

Regional Meeting around Civic Space in the Arab Region Thursday 6th July 2023 | 9:30 - 3:30 PM Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hamra, Beirut, Lebanon

9:30 – 9:45	Registration				
10:00 - 11:00	First Session: Introduction on Transitions and Changes in the Region Moderator: Zahra Bazzi, Arab NGO Network for Development				
	Civic Space and Civil Society: A Global Overview Roberto Bissio, Social Watch General Secretariat Coordinator				
	Main Geopolitical Changes and Trends in the Region Dr. Imad Salamey, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern Political Affairs				
	The Role and Efforts of Civil Society in the Region Ziad Abdel Samad, Arab NGO Network for Development				
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break				
11:30 – 12:30	Session 2: Civic Space at the National Level Moderator: Tamam Mroue, Mouvement Social				
	The Case of Civic Space in Yemen Waleed Ali, Researcher on Human Rights				
	The Case of Civic Space in Lebanon Farouk Moghrabi, Lawyer and Human Rights Activist				
12:30 – 1:30	Session 3: Civic Space at the National Level Moderator: Latifa Soufiani, Director of Espace Associatif				
	The Case of Civic Space in Jordan Ahmad Awad, Director of Phenix Center for Economics & Informatics Studies				
	The Case of Civic Space in Mauritania Sidina El Atigh, Réseau Mauritanien pour l'Action Sociale				
	The Case of Civic Space in Morocco Fouzia El Fernini, Espace Associatif				
1:30 - 2:30	Lunch Break				
2:30 – 3:30	Session 4: Civic Space and Collective Rights in the Arab Region Moderator: Elsy Moufarrej, Journalist - Alternative Press Syndicate				
	The State of Civic Space in the Arab region: Main Outcomes and Trends Adib Nehme, Arab NGO Network for Development				
	Human Rights and Freedoms in the Arab Region Aya Majzoub, Deputy Regional Director (MENA) at Amnesty International				
	Digital Rights and Access to Information in the Region Mohammad Najem, Executive Director of Social Media Exchange (SMEX)				