



المنظمة العربية للإدارات الانتخابية

The Organization of Arab Electoral Management Bodies (*ArabEMBs*) *An Overview*

Arab EMBs Secretariat
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What is the ArabEMBs?

- New Organization Formally Established in June 2015
- Regional Arab , Non-Political, Independent Org.
- To Substantiate the Basic of the Regional Cooperation among the Arab Electoral Management Bodies
- A platform for networking and exchanging information and expertise
- Aiming to strengthen the Arab EMBs capacity, competency , and professionalism
- ArabEMBs secretariat will be located in Amman / Jordan

Arab EMBs was established with six electoral management bodies (founder)



Six Arab Election Management Bodies Establishing ArabEMBs

#	Name of EMBs	Country
1	Independent Election Commission (IEC)	Jordan
2	Independent High Election Commission (IHEC)	Iraq
3	Central election Commission CEC)	Palestine
4	High National Election Commission (HNEC)	Libya
5	Ministry of Interior and Municipalities	Lebanon
6	Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum (SCER)	Yemen

**Arab EMBs
benefiting from the
experience of
similar bodies
standing across
region in the world**



Why We Need ArabEMBs ?

- Arab state endeavor to enhance the electoral process as part of democracy development
- Arab EMBs sharing the same goal of enhancing the credibility of the electoral process and increasing public confidence.
- Similarities in the scope and nature of the challenging facing electoral management bodies
- Variety of Arab states electoral experience and type of Electoral Management Bodies



The idea of establishing ArabEMBS came up in Dead Sea in April 2013

ArabEMBs was established June 2015, So the idea has been adopted and made it into reality in one year and a half



Objectives

1

- Strength the capacity of Arab EMBs and improve their performance

2

- Enhance cooperation and communication among Arab EMBs and with regional and international peer org.

3

- Support members to implement fair and transparent elections

4

- Enhance independency and neutrality of electoral management bodies

5

- Enable members to promote successful Arab experiences internationally

Membership Categories

Permanent member

EMBs in charge of conducting public elections at Arab state in accordance with the local legislation, and it shall have the right to vote

Affiliated member

- EMBs in charge of conducting public elections at Arab state that does not wish to be a permanent member
- EMBs in charge of conducting general local election at Arab state who represented by permanent member in the Organization

Partner

Regional or international organization wishing to become member of the org. and full fill the conditions

Organizational structure

General Assembly

The highest monitoring and supervisor authority in the Organization, includes representatives of all members accepted in accordance with the Charter

Executive Office

In charge of executing and following up GS decisions , Consist of a president and two members elected by the General Assembly for a term of 2 years, in addition to the Secretary-General (who has no voting rights).

Secretariat

The administrative body of the Organization, headed by the Secretary-General who shall be appointed by the General Assembly for a term of 4 years renewable for once.

ArabEMBs Priorities

- Finalizing legal and administrative procedures for establishing the organization
- Increasing and expanding membership
- Ensure the sustainability of the org by raising fund
- Communicate and engage with stakeholders
- Conducting quickly wins initiatives regarding some specialized issue in election.

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