

- DIHR has foreseen the importance of working on a human rights strategy for the Arab World, especially in light of the recent developments in the region demonstrations and/or popular revolutions that are most probably forming a new era in the region towards more openness and democratic governance. It was evident that liberalisation without political reform has meant that the fruits of economic growth have not been enjoyed by average citizen, but only to the business elite. DIHR's strategy has 10 major strategic interventions as follows:
 1. 1. Support human rights reform initiatives and programmes in coordination with human rights actors in the Arab World especially civil society actors and human rights activists and defenders.
 2. 2. Support reforms of laws of associations
 3. 3. Support freedom of expression and free flow of information with what they entail of transparency measures and acts
 4. 4. Support the construction and functionality of National Human Rights institutions (NHRIs) in accordance with Paris Principles
 5. 5. Support rule of law reform initiatives, *including aligning security and counterterrorism acts with human rights standards and obligations*, and support judicial reform criminal laws and transition to justice and peace processes
 6. 6. Support equality and non-discrimination laws and acts, *including support for mainstreaming gender equality and support for minority rights*
 7. 7. Support youth civic engagement, public participation and e-participation
 8. 8. Support social, economic and cultural rights reform programmes *including support for service charters concepts and practices*.
 9. 9. Support facts-based human rights dialogue processes
 10. 10. Support regional human rights mechanisms in the Arab World (one of which might be the establishment of an Arab Human Rights Court) in light of international human rights standards and mechanisms

- - DIHR is currently preparing the organization of the Sixth Arab-European Human Rights Dialogue (AEHRD) amongst 14 National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) where delegates from seven Arab NHRIs and seven European NHRIs are going to dialogue on Torture and Rule of Law in their current legislations and in practices with an aim to discuss problems, gaps, priorities and major areas of reform. The meeting will be hosted by the German Institute for Human Rights; DIHR partner and member of the AEHRD Steering Committee, and will take place in Berlin on 11-13 May 2011.

- - DIHR is currently finalizing a publication on Women's Rights and Gender Equality which will be published in April 2011. The publication enfolds proceedings, discussions and outcomes of the Fifth AEHRD that was held in Doha-Qatar in March 2010.