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Press Release Women's Access to Justice in the Maghreb: Case Study of Morocco

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Rabat, Morocco on June 20th to June 22nd, Mohamed V University, the National Council for Human Rights, Konrad Adenauer Foundation's Middle East and North Africa Rule of Law Programme, and ARPA International Law Group will host a three-day forum on strengthening Women's Access to Justice: Maghreb Countries post-COVID.

The Forum will cultivate connections between North African women leaders from: Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, and Morocco, from the legal and judiciary, civil society and academia, and policy circles to develop action plans to enhance women's access to justice in the sub-region, through a collaborative legal empowerment approach focusing on: improving accessibility and delivery of justice. The Forum will highlight the **case of the Kingdom Morocco** with administration of justice as the Kingdom marks the 11th anniversary of the Constitution and its access to justice articles. The Forum will also mark the launch of the *Maghreb Women's Access to Justice Community of Practice* to further strengthen the cross-fertilization of experiences and follow up on proposed recommendations.

Across Maghreb countries, access to civil justice is a growing concern, that has been exacerbated further during the COVID emergency crisis, with reduced freedom of movement of women, an increased justice gap due to digitalization of the justice system, lagging legal aid, long delays of court cases, and steep resurgence of violence against women as well as other long-standing barriers.

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