

Participation Now!
Citizenship Education and Democracy in Times of Change

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Fact Sheet

Forum 5
Citizens' involvement in local and community affairs

	Section	Indications of content
1	Title of project / organisation	DEDI – Local Council Accountability Tools and Democracy Schools (Citizen Engagement for Democracy)
2	Location (City / Country)	Cairo/Egypt
3	Main topics / key words (select 5 max.)	Civic Participation, Nascent Civil Society organizations, Accountability tools, Participatory Methods, Government Transparency and Integrity, Online Community Coordination, Public Administration Reform, Organizational Structures, Public Administration
4	Brief description of topic or project (max. 300 words)	The project intends to create a consortium of stakeholders in Egypt concerned with matters of Local Governance. The two-pronged project includes creating foundations for local governance by assisting in organizing nascent initiatives throughout Egypt (to be considered an informal yet emerging civil society), as well as providing a conducive environment amongst stakeholders from the government, international NGOs and academic sectors to discuss extensively the main elements for efficient local governance (global perspectives), legislative reform required in Egypt, public administration challenges to achieving good governance.
5	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase citizen engagement and participation Organize civic engagement Promote more local council accountability Bring politics closer to the citizen, rather than the focus on representational politics Allow for more cooperation in decision-making processes between civil society and government. Enable more qualified youth to run for local council elections or create new civil society organizations

6	Effect on relevant developments in citizenship education and human rights education concerning changing processes in democracy and citizen participation.	Ability to read and monitor local budgets by civil society members Enhance policy-drafting processes including the ability to write policy briefs and not only policy papers. Improved negotiation and conflict resolution skills Make topics of human rights and politics more accessible to those who have not received prior education in those fields to be able to run in elections and create new civil society organizations.
7	Target Groups	Youth wings of political parties Nascent civil society organizations Government
8	Methods / Format	Trainings, research, online social networking
9	Results / Evaluation / Materials	Online website, streamlined curriculum
10	Sustainable impact of topic or project (local, regional)	Local
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