the Public Domain

Moderator Laith Kubba, Senior Director, MENA Department, National Endowment for Democracy, Iraq/USA

Rapporteur Lina Alameddine, Director, Partnership Center for Development and Democracy (PCDD), Lebanon

Promoting Government Anti-Corruption Efforts

Moderator Rabha Zeidgui, Secretary General, Instance Centrale de Prévention de la Corruption (ICPC), Morocco

Rapporteur Kamel Ayadi, Past President, World Federation of Engineering Organizations; Founding Chairman, WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee, Tunisia

Realizing Legal Rights for Women

Moderator Zoubida Assoul, Vice President, Arab Women Legal Network, Algeria

Rapporteur Amira Sonbol, Tenured Professor of Islamic History, Law, and Society, Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Qatar

Securing Rights for MENA Migrant Communities

Moderator Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous, Acting Director, Lebanese Emigration Research Center; Chairperson, Faculty of Political Science, Public Affairs and Diplomacy, Notre Dame University, Lebanon

Rapporteur Maha Jweied, Civil Rights Attorney and Young Lawyers Division Representative, Council of the ABA Section of International Law, USA

5:30–6:15PM MANY ROADS TO JUSTICE IN MENA – INTERFACE BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, AND TRADITIONAL JUSTICE MECHANISMS

How will justice reforms be directed in the future to deal with the different sources of law – including how future advances in the Rule of Law in the MENA region will address disparities between secular and Islamic laws?

Keynote Speakers Mohamed Naciri, Minister of Justice, Morocco

Moulay M’hamed Iraki, General Ombudsman, Wali Al Madhalim, Morocco

7:30–10:00PM TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN DINNER

Hosted by the Province of Ifrane

City of Ifrane

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010
9:00–9:30AM \textbf{COFFEE SERVICE}

9:30–9:35AM \textbf{WELCOMING REMARKS}  
\textbf{Speaker} James R. Silkenat, Board Director and Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA

9:35–10:40AM \textbf{JUSTICE REFORMS USING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH – CASE STUDY OF MOROCCO}  
Morocco’s reforms go beyond the judiciary to encompass the entire justice system, following an inclusive, interdisciplinary approach. This panel will focus on Morocco’s efforts to strengthen the independence and integrity of both formal and informal justice systems to be more responsive and more effective in meeting the needs of justice for all.  
\textbf{Moderator} Ellen Gracie Northfleet, Justice, Federal Supreme Court of Brazil; Board Director, The World Justice Project  
\textbf{Keynote Panel} Ehab Makram Mohamed Ahmed Hasabou, Head of the Division of Treaties, Legal Department, League of Arab States, Egypt  
Lazhar Bououny, Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Tunisia  
Ziba Mir-Hosseini, Legal Anthropologist, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK

10:40–11:00AM \textbf{COFFEE BREAK}

11:00AM–1:00PM \textbf{SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS – FINALIZE ACTION PLANS}

1:00–2:30PM \textbf{LUNCH}

2:30–4:00PM \textbf{REPORTS OF THE SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS}  
\textbf{Moderator} Deborah Enix-Ross, Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA

4:00–4:50PM \textbf{RULE OF LAW IN MENA: LOOKING FORWARD}  
Concluding session will stress the importance of advancing the Rule of Law and Access to Justice in the MENA region, given significant political, social and economic implications.  
\textbf{Keynote Speaker} Clovis Maksoud, Former Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations; Director, Center for the Global South, American University, USA
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