

**he First Year Harvest – Human Rights in the Arab spring: present
situation and opportunities for the future**

Human rights conference – Cairo, 11-14/12/2011

The Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS), the Forum of Gulf civil society institutions, in cooperation with the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights (ECWR), the Arab Committee for Human Rights (ACHR) and the Palestinian Council for Human Rights Organizations commenced to circulate the invitation letters for the participation in the conference on human rights situation in the Arab world; the conference marks the first anniversary of the Arab Spring and will be held in Cairo from the 11th to the 14th of December 2011.

It will aim at favouring consultations and exchanging experiences among the various human rights organizations in the Arab world that have had a role in raising awareness, monitoring, documenting and lobbying during the transitions. As the Arab world is in the process of transformations, reactions, protests, uprisings, and popular revolutions demanding democracy and human rights shall be addressed during the conference, as well as governance, legal, political, economic, and social reforms, the rule of law, independence of the judiciary, free and fair elections, fair trials, and transitional justice; the meeting will also be an opportunity to exchange best practices, experiences, expertise and to foster coordination among the various participant organizations at the local and regional levels.

The conference shall be held under the patronage of MP Ali Deqbasi, President of the Arab Parliament, and will be attend by some 150 human rights and women organizations, networks, and coalitions from 19 Arab countries; organizers are eager to welcome regional Human Rights networks and international institutions, including UN and European Union agencies, to participate in the conference.

During the sessions, worksheets will be submitted to cover the following areas:

I: Turmoils in the Arab World: causes, characteristics, paths

II: Human rights concepts and the Arab Spring

III: Truth, justice, and community reconciliation: prosecution of the past or tolerance to build for the future

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IV: The role of civil society organizations in the Arab regional order after the revolutions

V: The participation of Arab women in the revolutions and their future

VI: Rights of the Palestinian people in the frame of Arab revolutions

VII: Media and the Arab revolutions: reciprocal relationships

VIII: Ambitions and prospects