Al Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center (KADEM) and No Peace Without Justice (NPWJ), under the framework of the Transitional Justice Academy, are pleased to welcome you at the opening of the Conference on the topic:

**Transitional and International Justice in the Arab region**
**with the participation of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court**
**Ms Fatou Bensouda**

After ousting existing regimes, Egypt, Libya and Tunisia are seeking to implement transitional justice mechanisms, while Palestine and Bahrain's quest for justice is a long-standing demand from the populations. Despite the difficulties involved in establishing transitional and international justice processes and the differences among these countries, they have many points of contact and have gone through similar experiences of dictatorship and repression of their basic freedoms. Therefore this initiative targets governmental and civil society from these countries to facilitate the cross-fertilisation and strengthen cooperation among local and international actors.

*What is our goal?*

Our goal is to promote ratification and implementation of international legal instruments supporting human rights and transitional justice and in particular the founding treaty of the ICC, the Rome Statute. The Conference will provide a forum for governmental and civil society representatives from Bahrain, Egypt, Libya, Palestine and Tunisia to discuss international and transitional justice as well as ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute. Participants will also identify concrete initiatives at the national level to promote the advancement of transitional justice mechanisms and ratification and implementation of the Rome Statute.

The meeting with high level judges and prosecutors in cooperation with the Tunisian Ministry of Justice and the meeting with the President of the Tunisian Bar Association will provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges of national investigations and prosecutions of ICC crimes. They will also offer the possibility to analyse the opportunities provided by the implementation of the Rome Statute, enhancing the principle of complementarity.

*Our activities*

**09:00-18:30 Conference on Transitional and International Justice in the Arab region**

At the Official Opening Session, chaired by Ms Wafa Ben Haj Omar, Director of International Programs, KADEM, there will be HE Mr Mustapha Ben Jafar, President of the National Constituency Assembly, Tunisia, HE Mr Samir Dilou, Minister of Human Rights and Transitional Justice, Tunisia, HE Mr Ali Mhanna, Minister of Justice, Palestine; Mr Mounir Tabet, Resident Representative, UNDP and representatives of the organising partners.

Keynote speaker: HE Ms Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court
14:30-16:00  Meeting with high level judges and prosecutor in cooperation with the Tunisian Ministry of Justice

16:00-16:30  Meeting with the President of the Bar Association

For more information about NPWJ and KADEM’s work on transitional justice in Tunisia, please visit our websites: KADEM website: http://www.kawakibi.org/, NPWJ website: http://www.npwj.org/ or contact Amine Ghali at amine.ghali@yahoo.com; Wafa Ben Hei Omar at wafabenomar@gmail.com and on +216 22800613; and Greta Barbone at gbarbone@npwj.org and on +21628385079.