

## Promoting Women's Rights

### **PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

- To promote civic and political participation of women in Tunisia.
- To strengthen the capacity of Tounissiet affiliates.

### **II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES:**

Building on its leadership programs and advocacy efforts, Tounissiet will continue to promote women's local and national political participation through legislative research and advocacy, capacity building workshops, seminars, and conferences.

Tounissiet will continue to support its "Women's Policy Laboratory" to advance women's rights and priorities in identifying and advocating for legislative priorities. To start, Tounissiet will organize a five-day

Training of Trainers (ToT) in Zaghouan for 15 female lawyers, law professors and legal experts. A Jordanian expert, either Mr. Omar El Tabbakkeh or Ms. Nour Zada, both of whom have worked with the

Center for Victims of Torture on their 'New Tactics' program, will lead the training, which will focus on

a curriculum to teach strategies for effective women and human rights advocacy. Tounissiet will then select 15 women activists from Tunis, and Gabes, and hold a two-day training session in each city on outreach, and advocacy skills and strategies. Tounissiet will also collaborate with a Tunis-based research

and polling center, Uptitude Learning Solution Provider, to conduct a nationwide statistical and sociological study to assess the extent of women's participation in public affairs. It will develop a set of

indicators to measure women's participation in political and social life, local governance, and economic

development. Tounissiet will then develop a methodology to measure those indicators, and conduct a national survey. Tounissiet will compare the results of the survey to other countries, and will use the results to explain, the causes of perceived low level of women's participation in public life in Tunisia, especially in decision-making roles. Based on survey findings and results, Tounissiet will develop an advocacy plan. Once the survey results have been synthesized and analyzed, Tounissiet will organize a press conference in Tunis for 50 civil society leaders, journalists, legislators, and members to unveil the

findings from the research and advocacy.

Tounissiet will also organize a one-day national seminar along with a one-day national conference.

Utilizing its regional partners and network of volunteers, Tounissiet will hold a one-day national seminar

for 50 participants to coincide with the UN's International Day of Rural Women on 15 October 2017.

The

seminar will be titled "The Situation of Women in the Agricultural Fields: Transportation and Wages

— Between the Law and Reality." Tounissiet will collaborate with at least 15 civil society organizations from the interior regions and choose to hold the proceedings of the seminar in one of the regions instead

of the capital Tunis. Furthermore, on international women's day—March 8, Tounissiet will host a national conference for 100 participants in Tunis titled "For Safe Cities: The Subject of Harassment in

Public Places.” Tounissiet will invite government officials, activists and experts from Tunisia, Jordan, and the UK. The conference will provide an opportunity for participants to examine comparative experiences of harassment of women in public spaces, and strategies to combat it. Tounissiet will synthesize conference proceedings and policy recommendations into a publishable booklet to be distributed to decision makers in Tunisia.

To strengthen the capacity of its members and affiliates, Tounissiet will organize a two-day teambuilding workshop and a two-day skill-building workshop for members and affiliates. The first workshop will connect 25 members and affiliates with one another to discuss Tounissiet’s strategic and action plan in the coming years. The second skill-building workshop will cover program development and budget management for 20 of its members and affiliates. The training will also cover basic skills including creative and critical thinking, strategic planning, leadership skills, communication skills, and volunteerism and networking. Throughout the year, Tounissiet will continue to publish three online newsletters featuring their programs and activities and highlighting success stories of rural women in Tunisia.