**Khotwa: Promoting regional integration in the Maghreb**

**Region:** Maghreb

**Organisation responsible:** Coordination Maghrébine des Organisations des Droits Humains (CMODH) and NOVACT

**Period:** Since 2012

**Activity:** Project for the creation of a human rights organisations network to promote the civil society participation in Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia in the regional integration in North Africa led by the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU).

**Objectives**

Strengthening the NGO participation to the policies elaboration to promote social and human development, democratic transformation and regional integration of the Maghreb.

**Description**

This project will be implemented in four stages:

1. Strengthening the institutional structure of organizations network from Maghreb working in the field of human rights promotion in the region;
2. Strengthening the role of civil society organizations in the promotion, defense and protection of human rights;
3. Encourage the civil society participation in the regional integration process in the Maghreb;
4. Strengthening the civil society participation in the policy dialogue;

**Stakeholders**

NOVACT, CMODH and its member organizations, putting together almost 30 NGO from Mauritania, Morocco, Tunis and Algeria.

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**GOAL 7: Promote democratic values and protect civil society space**

(108) Promote the political space for nonviolent dialogue among all essential stakeholders and for the prevention of violent extremism. This dialogue should be based on the respect for the rights to freedom of expression and assembly. Also, recognise and protect nonviolent civil society groups as essential partners in creating democratic and plural societies.