

International meeting

## Recent Events in the Arab Countries: Horizons, Challenges and Consequences for the Rule of Law and Justice Reforms

23 & 24 May 2011 | Peace Palace, The Hague, The Netherlands

### Programme

#### Monday 23 May 2011

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and coffee
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome words <b>Sam Muller</b> , Director of the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law (Hiil) <b>Roger El Khoury</b> , Executive Director of the Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI)
09:45 - 10:05	Keynote address   <b>Wassim Harb</b> , Founder and General Supervisor of ACRLI Overview on recent events in the MENA region and the prospects for reinforcing the rule of law and good governance in Arab countries
10:05 - 10:25	Keynote address   <b>Hussein Chaaban</b> , General Director, Humanitarian International Law Center The challenges to democracy in the MENA region and the role of civil society
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 11:20	Presentation   <b>Julio Faundez</b> , University of Warwick, UK Lessons learned: The main challenges and pitfalls of any rule of law reform
11:20 - 11:30	Presentation   <b>Sam Muller</b> The working groups: goals and methodology
11:30 - 13:00	Two working groups in parallel   Part 1 WG 1: Constitution-making and institutional reform Chair   <b>Nathan Brown</b> WG 2: Human rights protection and the role of civil society Chair   <b>Gisele Khoury</b>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 16:00	Two working groups in parallel   Part 2
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 17:30	Two working groups in parallel   Part 2 (continued)
17:30 - 19:00	Retreat to hotel
19:00 - 21:30	Dinner

**Tuesday 24 May 2011**

09:00 - 09:30	Coffee
09:30 - 11:00	Report   from the two working groups WG 1: Constitution-making and institutional reform Chair   <b>Nathan Brown</b> WG 2: Human rights protection and the role of civil society Chair   <b>Gisele Khoury</b>
11:00 - 11:30	Break
11:30 - 13:00	Concluding session   the way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional challenges to the reform process</li><li>• Country-specific challenges</li><li>• Strategies and paths to pursue reforms</li></ul>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30	Presentation of conclusions and closure of the meeting