



**The Second Arab Justice Conference**  
**“Promoting and Strengthening the Independence of the Judiciary**  
**in the Arab Countries”**  
**21-24 February 2003, Cairo**  
**Preliminary Agenda**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2003**

*Journalist Association – Main Conference Hall*

**18:00 p.m. – 18:30 p.m.      Registration**

**18:30 p.m. – 20:30 p.m.      Opening Session**

**Introductory Remarks:**

- The Arab Center for Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Egypt
- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR)

**20:30 p.m. – 21:00 p.m.      Coffee Break**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 2003**

*Conrad Hotel – The Conrad Hall*

**SESSION I:**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      Registration**

**Chair:**                    -----

**10:00 a.m. – 13:00 p.m.      Judicial Independence in the Arab World**

**First Speaker:**      Dr. Adel Omar Sherif, Judge, Supreme Constitutional Court, Egypt

**Second Speaker:**    Dr. Nathan J. Brown, Professor of Political Science and International  
Affairs , The George Washington University, U.S.A.

**13:00 p.m. - 14:30 p.m.      Lunch Break**

**SESSION II: GUARANTEES FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIAL  
BRANCH**

**Chair:**                    Name, Title

**14:30 p.m. – 15:45 p.m.      Guarantees for the Independence of the Judicial Branch  
in Asian Countries**

**Speaker:**              Professor Nihal Jayawickrama, Sri-Lanka

**Discussant:**

**15:45 p.m. – 17:00 p.m.      Guarantees for the Independence of the Judge  
(Case Study of France)**

**Speaker:**              Ms. Evelyne Sire-Marin, President, Association of Judges in Paris ,  
France

**Discussant:**

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**SESSION III:**

**Chair:**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      The International Foundation for Election Systems  
(IFES) Guide for Judicial Independence and  
Perspectives on Judicial Independence Promotion in  
Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa**

**Speaker:**      Professor Keith Henderson , IFES Senior Rule of Law Advisor, U.S.A

**Discussant:**

**11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.      *Coffee Break***

**SESSION IV:**

**11:15 a.m. – 13:15 p.m.      The Role of the Civil Society in Promoting and  
Strengthening Judicial Independence**

**Speaker:**      Dr. Mohammad Sayed Said, Deputy Director, Al-Ahram Center for  
Political and Strategic Studies - Egypt

**Discussant:**

**13:15 p.m. – 14:30 p.m.      *Lunch Break***

## SESSION V: FOUR PARALLEL DISCUSSION GROUP S

**14:30 p.m. – 17:00 p.m.**

### **First Discussion Group:**

**(Egypt)** The Impact of Lack of Enforcement on Judicial Independence

*Dr. Mohamad Kamel Obeid, Professor of Law, Cairo University*

**(Tunisia)** Freedom of Opinion and Expression as a Principle of Judicial Independence

*Dr. Ghazi Ghrairi, Professor, University of Tunis*

**(Algeria)** The Impact of Judicial Independence on the Enforcement Process

*Dr. Gady Abdelkareem, Lecturer, The National Judicial Institute*

**(Morocco)** The Relationship of the Judiciary with the Legislative & Executive Branch

*Mr. Ahmad El-Sarraje, Judge, Morocco*

### **Second Discussion Group:**

**(Iraq)** The Relationship between the Weakness of the Judiciary and the Role of Tribal Arbitration

*Dr. Abdelhussein Chaaban, Legal Consultant & Researcher*

**(Kuwait)** Legislature Intervention in the Judge's Function and the Independence of the Judiciary: The Judiciary and Interpretation of the Constitution

*Mr. Ibrahim El-Kendari, Lawyer*

**(Saudi Arabia)** Impartiality of the Judge and the Principle of Judicial Independence

*Dr. Abdallah Hamed, Professor of Law, Riyadh University*

**(Bahrain)** Financial Independence of the Judiciary and Training: The Relationship with the Executive Branch

*Ms. Zeynat El-Mansoury, Lawyer*

### **Third Discussion Group:**

**(Syria)** The State of Emergency and Independence of the Judiciary

*Dr. Haytham Mannah, The Arab Committee of Human Rights*

**(Jordan)** Immunities and Guarantees for the Independence of the Judge

*Mr. Farouk El-Kilani, Former Head of the Supreme Court in Jordan*

**(Lebanon)** Guarantees for Personal Security of the Judge & the Intervention of the Council of Ministers and the Ministry of Justice in the Work of the Judiciary

*Dr. Khaled Quabani, Professor of Law*

**(Palestine)** Training of Judges and its Role in Laws Organizing the Work of the Judiciary

*Mr. Raji Sourani, Director, The Palestinian Center*

**Fourth Discussion Group:**

**(Sudan)** The Impact of the Lack of Judicial Independence on Fair Trial

*Mr. Ghazi Suleiman, Lawyer*

**(Somalia)** The Situation of Justice: The Role of Institutional Structure of the Judiciary

*Mr. Osman Hussein Kheiry, Judge*

**(Mauritania)** Independence of the Judiciary: The Role of Professional and Cultural Training of Judges

*Mr. Mahfouz Battah*

**(Yemen)** The Impact of Customs and Tribal Judiciary on the Independence of the Judicial Branch

*Mr. Hammouda El-Hitar, Judge*

<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2003</b>
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**Chair:**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**      Conclusions of Four Groups

**12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**      *Coffee Break*

**12:15 p.m. – 14:15 p.m.**      Recommendations

**14:15 p.m. – 15:15 p.m.**      *Lunch*