

Regional Forum On

The Role of Civil Society In Promoting The Rule of Law in the Arab Region

**Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel, Hashemite Kingdom of
Jordan**

December 2nd-3rd, 2008

Agenda

Tuesday, December 1st, 2008

20:00 Reception Dinner for Conference Participants

Day one: Tuesday, December 2nd, 2008

9.30 – 10.00 Participants Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Opening session:

- **Address by the Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity and Partners-Jordan Center: Lawyer Reem Abu Hassan.**
- **Address by Foundation For the Future President : Dr. Nabila Hamzah**
- **Address by Conference Patron**

10.30 – 10.45 Break

10:45 – 12:45 First session: The Rule of Law in Concept and Practice.

- **The Concept of the Rule of Law (time allotted 20 minutes)**
- **The Relationship of Rule of Law to Human Rights and Development (time allotted 15 minutes)**
- **Protecting the Rule of Law in Practice: Institutional Safeguards and Mechanisms (time allotted 35 minutes).**
- **Criteria for Measuring Rule of Law (time allotted 20 minutes).**

General Discussion (time allotted 30 minutes)

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00– 16:30
of Law

Second Session: The Role of Civil Society in Promoting Rule

- **First Subject: The Conceptual Framework for the Role of Civil Society in Promoting Rule of Law (time allotted 20 minutes)**
- **Second Subject: The Practical Framework for the Role of Civil Society in Promoting Rule of Law, and Preview of Successful Regional and International Experiences (time allotted 30 minutes)**
- **Third Subject: Measuring the Role of Civil Society in Promoting Rule of Law (time allotted 10 minutes)**

General Discussion (time allotted 30 minutes)

20:00

Dinner

Second Day, Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

9:30 – 11:15 Third session: The State of Rule of Law in the Arab Region.

- **First Subject: An overview of the major challenges facing the promotion of rule of law in the Arab region (time allotted 10 minutes)**
- **Second Subject: Evaluating the Role of Civil Society in Arab States in Promoting Rule of Law (time allotted 20 minutes)**
- **Third Subject: Sharing the experience of the Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity through monitoring and analysis of the status of three of the pillars of the rule of law: the judiciary, media, and parliament (time allotted 45 minutes)**

General Discussion (time allotted 30 minutes)

11:15– 11:30 Break

11:30– 13:30 Fourth Session: Working Groups Distributed Among Three Topic Areas: Judiciary / Media / Parliament

- **Explaining the objectives of the working groups along with expected results (time allotted 10 minutes)**
- **Participants are divided into three working groups (time allotted 110 minutes)**

13:30 – 14:30 Closing Session

- **Providing a summary report on the work of the working groups (time allotted 15 minutes)**
- **Discussing and Approval of the Plan of Action (time allotted 20 minutes)**
- **Adoption of the recommendations and formation of follow-up committee (time allotted 20 minutes)**

- **Closing Address (time allotted 5 minutes)**

14:30 **Lunch Break**

20:00 **Closing Dinner**