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GIHR Activities Report

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Geneva Institute for Human Rights (GIHR) is a non-governmental, non – profit organization, based in Geneva. Since the establishment of the Geneva Institute for Human Rights in July 2004, the Institute has provided practical human rights trainings in the North Africa and the Middle East region and Geneva to human rights defenders and public institutions, empowering them to access and use international human rights procedures, standards and mechanisms. In conjunction with training, GIHR also delivers capacity building and advocacy services that contribute to protecting the rights of human rights defenders. Specific advocacy activities also focus on enhancing the effectiveness of the international and regional human rights mechanisms.

From July 2004 – October 2005 we have worked with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Geneva and Sudan, African Union (AU), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Training Centre, International Labour Office (ILO), International organization for Migration (IOM), World Trade Organization (WTO), Worldwide Academy - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), The Regional Office of the Middle East and Northern Africa Region for the Coalition of the International Criminal Court (MENA CICC), Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR), Ministry for Foreign Affairs - Libya, National Human Rights Institution in Qatar, Ministry of Justice in Sudan, Advisory Council for Human Rights in Sudan, Bar Association in Sudan, Dubai Police – UAE, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR), Al - Sahafa Newspaper- Sudan; Al –Rabat University – Sudan; Umma Party – Sudan; Civic Aid International Organization (CAIO), CARAM Asia (Malaysia).

GIHR Activities from July 2004 - December 2005

- Symposium on the United Nations International Convention on the Protection of the Rights All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. Khartoum - Sudan 18 - 19 December 2005.
- Regional Consultation on Mobility and HIV/AIDS - From Action to Reflection seeks, organized by CARAM Asia a network of migrant support organizations in 11 countries in Asia with a mission to empower migrant workers and their communities through the promotion and protection of their rights and the creation of an enabling environment at all stages of migration to reduce HIV/AIDS vulnerability. Kuala Lumpur - Malaysia 02 -04 October 2005
- Training Course on the Role of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for 10 Arab child rights defenders from 10 - 16 September 2005 in Geneva. The training course coincided with the meetings of the 40 session of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- Training Course on the Treaty Monitoring Bodies of the International Human Rights System organized with the Sudanese Advisory Council for Human Rights (ACHR). Khartoum - Sudan 16 - 18 July 2005.
- Seminar on the role of the Sudanese Police Officers and the Human Rights Law, co-organized with Civic Aid International Organization (CIAO) and AI - Rabat University. Khartoum- Sudan 19 July 2005.
- Training Course on the International Human Rights Law and the International Humanitarian Law, co- organized with the Legal and Human Rights Department in the Umma Party (UP), Omdurman - Sudan 13 - 20 July 2005.
- Seminar on the Regional Courts on Human Rights, co-organized with the Civic Aid International Organization (CIAO) and the AI - Sahafa Newspapers. Khartoum - Sudan. 12 July 2005.

- Training Course on International Human Rights Law organized with the Civic Aid International Organization (CIAO) for Sudanese NGOs. Khartoum - Sudan 10 - 14 July 2005.
- Lecture on the “Child Rights in the Middle-East and North Africa”, to 29 participants, all university degree holders coming from diverse regions (Western Europe, Africa, Asia, North America and Latin America) with various disciplinary backgrounds (lawyers, psychologists, social workers,) working both for non governmental and governmental organisations in the broad children’s rights field, Kurt Bösch University Institute (IUKB) Sion - Switzerland, 17 May 2005.
- The Second Regional Training Course on Human Rights for 40 Arab Police Officers from 16 Arab Countries. Co - organized with the Dubai Police and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Dubai - UAE. 29 April - 4 May 2005.
- Roundtable Discussion on broader issues of transitional justice in Sudan, organized by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ). New York - USA, 25. April 2005.
- The First National Symposium on Child Protection From All Forms of Violence. Under the theme of: ‘Safe Childhood for a Better Future ‘ co-organized with the Sudanese National Council of Child Welfare (NCCW), UNICEF - Sudan Office, Arab League (AL), and the participation of the Vice Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Head of the Child Rights Protection Unit in the International Labour Office (ILO). Khartoum - Sudan 11 - 12 April 2005.
- Regional Training Course on International Human Rights Law during the 61st Session of the Commission on Human Rights, with the International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) and the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), addressing NGO representatives, representatives from National Human Rights Institutions, and Government representatives from

the Arab region. Palais des Nations. Geneva - Switzerland, 28 March - 8 April 2005.

- TV Interview on the Situation of Women Migrant Domestic Workers in the Arab region. Beirut - Lebanon, 27 January 2005.
- Lecture on the Human Rights Situation in Sudan and the Role of the Civil Society after the Peace Agreement. UNDP, Khartoum - Sudan 23rd of December 2004.
- Workshop on the International Criminal Court (ICC), co - organized with the Sudanese Bar Association - the International Coalition for the International Criminal Court (ICICC). Khartoum - Sudan 22nd of December 2004.
- Human Rights Seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), co - organized with the Sudanese Advisory Council for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Sudan. Khartoum - Sudan 20- 21 December 2004.
- Training Course on International Human Rights Law for 12 Libyan Diplomat, with the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). Palais des Nations - Geneva - Switzerland 22 November - 2 December 2004.
- The First African Regional Consultation on Violence against Women” with the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights on Violence against Women and the Special Rapporteur of the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights on Rights of Women, co - organised with African Women’s Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) - Kenya, and Babiker Badri Scientific Association for Women Studies (BBSAWS) - Sudan. Khartoum - Sudan 25 - 26 September 2004.
- Lecture on the International Human Rights Protection System, during the Upgrading of the Judicial System in Jordan: Towards the Strengthening of the International Law in the Country. Training Course with the Ministry of Justice and the ILO Regional Office for

the Arab Region and the ILO International Training Center (ITCILO) Amman. Jordan 22 - 23 September 2004.

- Training Course on the International Human Rights Law, for Human Rights Activist from Qatar, co-organized with the Arab Organization for Human Rights (AOHR) and the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC) in Qatar and the support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), during the session of the United Nations Sub - Commission on Human Rights, Palais des Nations, Geneva. Switzerland 26 July - 6 August 2004.



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