



MENA RULE OF LAW CONFERENCE 2010
*The Road to Justice in MENA: National, International,
And Traditional Justice Systems Working Together*

JUNE 25 - 26, 2010
AL AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY
IFRANE, MOROCCO

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2010

All Conference Sessions will take place in Building 4 on the campus of Al Akhawayn University

9:00–10:00AM	REGISTRATION
9:15–9:45AM	PRESS BRIEFING
9:15–10:00AM	ORIENTATION SESSION FOR MODERATORS AND RAPORTEURS
10:00AM	CONFERENCE OPENS
10:00–10:30AM	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND THE WORLD JUSTICE PROJECT OVERVIEW Speaker William C. Hubbard , Chairman, Board of Directors, The World Justice Project, USA
10:30AM–12:30PM	WHY DOES THE RULE OF LAW MATTER TO MENA? <i>What are the specific challenges, issues and lessons learned related to Access to Justice across the region? What are the existing Access to Justice experiences, mechanisms and practices in the region? How are Access to Justice issues addressed through the prism of national, regional and international standards?</i> Moderator Driss Ouauicha , President, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco Keynote Panel Sheikha Abdulla-Al-Misnad , President, Qatar University, Qatar Q&A Ahmed Benbitour , Former Prime Minister of Algeria Emil Constantinescu , Former President of Romania; Board Director, The World Justice Project Abderrahim Foukara , Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, USA
12:30–1:45PM	LUNCH

1:45–3:15PM

INTRODUCTION TO THE RULE OF LAW INDEX: MEASURING ADHERENCE TO THE RULE OF LAW IN A REGIONAL CONTEXT

An interactive presentation of the Rule of Law Index methodology and its application to the MENA region, followed by Q&A session.

Moderator **Wassim Harb**, Founder, Arab Center for the Development of Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI), Lebanon

Speakers **Juan Carlos Botero**, Rule of Law Index Director, The World Justice Project, Colombia
Alejandro Ponce-Rodriguez, Senior Economist, The World Justice Project, Mexico

3:15–5:00PM

SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS

Participants will develop concrete action plans to strengthen Rule of Law regionally.

Broadening the Range of Legal Aid Services

Moderator **T. Jeremy Gunn**, Associate Professor of International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

Rapporteur **Azza Kamel Maghur**, Senior Partner, Maghur & Partners, Libya

Building a Better Business Enabling Environment

Moderator **Martin Forst**, Head of the Governance Review and Partnerships Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), France

Rapporteur **Ibrahim Elsadig**, Head, Corporate and Commercial Department, Denton Wilde Sapte, UAE

Creating Opportunities for Youth Empowerment

Moderator **Hisham Jabi**, Senior Associate for Youth Development, Management Systems International (MSI), Palestine

Rapporteur **Tajeddine Rachidi**, Associate Dean, School of Science and Engineering (Information Technology and Research), Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

Equal Access to Water Rights

Moderator **Walid Saleh**, Regional Coordinator, MENA, United Nations University, UAE

Rapporteur **Jauad El Kharraz**, Manager, Water Sector EMWS, Technical Unit, The Euro Mediterranean Information System, France

Freedom of the Press and Journalistic Responsibility

Moderator **Abderrahim Foukara**, Washington Bureau Chief, Al Jazeera Satellite Channel, USA

Making Alternative Dispute Resolutions Work for Everyone

Moderator **Ehab Maher Elsonbaty**, Senior Advisor, Amiri Diwan,

Rapporteur State of Qatar
Sami Huerbi, Director for Eastern Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa, International Chamber of Commerce Dispute Resolution Services, Tunisia

Maximizing Access and Use of Information in the Public Domain

Moderator **Laith Kubba**, Senior Director, MENA Department, National Endowment for Democracy, Iraq/USA

Rapporteur **Lina Alameddine**, Director, Partnership Center for Development and Democracy (PCDD), Lebanon

Promoting Government Anti-Corruption Efforts

Moderator **Rabha Zeidguy**, Secretary General, Instance Centrale de Prévention de la Corruption (ICPC), Morocco

Rapporteur **Kamel Ayadi**, Past President, World Federation of Engineering Organizations; Founding Chairman, WFEO Anti-Corruption Standing Committee, Tunisia

Realizing Legal Rights for Women

Moderator **Zoubida Assoul**, Vice President, Arab Women Legal Network, Algeria

Rapporteur **Amira Sonbol**, Tenured Professor of Islamic History, Law, and Society, Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Qatar

Securing Rights for MENA Migrant Communities

Moderator **Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous**, Acting Director, Lebanese Emigration Research Center; Chairperson, Faculty of Political Science, Public Affairs and Diplomacy, Notre Dame University, Lebanon

Rapporteur **Maha Jweied**, Civil Rights Attorney and Young Lawyers Division Representative, Council of the ABA Section of International Law, USA

5:30–6:15PM

MANY ROADS TO JUSTICE IN MENA – INTERFACE BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, AND TRADITIONAL JUSTICE MECHANISMS

How will justice reforms be directed in the future to deal with the different sources of law – including how future advances in the Rule of Law in the MENA region will address disparities between secular and Islamic laws?

Keynote Speakers **Mohamed Naciri**, Minister of Justice, Morocco
Moulay M’hamed Iraki, General Ombudsman, Wali Al Madhalim, Morocco

7:30–10:00PM

TRADITIONAL MOROCCAN DINNER

Hosted by the Province of Ifrane
City of Ifrane

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010

9:00–9:30AM	COFFEE SERVICE
9:30–9:35AM	WELCOMING REMARKS Speaker James R. Silkenat , Board Director and Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA
9:35–10:40AM	JUSTICE REFORMS USING A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH –CASE STUDY OF MOROCCO <i>Morocco’s reforms go beyond the judiciary to encompass the entire justice system, following an inclusive, interdisciplinary approach. This panel will focus on Morocco’s efforts to strengthen the independence and integrity of both formal and informal justice systems to be more responsive and more effective in meeting the needs of justice for all.</i> Moderator Ellen Gracie Northfleet , Justice, Federal Supreme Court of Brazil; Board Director, The World Justice Project Keynote Panel Ehab Makram Mohamed Ahmed Hasabou , Head of the Division of Treaties, Legal Department, League of Arab States, Egypt Lazhar Bououny , Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Tunisia Ziba Mir-Hosseini , Legal Anthropologist, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK
10:40–11:00AM	COFFEE BREAK
11:00AM–1:00PM	SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS – FINALIZE ACTION PLANS
1:00–2:30PM	LUNCH
2:30–4:00PM	REPORTS OF THE SMALL GROUP WORKING SESSIONS Moderator Deborah Enix-Ross , Vice President, The World Justice Project, USA
4:00–4:50PM	RULE OF LAW IN MENA: LOOKING FORWARD <i>Concluding session will stress the importance of advancing the Rule of Law and Access to Justice in the MENA region, given significant political, social and economic implications.</i> Keynote Speaker Clovis Maksoud , Former Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United Nations; Director, Center for the Global South, American University, USA

4:50–4:55PM
Keynote Speaker

PROMOTING POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE IN IRAQ
Medhat Mahmood, President of Iraq Higher Judicial Council
Iraq

4:55–5:00PM

CLOSING REMARKS

5:00PM

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

7:30PM–10:00PM

DINNER HOSTED BY MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE