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KAIROUAN -TUNISIA**

TUNISIAN REVOLUTION 2011



Tunisia is going through a transformative period in its history taking place since 2011

“Revolution of dignity“!!!

Bouazizi’s self-immolation was a pivotal moment. Tunisians came to see this event as a political act of declaration, a call to denounce a life without dignity and freedom where the rights of the average citizen are annihilated.

The words that were repeated during the demonstrations were: "shoghl, horryya, karama wataniyya" (employment, freedom and dignity of the citizen), the words that resounded at the time to express an outcry by the people who felt humiliated by fear and lack of freedoms.

The Tunisian revolution sometimes called the “Revolution of Jasmin“ is a revolution considered as essentially nonviolent, by a series of sit-ins lasting four weeks between December 2010 and January 2011. Thousands of Tunisians mobilized day after day in one say “DEGAGE” Ben Ali, this resulted in the departure of the dictator .

The name "jasmine revolution" was debated, Tunisians prefer the name of "**revolution of dignity“!!!**

Students, the unemployed, lawyers, cyber-dissidents .. They were all the actors of the Tunisian revolution.

What Happened during those 7 years ?

- ❑ Communication and the freedom of the press, today people can use the press and networks to denounce corruption and police violence and the authorities are pressured to take it into account!
- ❑ Free, transparent and democratic Presidential elections, and Municipal Elections organized by an independent instance for elections (ISIE) and controlled by international organizations of UE and UN
- ❑ New constitution adopted on January 2014 by the constituent Assembly elected 2011
- ❑ Independent constitutional bodies act in support of democracy: Audio-Visual Communication Commission, Human Rights Commission, Commission for Sustainable Development and the Rights of Future Generations, The Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Commission
- ❑ A Chapter for Local power based on decentralization, Chapter 46 The State seeks to achieve equality between women and men in elected councils.
- ❑ Civil society has already demonstrated its ability to play its democratic counter-power role more than 18000 associations created...

The role of cooperation between CSOs and LAs

- ❑ Improve the relationship of trust between citizens and local authorities and the credibility of local authorities.
- ❑ Promote active, responsible citizenship and civic engagement with citizens.
- ❑ Sharing responsibility for urban local development between authorities and citizens
- ❑ Facilitate dialogue between citizens and the municipality, resolve conflicts and find solutions
- ❑ Improve the management of the city and local development.

Local Democratic Agency (LDA Kairouan, TUNISIA): platforms of cooperation



ALDA's interest in Tunisia started since 2012 in order to support it in the success of its democratic transition where civil society plays its essential role and will be involved in the processes of democratization.

ALDA's approach is to work at the local level and not to stay in the capital of the targeted country, so why not in Kairouan with the multitude of assets it has!!!

LDA TUNISIA



As the first Agency in the Mediterranean Region, LDA TUNISIA was Created in October 2017, registered under Tunisian law, with an ambition to develop a network in the Maghreb region (Lda Morocco is on process), LDA Tunisia is set to cover the entire country. Opening other Agencies in Tunisia, according to future needs is of course, not excluded.

LDA Tunisia is supported by its national and international partners (civil society and local authorities): Municipality of Kairouan, Municipality of Strasbourg, Sardinia Region, Fons Maillorqui, Auxilia and the Kairouanise associations: Sawa-Med, AKDI - Kairouan Association for Integral Development, APNEK - Association for the Protection of Nature and the Environment of Kairouan Governorate

WHO WE ARE ?

- ❑ LDA s are platforms of cooperation between local authorities and civil society to promote local democracy, citizen participation and local development. It is an operational platform for debate, skills development and cooperation.
- ❑ Promote new links between municipalities and other Tunisian local and regional authorities with local authorities through decentralized cooperation.
- ❑ Support participatory processes in decision-making at the local level, Assist local authorities to operate in an open manner and encourage them to take account the needs of citizens.
- ❑ Enlarge the range of possibilities, improve the skills and capacities the civil society to engage in dialogue, encourage communication with the authorities while working on the capacity of civil society to assert its interests; collaboration between local authorities and civil society, is a very strong and powerful actor of change and development and problem solving.

MAIN MISSION

The Local Democracy Agencies, which implement decentralized cooperation actions, constitute a platform to support concrete projects. LDA desire is to make significant and visible changes in the community. Indeed, based on cooperation between local and international partners.

Evolve approaches, strengthen knowledge and skills of citizens in their involvement in the decision-making process, to strengthening the practical exercise of dialogue between local authorities and civil society..

What is going on?

PROJECT KAIROUAN CITY BIKE

PROJET PARFAIT

OPEN WORKSHOPS Dar Bouras

FRIENDLY TALK : AHKI

FESTIVAL OF SILDARITY

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LDA Tunisia has developed and implemented projects promoting active citizenship with a participatory approach

Project PARFAIT

Participation of women for the advancement and innovation of Tunisia



EUROPEAN
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DEMOCRACY



تحالف من أجل نساء تونس
COALITION POUR
LES FEMMES DE TUNISIE



PROJECT PARFAIT



A two-year project (October 2017 - October 2019)

- co-financed by **the European Union** under the program "**Improving women's participation in economic and public life**". Implemented within the framework of the Moussawat program for the promotion of equality between Women and Men in Tunisia of the Ministry of Women of the Family and Childhood.
- Present in six governorates: Grand Tunis, Kairouan, Jendouba, Gafsa, Kebili and Mahdia.

Project in partnership with: European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), the Coalition for Women of Tunisia, the Local Democracy Agency (ADL) Tunisia.

- Contribute to improving the participation of women and women's groups in decision-making in the 6 targeted regions;

Promote the integration of the gender dimension by local authorities in all their actions;

Promote a shared vision of the place of women in local and regional public life through the opening of spaces for dialogue and collective learning.

Activities



- ❑ Training elected women : Technical training and leadership training for a better understanding of the tools available to women to assert their rights; Training on participatory local democracy in Tunisia: participatory budget, citizen councils, citizen panels, concept of transparency, etc .;
- ❑ Animation of dialogue and consultation workshops between public actors and local civil society actors in the different regions:
- ❑ the identification of possible conflict issues regarding women's participation in local governance;
- ❑ the multi-stakeholder dialogue workshops.
Awareness of inclusive dialogue.
- ❑ Capitalize on the knowledge gained throughout the project, 48 micro-projects, 8 project proposals per governorate to promote the participation of women in public life,

Results

The trainings had an impact on the personal, political and social spheres;

Reinforcement of self-confidence and better control of the laws and various topics discussed

Developing capacity to raise awareness about voting, communicate in public, convince and defend one's position;

157 beneficiaries; 29 women beneficiaries running for Tunisian municipal elections in May 2018,

10 elected: 5 elected in Tunis, 2 elected in Kebili, 2 elected in Jendouba, 1 elected to Mahdia



Sustainable and shared mobility in Kairouan

"For a sustainable and shared mobility in Kairouan", launched in October 2016 in Kairouan, proposes the establishment and sharing of technical and methodological tools between technical services and elected members of the two cities of Strasbourg and Kairouan to develop a global and coherent vision of mobility in the city.

Opening Workshops- DAR BOURAS

In collaboration with the association "open workshops" Amor Kraiem, an artist who has transformed an old home to a platform of exchange and artistic creation where young people and artisans can benefit of trainings sessions on handicraft and art design.

LDA Tunisia is working towards working an active citizenship to give value to this project, to put in sight the work of these young people, to create avenues of dialogue with the local authorities, to sensitize the municipality to this project and Obviously, create a synergy around heritage that is an axis of citizenship and a way to preserve while adding value.

The involvement of young people in the protection of their heritage and the discovery of the history of the city of Kairouan is an important approach for the creation of a dynamic citizen at the regional level but not only, being that Kairouan with its capital architectural and its history Aghlabid was classified in the world inheritance of UNISCO since 1988

DAR BOURAS
in the Medina of
Kairouan







Festival of Solidarity

It is under the name of the Week of International Solidarity (SSI) that LDA Tunisia is planning on setting an event at the local and regional level called "the festival of solidarity" which promotes citizen dynamism and allows an open approach to the world through good practices of citizenship and solidarity in a sustainable development approach

The Local Democracy Agency ADL, Kairouan Tunisia being a local platform for inclusive dialogue shares the same values promoted during the celebrations of this event, encourage exchanges, collective learning and raise awareness about the importance of openness to the other in order to create a platform for dialogue and interaction bringing together different partners, local authorities, civil society and citizens.

Support, exchange and sharing of experiences and expertise and aspiration .This open event intended for all citizens, spread over two days on 22 and 23 December 2018.

"Kairouan City bike" aims to promote the civic dynamic through cycling and initiate a friendly gathering around a center of interest: the bike a means of soft transportation!



Friendly Talk “AHKI”

It's an open event, mainly aimed at young people in order to start a free discussion facilitated by a facilitator

Young people who meet in a heterogeneous and mixed group in their genders, experiences, educational and socio-economic backgrounds.

The objective is to carry out a simple exercise of citizenship in which young people are active players during all stages of the democratic process and encourage them with a simple approach and appropriate to the age group.

An open discussion about volunteering, associative engagement, success stories they know or have experienced about people who have managed to change and develop their cities and environment through citizen actions and community involvement.

The added value of participatory approaches!

Improve the relationship of trust between citizens and local authorities and the credibility of local authorities

Promote active, enlightened, responsible citizenship and civic engagement to citizens

Sharing responsibility for urban local development between authorities and citizens

Facilitate dialogue between citizens and the municipality, resolve conflicts and find solutions

Improve the management of the city and local development



Democracy is a difficult process...But returning to Dictatorship is no longer an option!

Thanks

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