



Geneva Institute for Human Rights

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I. Activities Undertaken

Below details of the activities undertaken by GIHR:

Nr	Project	Dates
1	Training course on to the International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms, for students at the Institute for Educational and configuration	10 – 11 January 2015 Marrakech - Morocco
2	Official visit to Mauritania; meetings held with the President; Prime Minister, President of the National Assembly, High Commissioner for Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, Minister of Social Affairs, Children and Family, Minister of Interior & Decentralization, Minister of Justice, The Minister of Islamic Affairs, Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights, Director General of the National Agency for Solidarity to Combat the Effects of Slavery and Integration to Fight Poverty, Presidents of the University of Nouakchott, Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Representatives of Civil Society Organizations	13 - 17 January 2015 Nouakchott – Mauritania
3	GIHR statement at the closing ceremony of the draft training young Lebanese of different cities to human rights issues within the project called "Ambassadors of human rights"	25 January 2015 Saida - Lebanon
4	GIHR participated in a Regional workshop on "toward enabling environment and security for human rights defenders in the Arab region" organized by the United Nations Information Center and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	26 -27 January 2015 Tunis – Tunisia
5	Training Course on the Role of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for member of the Kuwaiti NGOs, organized with the Gulf Foundation and supported by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; the training course coincide with the 21th session of the UPR and the review of the state of Kuwait.	26 – 30 January 2015 Geneva. Switzerland
6	Phase I: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJS)	08 – 12 February 2015 Kuwait - Kuwait

7	In partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) organized the first training program with the Mauritanian the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Humanitarian Action and members of the Technical Drafting Committee of ministers. This training provides the participants with the technical skills and assistance in preparing and writing the coming UPR report at the 23rd Session of the Human Rights cycle, in this coming November 2015.	23 – 27 February 2015 Nouakchott – Mauritania
8	Training course on the Human Rights Concept and Mechanisms for the staff members of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Humanitarian Action in Mauritania, the training co organized with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights	23 – 27 February 2015 Nouakchott – Mauritania
9	GIHR Participated in the international conference on "Strengthening the role of the political parties and trade unions, in the advancement of political participation of women" organized by the Women's Caucus democratic Lebanese, Arab Institute for Human Rights, the Egyptian women's issues, women's studies Center in Palestine, and Oxfam NOVIB, supported by the European Union.	26 – 27 February 2015 Beirut - Lebanon
10	Phase II: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJLS)	08 – 12 March 2015 Kuwait - Kuwait
11	GIHR participated in the consultative meeting of civil society organizations in Lebanon discussing the join drafts of reports to the UN universal periodic review mechanism	12 March 2015 Beirut - Lebanon
12	GIHR participated in the International Forum “Guarantees the right of freedom of expression and information regional and international charters and Arab national legislations”. Organized by the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the University of Ouargla in Algeria	15 – 16 March 2015 Ouargla - Algeria
13	GIHR participated in A panel discussion on the book of Dr. Abdul Aziz Laroussi, "Moroccan legislation and the international human rights conventions: the legal and constitutional harmonization's ", Faculty of law, economic and social sciences university of Mohamed V in Agdal Rabat	22 March 2015 Rabat - Morocco
14	Phase III: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJLS)	23 -27 March 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
15	Training course on the principles and techniques of preparing human rights reports in cooperation with Mediterranean Institute and L'Institut Supérieur de la Magistrature in Morocco	25 -28 March 2015 Rabat - Morocco
16	Training course on the role of NGOs with the UN human rights mechanisms; for the staff members of the new established NGO in Geneva “Centre for Justice and Human Rights”	1 April 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
17	First training course with the Libyan ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This training provides the participants	5 -9 April 2015 Cairo - Egypt

	with the technical skills and assistance in preparing and writing the coming UPR report at the 22rd Session of the Human Rights cycle, in this coming May 2015.	
18	Phase III: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJLS)	5 -9 April 2015 Kuwait - Kuwait
19	Second training course with the Libyan ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This training provides the participants with the technical skills and assistance in preparing and writing the coming UPR report at the 22rd Session of the Human Rights cycle, in this coming May 2015.	12 -16 April 2015 Cairo - Egypt
20	GIHR participated in a Consultative meeting organized by Association JUSTICE and the national office of Fondation-Friedrich-Ebert on preparing and writing the coming UPR NGOs parallel report to the Human Rights Council	28 April 2015 Rabat - Morocco
21	Training course on Human rights concept and mechanisms for members of the House of representatives in Libya	02 - 12 May 2015 Cairo - Egypt
22	Phase IV: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJLS)	11 -15 May 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
23	Phase V: Training course on Human Rights for Kuwaiti judges and public prosecutors; co organized with the regional office of the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Kuwait Institute for Judicial and legal Studies (KIJLS)	17 - 21 May 2015 Kuwait - Kuwait
24	Training course on the concept of Human Rights for the members of the Organisation du Scout Marocain	30 - 31 May 2015 Rabat - Morocco
25	Training course on United Nations mechanisms for student's master's degree in Criminal Sciences, University of Judge Ayad	06 - 07 June 2015 Marrakech - Morocco
26	Geneva Advance Training for members of the House of Representatives and Diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Libya on the Role of the Human Rights Council in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	17 - 22 Jun 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
27	Annual training course for human rights defenders from Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Iraq, Yemen, Lebanon and Jordan on the International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms, co organized with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) - Jordan Office	14 - 16 August 2015 Amman - Jordan
28	Annual training course for human rights defenders from Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco on the International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms, co organized with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) - Morocco Office, and Driss Benzekri Foundation for Human Rights and Democracy	07- 09 September 2015 Rabat - Morocco
29	Training of Trainers (TOT) on the International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms for the staff members of the National Human	13-17 September 2015 Muscat - Oman

	Rights Commission in Oman	
30	Side event on “Women in situation of Armed Conflict in the Arab region” co organized with the Arab Institute for Human Rights and The Democratic Forum for women in transitional societies (Amna Forum funded by HIVOS)	30 September 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
31	First Training Course on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms for Members and Staff Members of the National Council for Human Rights and Civil Society in Morocco	05-09 October 2015 Rabat - Morocco
32	Side event on the Universal Periodic Review of Lebanon; co organized with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - Geneva Office, Arab NGO Network for Development, ALEF - Act for Human Rights, The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering, UPR - Lebanon.org, The Najdeh Association and the Human Development Center	02 November 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
33	Annual training course for human rights defenders from the MENA region co organized with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) - Geneva Office	02-06 November 2015 Geneva - Switzerland
34	Workshop on the Human Rights Education in the Moroccan Universities, co organized with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) - Geneva Office, The Moroccan National Council for Human Rights (CNDH); Mohamed V University Rabat	10 December 2015 Rabat - Morocco
35	Second Training Course on Human Rights Protection Mechanisms for Members and Staff Members of the National Human Rights Council and Civil Society in Morocco	11-15 December 2015 Rabat - Morocco
36	Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention against Torture (CAT): Sharing best practice and experience in preventing torture in police custody in the Middle East and North Africa, organized by Convention against Torture Initiative (CTI) and The Moroccan National Council for Human Rights (CNDH)	13 - 15 December 2015 Marrakesh - Morocco