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Vision

We aim at promoting good governance in the Arab World by becoming:

- A regional observatory center for the rule of law and integrity.
- A focal point in the Arab NGO network that promotes good governance.

Mission

We focus on:

- Building the foundations of good governance in the Arab World.
- Promoting integrity for the purpose of fighting societal and governmental corruption.

Through:

- Disseminating knowledge in the various fields of the rule of law.
- Building capacity and advocacy for governance reforms.

Quality Policy

- We aim at meeting the needs and expectations of the communities we serve.
- We commit ourselves only to what we can provide.
- We monitor, benchmark and continuously improve our work procedures, employees' performance besides properly managing our organization.
- We ensure that our outputs meet international best practices and requirements.

Profile

The Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (“ACRLI”) is an Arab regional, non-governmental, non-profit organization, founded in 2003 by a group of judges and lawyers from Lebanon and other Arab countries.

ACRLI recognizes that good governance’s basis is, the respect of civil and human rights and sound democratic practices built on participation, accountability, transparency, the rule of law and integrity.

The Beirut headquarters works in collaboration with its offices and affiliates in Arab countries, as well as with other regional and international organizations, some of which are:

- IFES, a leading international organization in democracy promotion founded in 1987 and based in Washington D.C. IFES conducts innovative programs combining applied research and technical assistance in judicial independence, integrity, transparency, accountability, access to information and human rights.
- MADAMEK, a Lebanese consulting firm specialized in informatics and law.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Various NGOs in the Arab world.

ACRLI’s highly qualified staff is specialized in research and project management, cross-cultural studies and analysis, information and communication technology, and technical documentation as well as ensuring the delivery of good quality services.





Members

Adib Salame (Lebanon): Magistrate, Former General Prosecutor in the Lebanese Audit Court. Author of several studies on Audit Court reform in the Arab countries.

Amin Mekki Medani (Sudan): PhD in Law, University of Edinburgh. Former Representative, Regional Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Arab Region, Beirut (UN-OHCHR). Author of several books and articles on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

El Hadi Chaibainou (Morocco): PhD in Private Law. General Manager of the Moroccan Banking Association.

Elie Chalhoub (Lebanon): Diplôme d'Etudes Supérieures in Private Law, St. Joseph University, Beirut. Lawyer, The Bureau of Law, Arbitration and Legal affairs.

Habib Al-Mulla (UAE): PhD in Law, Cambridge University. Professor of law at the American University in Dubai. Member of the National Assembly of the United Arab Emirates. Author of several law studies.

Riad Al-Hajiri (Kuwait): Magistrate in Kuwait, Financial Prosecutor.

Reem Abu Hassan (Jordan): Associate Lawyer at the Obeidat & Freihath Law Firm in Amman. Author of several studies on the modernization of the judicial system.

Sami Mansour (Lebanon): Magistrate, member of the Supreme Court in Beirut. Law Professor in several Lebanese Universities. Author of law books and studies on Judiciary Reform.

Salim Nasr (Lebanon): PhD in Sociology, Paris I University. Advisor for the Program on Governance in the Arab Region of UNDP, former Director of the Lebanese Center for Policy studies. Helped many senior academic and research centers in various Lebanese and international institutions such as: the Ford Foundation, "Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Moyen Orient Contemporain", Beirut; the American University of Beirut; the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University; the Brookings Institution; and Georgetown University conducted extensive publications on social movements and transformations, public policies in Lebanon, as well as on labor migration, social stratification, and the democracy in the Arab World.

Charles Harb (Lebanon): PhD in Social Psychology, MA in Psychology, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. Assistant Professor of Psychology at the American University of Beirut.

Ali El Sadek Othman (Egypt): Magistrate, Advisor to the Egyptian Ministry of Justice, former Judge of the Egyptian Supreme Court, Former Director of the National Institute for Judicial Training.

Wassim Harb (Lebanon): PhD in Law, Aix-Marseille University, France. Professor of law, Former Dean in the Lebanese University. Founder of several organizations specialized in Law and Informatics such as: the Association of Development of Informatics and Law (ADIL), and in the Research and Study office in Informatics and Law (MADAMEK). Senior Rule of Law advisor for the United Nations Development Program on Good Governance in the Arab Region (UNDP-POGAR). Author of several books and articles on judicial studies.

Yousef Zeinal (Bahrain): Former President of the Arbitration Center in the Gulf Region, Lawyer, Member of Parliament in Bahrain.



Scope of work

ACRLI initiates and manages its own research data, human resource capabilities and advocacy projects, and responds to specific, targeted projects at the request of donors, partners, associates and other interested organizations.

ACRLI has the capacity and potential in undertaking various multi-sector and multi-country projects within several countries in the Arab region. It can also oversee general project management activities related to its objectives and areas of expertise.

As a non-profit organization, **ACRLI** gathers information and publishes, both hard and electronic copies, reports and studies serving the consolidation and enhancement of the rule of law and the implementation of the major key laws related to money laundering and fighting corruption in the Arab World.

Services

The Center works on constantly updating their databanks to gather considerable up-to-date information such as (laws, articles, treaties etc.,) related to the rule of law and integrity in the Arab Region. These databanks are the most important base of services provided by the Center which are:

- **Research Services:** the Center provides various research services that are in the scope of the center's goals. They are: (1) A databank which includes most of the laws, jurisprudence and legislations of the Arab countries, (2) A data bank which contains substantive amount of articles, documents, treaties, surveys, etc., related to the objectives of the Center, (3) A databank comprises experts, governmental and non-governmental organizations, international organizations and research centers, (4) A library that contains a large number of books, reports, studies and articles about the rule of law, which is located in **ACRLI** headquarter in Lebanon.
- **Training Services:** the Center engages highly qualified people to prepare for training sessions, lectures, debates on several issues related to the objectives and topics of the center.
- **Legal Advise Services:** The Center also provides legal advise on legal issues whether in Lebanon or in the Arab region.
- **Publishing Services:** The Center provides services to publish articles and studies on **ACRLI**'s website or periodical journals.
- **Printing Services:** The Center is in the process of assisting authors' and experts in printing hardcopies of their publications.

Also, for the purpose of achieving the center's goals, **ACRLI** organizes trainings, seminars; debate sessions; lectures; workshops and conferences.



Projects: (Performed and current) *

1. The project on "Promoting the Rule of Law and Integrity in the Arab Countries- PRLI" in partnership with IFES and with the support of UNDP (2005- 2007);
2. The project on "Enhancing the legal framework of Associations in the Arab World through National Dialogue and Empowerment of Civil Society" in partnership with Friederich Nauman Foundation and with the support of the European Commission (2007- 2009);
3. The project on "Strengthening the Rule of Law in the Arab States – Modernization of Public Prosecution Offices" with the support of UNDP-POGAR.(2007- 2009);
4. The project on "Building a Legal Database on the "Right of Association in the Arab Countries" in partnership with Ford Foundation
5. The "MENA Commercial Law Strengthening" project with the support of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) (2008- 2010).

Publications:

- 1 The guiding principles of the right of Freedom and Association in the Arab world (Arabic, 2008, 318 pages)
- 2 Introduction to the Rule of Law (Arabic, English and French, 2009, 52 pages)
- 3 Judiciary in the Arab Countries (Jordan- Lebanon- Morocco- Egypt) - monitoring and analyzing (Arabic, 2007, 768 pages)
- 4 Parliament in the Arab Countries (Jordan- Lebanon- Morocco- Egypt) - monitoring and analyzing (Arabic, 2007, 663 pages)
- 5 Media in the Arab Countries (Jordan- Lebanon- Morocco- Egypt) - monitoring and analyzing (Arabic, 2007, 664 pages)
- 6 Models for Cyber Legislation in ESCWA member countries (Arabic and English, 2007, 51 pages)
- 7 Template for Cyber-Legislation in Bahrain and Syria (Arabic, 2006, 27 pages)
- 8 The Rule of Law- Meetings and Lectures (Arabic, 2005-2006, 127 pages)
- 9 The Rule of Law - Research and Studies from around the world (Arabic, 2007, 256 pages)
10. The Lawyers Situation in the Arab Countries (Arabic, 2004, 156 pages)
11. Judiciary Backlog in Lebanon (Arabic, 1994, 274 pages)
12. The National and Regional reports on the state of judiciary in the Arab countries (Arabic, 2004, 525 pages)

* For more details, please refer to the attached add-ons.

