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**Civil Society in Transitions:
Facing Current Challenges in Tunisia and Egypt
Cairo, 9-10 February 2013**

Cairo Marriott Hotel, Saray El Gezira Street, Zamalek

AGENDA

DAY 1: Saturday, February 9th, 2013

9.00 – 9.30 Registration

9.30 – 10.00 Official opening by Host organizations:

-Fahmy, Nabil, Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo (AUC), Egypt

-Ould Mohamedou, Mohammad-Mahmoud, Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Head of the Regional Program at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, Switzerland

- Paffenholz, Thania, Project Director, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID), Center on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding (CCDP), Geneva, Switzerland

10.00 – 12.00 PANEL 1: WHAT AND WHO IS CIVIL SOCIETY?

Chair:

Paffenholz, Thania, Project Director, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Center on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding, Geneva, Switzerland

Panelists:

Al-Sayyid, Mustapha Kamel, Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt,

M'Rad, Hatem, President of the Association Tunisienne des Etudes Politiques (ATEP), Tunisia

Schmitter, Philippe, Emeritus Professor, European University Institute, Italy

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

**12.30 – 14.30 PANEL 2: HOW HAS CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTED TO THE
TRANSITION PROCESSES IN EGYPT AND TUNISIA?**

Chair:

Challand, Benoit, Professor at New York University, USA

Panelists:

Henry, Clement, Chair of Department of Political Science, The American University in Cairo, Egypt,

El Hammi, Emna, Blogger for *Libération*, Editor and member of Nawaat.org, Tunisia

Adly, Howaida, Professor of Political Science in the National Centre for Sociological Researches, Cairo, Egypt

Saidi, Anissa, Professor, Higher Institute of Arts and Crafts, Kairouan, Member of the Executive Committee of the Association Tunisienne des Femmes Démocrates, Tunisia

Fayed, Ammar Ahmed, Researcher, Ikhwanweb Corp., Egypt

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch

15.30 – 17.30

PANEL 3: CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS, REFORM AND FUTURE

Chair:

Korany, Bahgat, Professor of International Relations and Political Economy and Director of the AUC Forum, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

Panelists:

ElMahdi, Rabab, Professor of Political Science, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

Ladhari, Zied, Member of the Constituent Assembly, Al-Nahdha Party, Tunisia

Farouk, Yasmine, Senior Officer, Civil Society Unit, Social Contract Center, Egypt

Arato, Andrew, Professor at the New School University, USA

DAY 2: Sunday, February 10th, 2013

10.00 – 12.00 PANEL 4: WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CIVIL SOCIETY AND POLITICAL PARTIES?

Chair:

Arato, Andrew, Professor at the New School University, USA

Panelists:

Abd Rabo, Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt

Bouguerra, Bassem, Executive Director of the Tunisian Institutional Reform, Tunisia

El-Zoghaimy, Abdel-Rahman, Coalition of Revolution's Youth and al-Tayyar al-Masri Party, Egypt.

Mastouri, Riadh, Representative of the Youth Bureau of An-Nahdha Movement, Tunisia

Romero Vidal, Mauricio, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 14.30 PANEL 5: WHAT IS THE PARTICULAR ROLE OF LABOR MOVEMENTS IN THE CURRENT TRANSITIONS?

Chair:

Awad, Ibrahim, Professor of Practice at the Public Policy and Administration Department of the American University in Cairo, Egypt

Panelists:

Tlili, Mustapha, Director of the Regional Office for the Arab Countries of the International Trade Union Confederation, Amman, Jordan

Abu Aita, Kamal, President of the Egyptian Federation of Independent Trade Unions (EFITU), Egypt

Abbas, Kamal, Director of Centre for Labor and Trade Union Services, Secretary-General of Workers' democratic Congress, Egypt

Khedim, Rachid, Social Dialogue, International Labour Organization (ILO), Egypt

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch

15.30 – 17.00 **PANEL 6: WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES OF FINANCING CIVIL SOCIETY?**

Chair:

Bocco, Riccardo, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology of Development, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland

Panelists:

Zahar, Marie-Joëlle, Professor of Political Science, Université de Montréal, Canada

Azzam, Fateh, Board Chair and Founder of Arab Human Rights Fund, Lebanon

Bencomo, Clarisa, Program Officer for Governance, Ford Foundation Egypt

Froehlich, Fritz, International Development Consultation, Jordan

17.00 – 17.30 Conclusions