



المؤتمر الدولي حول المحكمة العربية لحقوق الإنسان

The International Conference of Arab Court for Human Rights

25 - 26 مايو 2014 فندق الريتز كارلتون - مملكة البحرين

First Day: 25 May 2014

8:00-9:00 Registration of Participants

9:00-10:00

Opening Session

Keynote Addresses:

- HE Dr Abdulaziz H. Abul, Chairman, National Institution for Human Rights, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- HE Dr Nabeel El Araby, Secretary-General, Arab League.
- HE Dr Abdulatif Bin Rashid Al Zayani, Secretary-General, Gulf Cooperation Council.
- HE Mr Frej Fenniche, Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section, Representative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- HE Dr Ahmed M. Al Jarwan, President, Arab Parliament.
- HE Mr Mohammed Essabbar, President, Arab Network of National Institutions for Human Rights.

10:00-10:30

Break

10:30-12:00

First Session

Chaired by: HE Mohammed Fayek, Head of the National Council of Human Rights, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Discussion Papers:

- The steps carried out in the establishment of the Arab Court for Human Rights.
HE Dr. Ahmed Abdulla Farhan, Secretary-General, National Institution for Human Rights, Kingdom of Bahrain.
- The reforms of the Arab League on human rights.
HE Ambassador Mr Wajeeh Hanafi, Deputy Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Arab League.
- The Role of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in supporting the functions of the Arab Court for Human Rights.
HE Mr Frej Fenniche, Chief of the Middle East and North Africa Section at OHCHR.
- The Role of the Arab Parliament in supporting the Arab Court for Human Rights.
HE Dr Abdularahman Labdag, Member of Arab Parliament.
- The Statute of the Arab Court for Human Rights.
HE Dr. Ibrahim Badawi - Member of the Committee in charge of studying the establishment of the Arab Court for Human Rights.





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12:00-12:30

Break

12:30 -14:00

Second Session

Chaired by: HE Mr Mohamed Auajjar, Former Minister of Human Rights, Kingdom of Morocco.

Experience of Human Rights Courts:

- The experience of the European Court of Human Rights in the development of Human Rights in Europe.
Judge Josep CASADEVALL, Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights.
- The experience of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in the development of Human Rights in the Americas.
Professor Christina M. Cerna, Human Rights Specialist at Inter-American Commission of Human Rights, Chair of the International Human Rights Law Committee of the International Law Association.
- The experience of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in the development of Human Rights in Africa.
Dr Fatsah OUGUERGOUZ, Former Vice-President, African Court of Human and Peoples Rights.

14:00-15:30

Lunch

15:30 -18:00

Workshops

- First Workshop: Visions of Arab Organizations and Institutions for Human Rights on the Statute of the Arab Court for Human Rights.
Chaired by: HE Dr. Mohammad Amin Al-Midani, President of the Arab Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, Republic of France
Rapporteur: HE Ms. Radwa Noureldine, International Expert in Human Rights and International Law.
- Second Workshop: Determining the Relationship between Arab Court for Human Rights and Human Rights Mechanisms in the Arab League.
Chaired by: HE Ms. Randa Siniora, Executive Director, Independent Commission for Human Rights, State of Palestine.
Rapporteur: HE Mr. Nazar Abdulqader, Director of Geneva Institute for Human Rights, Swiss Confederation.





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- **Third Workshop:** The Role of National Institutions for human rights and Civil Society Organizations in supporting the establishment of the Arab Court of Human Rights.

Chaired by: HE Mr Ezzadin Saeed Ahmed Al-Asbahi, Head of Human Rights Information and Training Center, Republic of Yemen.

Rapporteur: HE Dr. Ali Saeid Ali, International Expert, State of Libya.

- **Fourth Workshop:** Assessing and following up the recommendations of the Arab Conference on the Development of Human Rights at the Arab League in 2013.

Chaired by: HE Dr. Abdul Basit bin Hassan, Head of the Arab Institute for Human Rights, Tunisian Republic.

Rapporteur: HE Ms. Hanan Rabbani, Senior Program Officer on Women's Rights and Gender Development, Open Society Foundation, Regional Office, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

18:00

Closing the First Day / Meeting of the Drafting Committee

Second Day: 26 May 2014

9:00-10:00

Third Session

- Presenting workshops' results.
Chaired by: HE Dr. Bettahar Boudjellal, Conference Rapporteur-General.
- Reading workshops' reports.

10:00-11:30

- General Discussion.

11:30-12:00

Break

12:00-13:30

Closing Session

Chaired by: HE Dr. Abdul-Aziz Hassan Abul, Chairman of the National Institution for Human Rights, Kingdom of Bahrain.

(With participation of: HE Secretary-General of the National Institution for Human Rights, HE Head of the Arab Network of National Institutions for Human Rights, and HE Representative of the Arab League)

- Reading the Final Communiqué and Recommendations.
- Submitting the Recommendations to HE Secretary- General of the Arab League

13:30-14:00

Press Conference.

14:00

Lunch

