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The Euro-Arab Civil Society Forum

Date: Thursday December 8th, 2016 At 1 pm

Venue: Solidar offices (Rue de Pascale 4-6)

Be there!

The Arab NGO Network for Development, in cooperation with Solidar, CNCD 11.11.11 will be organizing a delegation of human rights and development civil society organizations from six Arab countries (Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Palestine) to visit the European institutions in Brussels, between 5th and 8th of December 2016.

The visit seeks to deepen dialogue and exchange with European policy makers at the Parliament and Commission around policy reforms pertinent to the future of the relations between the European Union and the Arab countries. The visit aims as well at strengthening dialogue and widening opportunities of cooperation with European civil society organizations.

In this regard, on December 8th an half-day Civil Society Forum will be organized at Solidar offices (Rue de Pascale 4-6, 1040 Brussels) tackling key issues including the role of civil society, rights-based approach in the EU development model, the role of private sector, EU trade and investment policies, migration and refugee crisis, security and stability in the region. Panelists from the Arab region and Europe will shed light on the opportunities and challenges of the partnership.

We cordially invite you to participate in this Civil Society Forum which will also allow a strategic networking opportunity between European and Arab civil society organizations. We hope that this announcement would be of interest to you and we look forward to your valuable engagement and contribution to discussions.

Please find attached preliminary agenda of the event for your information.

For further information or for confirming participation, please contact:

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CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM	
13:00-13:15	Registration
13:15-13:40	Welcome and introductory remarks Zahra Bazzi-ANND CONCORD-TBC
13:40-14:45	<p>Session I: The new European Neighborhood Policy: Assessing the first year of implementation and the role of civil society</p> <p>The new policy acknowledged the commitments to support and foster stability, security and prosperity in the neighboring countries but admitted the need for a new approach, a re-prioritization and an introduction of new ways of working. In this context the session will assess the first year of the ENP implementation. Presentations and the discussions will answer what has been changed, if we have achieved any progress and will highlight the remaining gaps in implementation. The session will also focus on the role played by the civil society in the new ENP implementation. The session will elaborate on the situation of the civic space on both shores of the Mediterranean and evaluate the means and initiatives to protect and empower civic actors by the EU.</p> <p>Facilitator: Elvira Giraldez Casal del Rey –Norwegian People’s Aid</p> <p>Country-case assessments from South:</p> <p>Palestine- TBC Kamal Abbas-CTUWS-Egypt Manar Zeiater-Lebanon Mahmoud Hismah-Jordan Vincent Forest-Euromed Rights</p> <p>Open discussions</p>
14:15-15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:00-16:00	<p>Session II: Current challenges and the EU priorities in the region (Part I: Migration, security and stability)</p> <p>The presentations will tackle diverse but interconnected priorities and policies of the EU towards the region with a critical analysis. This will include security and the counter-terrorism, migration, trade and investment and development. Each policy will be elaborated by a Northern and Southern CSO representative to set the framework more comprehensive and to identify common challenges.</p> <p>Facilitator: Giovanna Tanzarella-REF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On security and stability in the region Samir Aita-ANND Leslie Piquemal-CIHRs • On Migration framework and the refugee crisis Faissal Aoussar – BADES/AMDH Morocco Sara Prestianni-ARCI <p>Open discussions</p>
16 :00-17 :00	<p>Session III: Current challenges and the EU priorities in the region (Part II: Trade, investment and development)</p> <p>Innovative financing for development was first mentioned in the Monterrey Consensus in 2002 referring to a range of non-traditional mechanisms to raise additional funds for development aid through "innovative" projects such as micro-contributions, taxes, public-private partnerships and market-based financial transactions. Three major developments have given impetus to developing innovative financial instruments; the financial crisis, stronger role of the private sector, climate change and demographic misbalance. In the Agenda 2030 (2015), Addis Ababa Agenda for Action (2015) and in the COP21 (2015)</p>

	<p>the intention to develop these kind of tools further has been underlined and several initiatives have been taken. Most notably, during the State of the Union, the President of the European Commission launched the European External Investment Plan, focusing predominantly on the EU Neighborhood and Africa. While at the same time European Commissioner for International cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica, has launched the process to come to a New EU Consensus on Development. This session will develop a progressive perspective on innovative financial instruments, starting from an analysis of examples from the field and developing recommendations to strengthen innovative financing from an EU (external) perspective.</p> <p>Facilitator: Maurice Claassens-SOLIDAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On trade and the DCFTAs <p>Michel Cermak- CNCD 11.11.11</p> <p>Gaëlle Dusepulchre-FIDH</p> <p>Chafiai Albdelhakim-Espace Associative-Morocco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On development and investment <p>Manana Kochzade-Bankwatch Network</p> <p>Dr. Mohammed Saadi –Morocco</p> <p>Tiago Stichelmans de Castro Freire-Eurodad</p> <p>Open discussion</p>
17 :00-17 :15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:15- 18:15	<p>Session IV: Cooperation and strategy session</p> <p>The session will be organized as an open-floor discussion to share initiatives and strategic discussion among the participant civil society groups to ensure a platform for future cooperation and joint activities and position-building.</p> <p>Facilitator: Zahra Bazzi-ANND</p>
18:15-18:30	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Zahra Bazzi-ANND</p>