

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in the Arab World (ANSA-Arab World)

The First Regional Network that brings together the different stakeholders in the field of social accountability in the Arab World namely: the government, the civil society, the media and the private sector. In October 2010, CARE-International in Egypt, in cooperation with the World Bank, organized the first regional workshop on social accountability in which participants expressed their interest in the establishment of a network that promotes the values and practices of social accountability.



Arab World's Map

The ANSA-AW was officially launched at the Regional Launch Conference that was held in Rabat, Morocco in March 2012. The conference was attended by 100 representatives of the civil society, the government, the private sector and media personnel in addition to a number of donors and regional and international social accountability practitioners.

The ANSA-AW currently includes members from seven Arab countries (Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Yemen) and is open for more members from other Arab countries. CARE-International in Egypt carries out the executive secretarial roles for the network with technical and financial support from the World Bank.

ANSA-AW Objectives	
1	Raising awareness on the theory and practice of social accountability and participatory governance
2	Building the capacity of the network's members on the concepts and tools of social accountability
3	Providing technical assistance and financial support to the network's members interested in applying social accountability tools
4	Strengthening knowledge and experience exchange between members and regional and international stakeholders



ANSA-Arab World Members during the Regional Launch Conference in Rabat, Morocco (March 2012)

ANSA-AW Pillars:

The Right to Access of Information	Budget Transparency	Improving Service Delivery	Freedom of Association
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ANSA-AW Values and Principles:

Participation	Group Work	Independence	Credibility
	Equality	Transparency	Democracy

Social Accountability:



Significance of Social Accountability:

1. Social Accountability Gives Citizens the Opportunity to Participate in:

Formulating their country's public policies
 Coming up with a vision for the national budget
 Evaluating the quality of services

2. Social Accountability Provides Citizens with the Chance to Monitor:

Responsiveness of public policies to citizens' needs
 Performance of service providers
 Public spending

"The establishment of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in the Arab World will help to exchange lessons learned across the Arab World which will lead to enhancing knowledge about the trends and tools in the region."

Regional Influential Factors on ANSA-Arab World's Work



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