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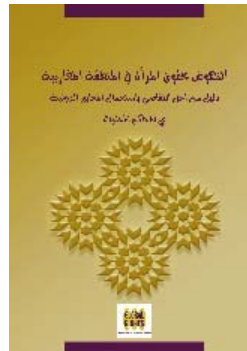
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Promoting Women's Rights in the Maghreb: New Practical Guide to Litigating International Standards in Domestic Courts



March 31, 2006 (Rabat, Alger, Tunis) — The *Global Rights* Rabat-based field office, in collaboration with lawyer partners in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, launches the distribution of their new publication - *Promoting Women's Rights: A Resource Guide for Litigating International Law in Domestic Courts*.

Written in Arabic and 135 pages in length, this practical guide is the latest result of more than six years of collaboration between *Global Rights* and local activists to promote women's human rights in the Maghreb.

Designed as a practical tool to help lawyers use international law to promote women's human rights on the ground, the first part of the guide considers how lawyers can integrate international human rights standards into their daily litigation and domestic court cases that involve women's rights. The guide also encourages lawyers to undertake such advocacy and provides practical strategies on how they might go about doing this.

The second part of the guide presents the results of participatory research conducted by in-country lawyers in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. During more than a year of collaboration, they held intensive interviews with lawyers and other legal professionals, and gathered and analyzed judicial decisions from a diversity of courts across their respective countries. Their reports present an overview of the application of international human rights norms in cases involving women's rights, and identify and suggest a series of "next steps" for local lawyers to take in order to promote women's human rights through domestic litigation that uses international standards.

In the coming weeks, *Global Rights* and its partners in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia will distribute hundreds of copies of the Guide in book form and on CD-Rom to lawyers in the three countries.

The Guide and an English summary will be available in PDF format on the *Global Rights* website at <http://www.globalrights.org>. To obtain a hard copy, please phone the Rabat field office of *Global Rights* at 212.37.66.04.10 or send an e-mail to wrapmorocco@globalrights.ma.

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