

Syrian Refugees' Access to Justice in Lebanon Roundtable on informal justice mechanisms – change of date

16 June 2016

Radisson Blu Martinez Hotel, Beirut

Dear Partners and Friends,

As part of our ongoing work on access to justice for Syrian refugees in Lebanon, International Alert, the International Centre for Human Sciences (CISH) and the Institute of Social Justice and Conflict Resolution (ISJCR) at the Lebanese American University (LAU) have the pleasure to invite you to a Roundtable on Informal Justice Mechanisms used by Syrian refugees. This is the third event in a series of roundtable discussions we have organised in 2015-2016. The event aims to shed light on the informal mechanisms Syrian refugees resort to in an attempt to access justice and defend their rights. We will present the preliminary findings of a qualitative research conducted in May 2016 and will invite you to discuss possible actions to strengthen refugees' access to justice.

We would be honoured by your presence on **16 June at 10.30** in the Radisson Blu Martinez Hotel in Beirut. The roundtable will be followed by lunch.

The roundtable takes place within the framework of a joint project implemented by CISH, International Alert and LAU, on Syrian Refugees' Justice Concerns and Access to Formal and Informal Justice Systems in Lebanon. The project is funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research and aims to contribute to a more people-centred approach for rule of law programmes. Earlier roundtables discussed the access of Syrians to the formal justice system, their attitudes and practices in seeking justice during their stay in Lebanon.

Please note that the event will be held in English. You are kindly requested to **RSVP by 13 June** to islavova@international-alert.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the roundtable.

Sincerely,

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Agenda

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| 10.00 – 10.30 | Registration and coffee |
| 10.30 – 10.45 | Welcome notes |
| 10.45 – 11.30 | <p>Seeking justice informally in Lebanon and Syria: Overview
Dr. Karim El Mufti, University Professor in Political Sciences, International Law and Public Policy and Senior Researcher on the project, CISH</p> <p>Informal justice mechanisms used by Syrian refugees in Lebanon
Muzna al Masri and Zeina Abla, Researchers</p> |
| 11.30 – 12.15 | Discussion
<i>Moderator: Ilina Slavova, International Alert</i> |
| 12.15 – 12.30 | Closing remarks |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch |