



**MENA RULE OF LAW CONFERENCE 2010**  
*The Road to Justice in MENA: National, International,  
And Traditional Justice Systems Working Together*

JUNE 25 - 26, 2010  
AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY  
IFRANE, MOROCCO

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010**

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

9:00–10:00AM	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9:15–9:45AM	<b>PRESS BRIEFING</b>
9:15–10:00AM	<b>ORIENTATION SESSION FOR MODERATORS AND RAPORTEURS</b>
10:00AM	<b>CONFERENCE OPENS</b>
10:00–10:30AM	<b>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND THE WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT OVERVIEW</b> <b>Speaker</b> <b>William C. Hubbard</b> , Chairman, Board of Directors, The World Justice Project, USA
10:30AM–12:30PM	<b>WHY DOES THE RULE OF LAW MATTER TO MENA?</b> <i>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?</i> <b>Moderator</b> <b>Driss Ouauicha</b> , President, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco <b>Keynote Panel</b> <b>Sheikha Abdulla-Al-Misnad</b> , President, Qatar University, Qatar <b>Q&amp;A</b> <b>Ahmed Benbitour</b> , Former Prime Minister of Algeria <b>Emil Constantinescu</b> , Former President of Romania; Board Director, The World Justice Project <b>Abderrahim Foukara</b> , Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, USA
12:30–1:45PM	<b>LUNCH</b>

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.*

### ***Broadening 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,

**Rapporteur** State of Qatar  
**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 Zeidguy**, 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**

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9:00–9:30AM	<b>COFFEE SERVICE</b>
9:30–9:35AM	<b>WELCOMING REMARKS</b> <b>Speaker</b> <b>James R. Silkenat</b> , Board Director and Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA
9:35–10:40AM	<b>JUSTICE REFORMS USING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH –CASE STUDY OF MOROCCO</b> <i>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.</i> <b>Moderator</b> <b>Ellen Gracie Northfleet</b> , Justice, Federal Supreme Court of Brazil; Board Director, The World Justice Project  <b>Keynote Panel</b> <b>Ehab Makram Mohamed Ahmed Hasabou</b> , Head of the Division of Treaties, Legal Department, League of Arab States, Egypt <b>Lazhar Bououny</b> , Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Tunisia <b>Ziba Mir-Hosseini</b> , Legal Anthropologist, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK
10:40–11:00AM	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
11:00AM–1:00PM	<b>SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS – FINALIZE ACTION PLANS</b>
1:00–2:30PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
2:30–4:00PM	<b>REPORTS OF THE SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS</b> <b>Moderator</b> <b>Deborah Enix-Ross</b> , Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA
4:00–4:50PM	<b>RULE OF LAW IN MENA: LOOKING FORWARD</b> <i>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.</i> <b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Clovis Maksoud</b> , Former Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations; Director, Center for the Global South, American University, USA

4:50–4:55PM  
**Keynote Speaker**

**PROMOTING POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IN IRAQ**  
**Medhat Mahmood**, President of Iraq Higher Judicial Council  
Iraq

4:55–5:00PM

**CLOSING REMARKS**

5:00PM

**CONFERENCE ADJOURNS**

7:30PM–10:00PM

**DINNER HOSTED BY MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE**