

Call for Application

MENA Leadership Academy

Acknowledging the necessity to strengthen civic engagement and participation in the MENA-Region, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation is launching a regional training program, designed for young adults in the Middle East and North Africa Region.

The overall objective of the training program is to enhance knowledge of professional methodology; strengthen the understanding of the role of civil society, and of the concept of participation; to increase the CSO contribution to economic and social development as well as its role as mediator between citizens and state in terms of articulating interests and defending rights. Equally, the program aims at motivating young people to participate in the civic life and local development of their countries.

20 selected participants will follow a unique program cycle throughout 2016-2017 with a series of Trainings to strengthen organizational and functional capabilities of CSOs, the program will also focus on individual skill training such as communication and negotiation. The training series will be finalized with a study trip to Germany.

Training Components

The training program will take place over a 2-year period and will consist of following components:

First Training

Functions and Organization of Civil Society Organizations in Democratic Societies

- 16-22 May 2016, Madrid/Spain
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Different aspects of CSO role and functions in the context of development in the MENA-Region. The participants will also be trained in strategic planning and project development.

Second Training Strengthening Skills

- Tentative Details: November 2016, Tunis/Tunisia
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Local politics and the role of civic participation/CSOs in the regional and local level.

Third Training Local Governance and Development

- Tentative Details: March 2017, Spain/Regions
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Communication and Negotiation Skills

Fourth Training Civic Engagement in Western European Democracies

- Tentative Details: September 2017, Germany
- Duration: 7 days
- Focus: Study trip to Germany where the participants will learn about the organization and activities of CSOs in western European parliamentary democracy.

Candidates: Criteria of Eligibility

- Citizen of MENA region countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon.
- Age: Between 20 and 35 years.
- Active in a civil society organization or any other form of civic engagement.
- Very good command of English
- Available to contribute to the entire program cycle 2016-2017.

Deadline for submission

Submission of application should not be later than **10th April 2016** to Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Regional Program South Mediterranean: mehdi.mejri@kas.de and marwa.chelly@kas.de

Required documents

- Application form
- CV with Photo