



**المركز العربي لتطوير حكم القانون والنزاهة**

**Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity**

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Building the rule of law and integrity in the Arab world has become the main interest of institutions, associations, individuals and all forces of the civil society. Everyone is aware that such rule is a primary necessity of development and repair and bailing Arab societies out of their chronic crises with democracy, freedoms and human rights which should be spread, strengthened and applied with honesty and fairness. This can only be achieved by building the rule of law and integrity as a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a modern state, a state of justice, fairness and goodness.

## Definition of the Center and its Branches:

The Arab Center for the Development of the Rule of Law and Integrity (Center) is a regional Arab not-for-profit non-governmental organization established in 2003 by a number of Lebanese judges and lawyers with the assistance of their Arab colleagues. Between 2005 and 2007, this project will issue a series of researches and reports to be prepared by a group of Arab experts, researchers and practitioners, focusing on three areas that are the pillars to build upon, lasting democratic systems. The said areas are: (1) An independent and neutral judiciary; (2) an independent and free media; (3) an independent and representative parliament. Within the framework of the parliament and participation, the Center had set up the principles of eligible parliament and participation, in the light of which reports shall be issued in all the following Arab states: Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Morocco.

In order to strengthen knowledge, exchange experiences and unify efforts and strengthen the relations between the Center and its friends and make such relations more beneficial to the two parties, which would allow the exchange of all services, experiences and capabilities, and in order to turn the center and branches thereof to an effective hub in all the Arab societies in cooperation with legal, political and media specialists and researchers and to enable the center to achieve its mission and objectives of development of the rule of law and integrity in the Arab states, build knowledge, develop capabilities, and enable the forces of the civil society, both entities and individuals to exercise their natural rights to participation in the building of good governance, according to reference principles, methodologies and frameworks specified by the Center, the two parties declare their commitment to the principles of this covenant and the following articles thereof:

### *a- Obligations of the Ally:*

- To attend and participate in the activities of the center (workshops, lectures, seminars, conferences, gatherings and occasions) imposed by the nature of cooperation between the center and its allies network.
- To provide the library of the main center or the library of one of its branches with a copy of its published works, researches and writings and authorize the Center to post them on its website.
- To participate with the Center in seeking the sources of financing of the research projects and activities.
- To provide information that serves the objectives, principles, projects and activities of the Center on its own initiative or at the request of the Center.
- To write about the subjects and fields of the rule of law (with or without consideration) for posting on the internet or on paper to serve the objectives and principles of the Center.



- To recommend the candidacy of new allies for expansion of the allies' network and provision thereof with Arab experienced youth residing or not in Arab states.

- To propose ideas and programs of activities and projects that achieve the principles and objectives of the Center.

- To provide information about the Center and spread its principles, methodologies and techniques to build knowledge and develop capabilities.

***b- Obligations of the Center vis-à-vis the Ally:***

- To publish its works and researches according to conditions agreed upon by the two parties (publication on paper and posting on the Internet).

- To benefit (free of charge) of the Center services:

1- Information

2- Library

3- Support through opinion and guidance

- To be given preference in contracts or activities performed by the Center to achieve its objectives with experts and specialists, according to the general contract conditions set forth by the Center.

- To participate in the Board of Trustees according to the by-laws of this board.

- To be paid tribute according to the general regulations concerning personalities and institutions, as laid down by the Center.

- To be nominated according to the general criteria and conditions set forth by the Center for receiving Arab or global awards.

- To be nominated for consulting, research or training work with Arab and international institutions.

- To be informed of the activities carried on or prepared by the Center within the geographical scope of his operations.

- To have his name included and be introduced on the website of the Center.