



Call for Papers for

@NGED's Members

Arab Network for Gender and Development

Arab Women and Legislation

1. Context of Call for Papers

There is a general consensus on the criticality of the legislative environment and its relevant institutional reforms for women's effective participation in the development process. The Arab Region experiences numerous advances as well as setbacks towards ratification and enforcement of national legislation based on women's rights. As the area of legislation is one of the themes selected in the establishing meeting of @ANGED, and it is the fifth theme to be covered by CAWTAR flagship Arab Women Development Reports (AWDRs), the center address this call to @NGED' members to contribute papers covering Arab women and legislation. The papers should be delivered in a proposal format and mainly on how to produce the 5th AWDR on Arab Women and Legislation. More specifically, the expected proposals include a suggest of the Report's conceptual approach, contents, methodology and a strategy on how to advocate the findings of the reports and its expected outcome.

2. The Objective of the Call for Paper

The general objective of this call is to compile papers which propose an innovative approach and methodology to be adopted in the preparation of the 5th AWDR on Arab Women and Legislation. Three outstanding papers will be selected and the authors will enjoy the regional expert team which will prepare the report.

3. Focus and Sub- Themes

The primary theme of this Call is Arab Women and Legislation. The submitted papers can be in **one** of the following formats:

- A proposal on the approach, contents and methodology of the whole 5th AWDR
- A proposal focusing on a specific legislative area, and why and how it should be covered by the 5th AWDR
- A proposal on which advances or setbacks that should be covered by the 5th AWDR
- A proposal of case study or studies to be considered as background papers of the 5th AWDR.
- A proposal on key references and bibliographies that should be consulted in the preparation of the 5th AWDR

4. Submission Terms

The papers proposing the approach, contents and methodology of the 5th AWDR or the focus on one specific legislative area to be covered by the report should include:

- a. The conceptual background of the chosen approach to be adopted by the 5th AWDR or in examining the specific legislative area.
- b. The general and specific objectives of the 5th AWDR or the goals of approaching a specific legislative area.
- c. A detailed methodology on how research techniques will attain the proposed general and specific objective(s) of the 5th AWDR or the specific legislative area to be tackled.

The papers focusing on proposing case study or studies to be integrated as background paper (s) of the 5th AWDR should include:

- a. Background on the selected legislative issue which is the subject of the case study including is it an initiative to cover successful legal campaigns, is it important to illustrate strategies that resulted in legal amendments or any other questions the author considers important.
- b. What are main successes and/or gaps to be tackled by the proposed case study or studies.
- b. How to adopt the findings of proposed case-study or studies into advocacy tools.

The papers proposing focus on advances or setbacks should provide

- a. A brief background on the national legal context of areas where women's rights have made advances or faced setbacks.
- b. A description of the enabling or disabling social, economic and political environment behind advances or setbacks
- c. Why the areas where advances or setbacks have taken place should be covered by the 5th AWDR

The papers proposing bibliographies to be consulted when preparing the report should include

- Comprehensive reference citation of all proposed materials to be consulted in the preparation of 5th AWDR

-The relevance of the covered issues by suggested reference and their relevance to legal reforms in the regional or national context

5. Contribution Terms:

- CAWTAR invites submissions from @NGED's members and other expert institutions in the field of legislation
- The paper should be a maximum of **20-25 pages**
- The first draft of paper is due **30th of August 2006** and the final draft is expected by **30 of September 2006**.

F. Results

- A jury panel will be reviewing papers.
- 3 papers will be selected.
- **Each of selected papers will be awarded \$2,000 dollars**
- The authors of papers will be invited to discuss their contributions at @NGED Annual meeting.
- The authors of selected 1 paper will be invited to enjoin the expert teams in preparation of 5th AWDR
- Final drafts of papers will be available to candidates upon request.

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