

Call for Application

MENA Leadership Academy II

After 25 young civil society activists from the Middle East and North Africa completed the first MENA Leadership Academy 2016/2017, we are now looking for the second generation of motivated and committed future leaders to follow the footsteps of the first MENA LA.

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

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

25 selected participants from seven countries will follow a unique program cycle throughout 2018 and 2019 comprising a series of four trainings to strengthen organizational and functional capabilities of CSOs. The program will furthermore focus on individual skill trainings such as communications and negotiation workshops. The training series will be finalized with a study trip to Germany.

Training Components

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

First Training

Functions and Organization of Civil Society Organizations in Democratic Societies

- 15-20 April 2018, Madrid/Spain
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Different aspects of CSOs roles and functions in the context of civic development in the MENA region. The participants will also be trained in strategic planning and project development.

Second Training Strengthening Skills

- October 2018, Tunis/Tunisia
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Communication, Negotiation, and Strategic Planning Skills

Third Training Local Governance and Development

- April 2019, tba/Spain
- Duration: 5 days
- Focus: Local politics and the role of civic participation/CSOs on the regional and local level.

Fourth Training Civic Engagement in European Democracies

- October 2019, Berlin/Germany
- Duration: 7 days
- Focus: Study trip to Germany during which the participants will learn about the organization of civil society and CSO activities in a European parliamentary democracy

Candidates: Criteria of Eligibility

- Citizen of the following MENA region countries: Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon
- Age: Between 20 and 30 years
- Active in a civil society organization or any other form of civic engagement
- Very good command of the English language
- Available to contribute to the entire program cycle 2018-2019.

Deadline for submission

Applications should not be submitted later than **15 December 2017** to Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung's Regional Program South Mediterranean, info.poldimed@kas.de.

Required documents

- Application form
- CV with photo