

The Association of Egyptian Female Lawyers

The Project of Strengthening
Political Participation for Women

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The Association for Egyptian Female Lawyers has concluded an agreement with UN Women Fund for Gender Equality to implement the project of "Strengthening Political Participation for Women" (Awareness). The project aims at strengthening women's participation in political life in disadvantaged regions (Cairo – Giza – Al Dohaqlia – Alexandria – Bani Souif – Minia – Qina – Aswan). The project is considered part of the association's strategy that aims at supporting the process of democratic development for women, providing mechanism to support and strengthen women's rights and building women's capacities and enable them to effectively participate in political life through facing structural, institutional, social and culture barriers that impede women to enjoy their civil and legal rights and freely integrate in political life.



The Association for Egyptian Female Lawyers represents Egypt in the meeting of winner associations of grants of UN Women.

In the context of the project of "Strengthening Political Participation for Women" (Awareness), the Association of Egyptian Female Lawyers—representing Egypt – participated in the meeting of winner associations of grants of UN Women in its third course in Ghelin Kof, New York, USA during the period from 2nd to 6th May 2016. 24 participants from all over the world participated in the meeting. The meeting aimed at strengthening the capacities of winner associations to enable them to implement significant and influential programs according to the procedures, terms and vision of UN Women, in addition to focusing on the importance of knowledge management and

communication regarding results and shedding light on UN Women Fund for Gender Equality. The meeting tackled the following topics:

- The philosophy, history and vision of UN Women.
- The role of women civil society organizations in achieving the goals of sustainable development.
- Results-based management.
- Sharing experiences in regard to challenges and the best practices.



Within the project of "Strengthening Political Participation for Women" (Awareness), the Association of Egyptian Female Lawyers implemented the first awareness sessions in participation of 57 male and female participants represent local communities in Giza. The participants varied from representatives of NGOs and CSOs, representatives of political parties, lawyers, female syndicates' members, media personnel and journalists. The awareness session included introduction to challenges that face women in practicing their role in political life and mechanisms of how to face such challenges, in addition to presenting successful samples of women who participated in political life and could occupy important positions in society to encourage and motivate women to participate in political life and face all obstacles that may affect women's right to political participation.

