Organization of Arab Electoral Management Bodies (ArabEMBs)

Workshop on the use of ICT in Electoral Processes: Assessing Experience Over Several Electoral Cycle

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What is ArabEMBs

- ArabEMBs was Officially Launched in June 2015 in Lebanon
- Six EMB Founding member (Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon, Libya, Yemen)
- First Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism in the Field of Elections in the Arab world
- Fostering Regional Coordination Among Arab Electoral management bodies
- Creating and developing platforms for networking and knowledge exchange between its members

Launching Ceremony 2015
**Characteristics of ArabEMBs**

- Created by Electoral Management Bodies in Arab States
- Targeting EMBs in Arab World as Beneficiary Group
- Regional Nature of Functions and Activities
- Aiming at improving the technical aspects of Electoral Fields in Arab world

**INDEPENDENT Non-political**

- Working at the level of EMBs
- Away from the Influence of National Governments and Political Parties
- Technical Activities
- Seeking to enhance institutional and professional electoral practices of EMBs

**ARAB REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENTITY**

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**Why Do We Need ArabEMBs?**

- Supporting Electoral Processes as Part of Democracy Development in the Region
- EMBs in Arab world sharing common objectives in terms of the needs to enhance the credibility of the electoral process and to regain citizen’s confidence in its results.
- Similarities in the scope and nature of challenges facing EMBs in the region
- Informative variety in electoral experiences and EMBs Models in Arab states.
Objectives

1. Strengthen the capacity of Arab EMBs and improve their performance
2. Enhance cooperation among Arab EMBs through membership in regional and international peer organizations
3. Support members to implement fair and transparent elections
4. Enhance independence and neutrality of electoral management bodies
5. Enable members to promote successful Arab experiences internationally

Membership Category

Permanent Member
Embs conducting National Elections in Arab States (having the right to vote)

Affiliated Member
EMBs conducting National Elections in Arab states who do not wish to be a permanent member
EMBs conducting Local Election at Arab state who are represented by a permanent member at the organization

Partners
Regional or International Organizations wishing to become members of the organization and fulfill conditions
**Organs of ArabEMBs**

- **General Assembly (GA):** The highest monitoring and supervisor authority in the Organization, includes representatives of all members accepted in accordance with the Charter.

- **Executive Board:** In charge of executing and following up GS decisions. Consist of a president and two members elected by the General Assembly for a term of 2 years, in addition to the Secretary-General (who has no voting rights).

- **Secretariat:** The administrative body of the organization. It is headed by the Secretary-General who shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a 4-year term, renewable once.

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**Regional and International Networking**

- Signing MOUs
- Promoting ArabEMBs at Regional and International Events

- MOU with CEC Russia
- MOU with A-WEB
- MOU with Venice Commission
- MOU with ACEEEO
### Thematic Workshops

1. **Voters Registration in the Arab World: Methodologies and Tools**

2. **Role of ArabEMBs in Enhancing the Participation of Women in Elections**

3. **The Independence of Electoral Management Bodies: Concept and Practice**

### Activities and Programs

- **Technical support Program**
  
  Specialized workshop to support the independent National Electoral Commission in Somalia in the area of registration and funding of political parties

- **Regional Election Visitor Program**
  
  Visitor Program to the Local Elections in Jordan
Thank you