No Peace Without Justice invites you to a side event on

*Accountability and Transitional Justice in the Middle East and North Africa*

Monday, 19 November 2012
13:15 – 15:00
World Forum, Africa room

The Middle East and North Africa continue to be swept by the populations’ demands for change, to which States have responded in different ways, from the extremes of civil war and violent repression, to offers of greater or lesser reforms, through to total capitulation of previous rulers. Common threads running through all “Arab Spring” countries are the desire and need for justice and accountability, for acts committed during the revolutions and for past years and decades of human rights abuses. Accountability and justice are essential components of building stable and peaceful States, to demonstrate a real break with the past and to ensure that emerging political institutions are built on a solid foundation of respect for the rule of law that includes accountability of their current and former leaders to the people.

What are the experiences on transitional justice and accountability in Bahrain, Libya, Syria and Tunisia? What are people’s expectations and views on these topics? What are the different needs in different countries? How can the international community and the International Criminal Court support accountability and justice in the Middle East and North Africa?

**Panel**

Chair: **Ahmad Nader Nadery** (Afghanistan), Head of Mission, NPWJ Project in Libya

**Mohsen Marzouk** (Tunisia), Founding member, Al Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center

**Alaa Baayo** (Libya), Executive Projects Manager, Voice of Libyan Women

**Mustafa Haid** (Syria), Founder and Director, Dawlaty

**Khalil Ebrahim Al-Marzoqq** (Bahrain), Secretary General Assistant for Political Affairs, Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, First Deputy Speaker (Resigned), Bahrain Representative Council

Interventions from the floor

*Light Lunch & Refreshments at the Door*
Ahmad Nader Nadery, is Head of Mission of NPWJ Project in Libya. He is former Commissioner at the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission. He represented Afghan Civil Society at the UN peace talks for Afghanistan in the Bonn Conference 2001. Mr. Nadery works also as the Chairperson of Fair and Free Election Foundation of Afghanistan, and he is a member of advisory board to Open Society Institute (OSI) Afghanistan programs. He has written extensively on politics and human rights in Afghanistan and is a member of Board of Editors of the Oxford Journal on Transitional Justice. Prior to his appointment at the AIHRC he worked as country director for the international human rights law group (Global Rights). Mr. Nadery won several international awards and was recognized as an "Asian Hero" by Time Magazine in 2004.

Mohsen Marzouk is Secretary-General of the Arab Democracy Foundation in Doha and he founded and directed Al-Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center in Tunis. He was a member of the Tunisian Higher Commission for the Implementation of the Revolution’s Objectives, Political Reform, and Democratic Transition in Tunisia (the interim legislative body prior to the October 2011 Constituent Assembly Elections). Previously, Mr Marzouk served as the Regional Coordinator at El Taller Foundation, the Regional Programs Coordinator at the International Labor Organization, and the Freedom House Regional Director. In his career, Mr Marzouk has participated in founding a number of the most important regional international human rights and democracy networks. He launched several regional programs to promote democratic transition in the Arab region and since 14 January 2011 he has used his expertise to launch a number of initiatives in Tunisia.

Alaa Baayo is Executive Projects Manager of Voice of Libyan Women. Born & raised in Tripoli is a fourth year medical student who first made news when she assisted in the transportation of medicine to her home town of Misrata and West mountain during the revolution with the World Medical Camp of Libya.

The Voice of Libyan Women (VLW) was initially founded in August 2011 as a result of the February 17 Revolution which renewed not only our hope for equality in Libya, but also renewed the hope of the Libyan society as a whole in their basic human rights, including women’s rights. This hope quickly translated into action, which VLW believes is the best method for any concrete improvement with regards to women’s rights.

Mustafa Haid is Founder and Director of Dawlaty. The organization, whose name means “my state” was created some months ago. It works mainly on building and reinforcing capacity building of local civil society and it is progressively expanding its work not only within Syria but also in some other countries of the Region, organizing workshops and training sessions.

Khalil Ebrahim Al-Marzooq is the Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs of Al-Wefaqq National Islamic Society and was the Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition for Al-Wefaqq until he resigned his position as First Deputy Speaker at the Bahrain Representative Council in protest to the Government crackdown on peaceful demonstrators in 2011. He was the Head of Delegation for Al-Wefaqq to the “National Consensus Dialogue”, and was the Chairman of the Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee of Parliament for four consecutive terms, the Spokesperson and Deputy Chairman of Al-Wefaqq Bloc, the Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry of Mumtalakat Holding Co, and a Member of the Organisation of Arab Parliamentarians Against Corruption, a Member and Chair and Vice-Chair of various Committees of the Asian Inter-Parliamentary Union, a Board Member of the Executive Council of Parliamentarians for Global Action, Member of the Parliamentary Friendships Committees with Germany, Singapore and the European Union.