

Basic Conflict Management Training in Tunis, October 2012

A selected group of five NIF members conducted a three days Basic Conflict Management Training in Tunis [19-21 October 2012].

Some Tunisian participants were cautious about the Iraqi team's capability to deliver such material, but it soon proved the opposite. The Iraqi team spent long hours at the night before the training starts, discussing with 37 Tunisian participants general issues in the Arab landscape. These side discussions helped in developing the confidence in the Tunisians that these trainers have so much to learn from.

Right from the first day of training, it was noticeable the participants were hundred percent engaged through their questions, notes, and discussion. The participants' engagement was even more effective when Mr. Abdul-Aziz Al Jarba, and Mr. Raid Khattab [Key trainers] went through the Negotiation and Mediation parts of the training material. Some of the participants are lawyers, who received intensive trainings on these two specific topics in Europe, and elsewhere, yet they said "The trainers have practiced the skills and tools of negotiation and mediation themselves. They have enriched our knowledge with more than stagnant theories, which made this training significantly different".

Immediately after the Iraqi team returned home, the Tunisian Lawyers Syndicate requested from the NIF to conduct a training course in BCMT for the members of the Syndicate. Other participants were exploring the chances to get NIF members to Tunis as speakers and/ or trainers in some events they are planning to set up in the future.

Another success indicator is marked out when some of the participants set up a meeting for the NIF team with the Tunisian Minister for the National Assembly Affairs, Mr. Tahir Yahiya. Mr. Yahiya expressed his gratitude for the Iraqi efforts to supporting the Tunisian civil society, as well as his direct support to the NIF to continue their efforts in Tunis.

This event in Tunis is a proven success for the NIF when they are given the chance to transfer their experience and knowledge to other communities.



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