

## Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (CIHRS)

**Country:** Egypt

**Organisation responsible:** CIHRS

**Period:** Since 1993



**Activity:** CIHRS is an independent regional non-governmental organization which aims to promote respect for the principles of human rights and democracy in the Arab region.

### **Objectives**

Analyzing the difficulties facing the application of international human rights law.

Disseminating a culture of respect for human rights in the region.

Engaging in dialogue between cultures regarding the various international human rights treaties and declarations.

Shaping the understanding of and discourse around the most pressing human rights issues in the Arab region.

Coordinating and mobilizing the key players and NGOs across the Arab world to work together to raise public awareness about these issues and to reach solutions in line with international human rights law.

### **Description**

CIHRS further seeks to attain this objective by developing, proposing, and promoting changes to policy and practice in the Arab region in order to bring them in line with international human rights standards. In addition, CIHRS conducts human rights advocacy at national, regional, and international human rights mechanisms, carries out research, and provides human rights education, both for youth and for established human rights defenders seeking ongoing professional development. CIHRS is a major publisher of information related to human rights in the Arab region, and its publications include a magazine, an academic quarterly, and scores of books dealing with various human rights-related issues.

### **Stakeholders**

CIHRS enjoys consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and observer status with the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights. CIHRS is also a member of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) and of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX)

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

(116) Promote the enjoyment of democratic values, economic, social and cultural rights, including human rights-based initiatives that help eliminate the conditions conducive to violent extremism.

#### **GOAL 4: Ensure the protection of Human Rights in Counter Terrorism laws**

(85) Protect Human Rights Defenders and other civil society actors who are struggling and working for justice, dignity and social change in their societies.

(86) Assist and protect human rights defenders who document all kinds of human rights violations, including those committed by state actors with the purpose of preventing indoctrination.