



المنظمة العربية للقانون الدستوري
The Arab Association of Constitutional Law



THE ARAB ASSOCIATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Established in 2014, the Arab Association of Constitutional Law (AACL) is the first regional network of constitution drafting experts in the Middle East and North Africa. AACL's main objective is to contribute to good governance by promoting intra-regional learning. It also aims to provide objective, grounded and forward-thinking technical analysis of the region's constitutional frameworks and to apply its expertise to legal and constitutional reform efforts throughout the region.

MEMBERS

AACL's membership is diverse and independent. It includes members from Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain. Members include academics, judges, lawyers, parliamentarians and civil society activists. They specialize in all areas of constitutional law, including the protection of political, civil, social and economic rights, the separation of powers, the functioning of independent institutions, judicialization of politics, decentralization and electoral law.

AACL's members are recognised as leading professionals in the area of constitution building throughout the region. They have been involved in negotiating and drafting constitutions all over the Arab world and beyond, including in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Iraq and Yemen. In addition, constitutional reform efforts in the region are increasingly relying on the AACL as a source of expertise. Most recently, almost all of the external experts who advised Libya's constitutional drafting assembly and Yemen's constitutional drafting committee were AACL members, including experts from Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan.



ACTIVITIES

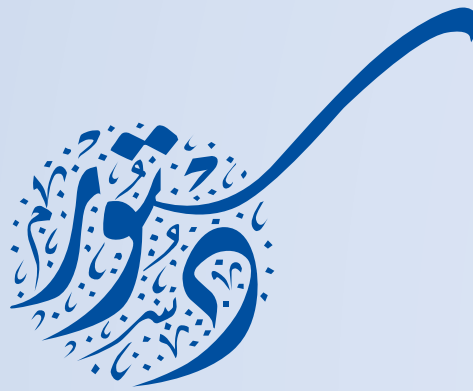
AACL has organised and participated in a large number of activities, including:

- **Conferences:** AACL has organised international conferences in a large number of countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, etc.) on a wide variety of topics (the relationship between religion and state, the functioning of constitutional courts in Arab constitutional systems, the implementation of socio-economic rights, etc.).
- **Roundtables:** AACL has also organised roundtable discussions designed to allow for a more in-depth analysis of specific constitutional issues. These topics have covered different issues such as the current state of decentralization in Arab constitutional systems and the function and role of upper chambers.
- **Publications:** AACL is also publishing an array of high quality studies on constitutional law issues, particularly in the Arab region. These publications include publishing AACL's Yearbook, policy papers on specific constitutional developments and issues, working papers and shorter op-ed articles.
- **Academy:** AACL organizes an annual Academy of Constitutional Law, with the goal of enabling enable young scholars from the region to work together on joint research projects with support from regional and international experts. In previous years, the Academy focused on themes including the role judicial institutions played in political transition since 2011, the implementation of socio-economic rights, the security sector influence in the processes of constitutionalization and the implementation of socio-economic rights. The Academy is held annually in Tunisia.
- **Advisory work:** The AACL's members include some of the leading experts in constitutional law in the region, and have contributed to negotiating and drafting of constitutions throughout the region, as well as to mediation efforts between negotiating parties in conflict and post-conflict countries.
- **Working groups:** The AACL's Working Groups allow members to debate specific thematic issues over extended periods, including Working Groups on judicial developments, the impact of external influence over constitutional processes, the right to fair trial, as well as several Working Groups to follow and debate constitutional developments in specific countries, including the Sudan, Libya, Yemen and Syria.

PARTNERS

AACL has partnered with a large number of institutions, including but not limited to the following:

- Constitutional Council of Algeria
- International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- Harvard Law School's Islamic Legal Studies Program
- Princeton University
- The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- The American University of Cairo (AUC)
- The Lebanese University
- Carthage University (Tunisia)
- The Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law
- Rabat University (Morocco)
- Fez University (Morocco)
- Oran University (Algeria)



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