

## Climate Change Research Consultancy

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# Mapping Research: Civic Space & Climate Change in MENA.

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law LLC-MENA Regional Office (ICNL LLC-MENA) seeks researchers for a consultancy assignment, for a 2-month period from 1 February to 31 March 2021. The Consultant will conduct a mapping study of the civic space legal and policy framework applicable to climate change activists and organizations in MENA, in accordance with a research outline to be approved by ICNL LLC-MENA. The ceiling for this research grant is USD3500.

### Background

The rise of a global climate movement has been accompanied by a crackdown on civic space for climate activists worldwide. Climate activists have faced numerous threats and restrictions, including: bans on climate strikes and protests; criminalization of non-violent protest actions; laws that restrict activism around “critical infrastructure”; interference in environmental groups’ right to association; surveillance of organizations focused on climate change; restrictions on freedom of expression and access to information; strategic lawsuits against public participation; curtailment of participation in international climate conferences; limits on public input in large projects; harassment of climate activists, and stigmatization of activists and organizations focused on climate change. In its [Closing Civic Space for Climate Activists](#) brief, ICNL highlights these trends and provides examples of the various legal and extralegal measures used to target organizations and activists working on climate change issues around the globe.

Despite growing awareness of these global trends, there is currently little information about shrinking civic space for climate activists in the MENA region. To address this knowledge gap, ICNL seeks consultants to conduct a regional mapping study on the relationship between climate change and civic space in MENA. We expect the research will provide more information about how governments and third parties have used legal and extralegal measures to target organizations and activists working on climate change issues in the MENA region. The research will help inform ICNL’s strategy and programming to protect civic space for climate activism and provide climate change activists with knowledge to address civic space constraints.

## Scope of Work

The grantee will implement a mapping study on the civic space legal and policy framework and its impact on climate change organizations and activists. The research should (1) cover at least three countries in the MENA region; (2) summarize the applicable laws and regulations and their compatibility with international law and standards; and (3) include examples on challenges/cases that climate change activists and organizations face in the target countries. Research can draw on publicly available information, desk research, interviews and surveys, case studies, laws and regulations, and any other applicable research tool.

## Application Instructions

To apply for the Research Consultancy, applicants must submit the following items by January 31, 2021:

- Cover letter / Statement of Interest, including a description of past and current experience with legal monitoring, comparative legal research or other relevant expertise (one-page);
- Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), or other statement of work history and education; and
- A writing sample.

All application materials should be submitted in English or Arabic. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through January 31, 2021.

Applications should be emailed to [mena@icnlalliance.org](mailto:mena@icnlalliance.org), with reference made to “Climate Change Research Consultancy” in the subject line. Questions related to this consultancy can be emailed to the same address. Please **do not** include cost information, as the compensation rate is fixed at \$3500 for the consultancy.

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following factors:

- Compliance with eligibility requirements and application procedures;
- Experience working with and analyzing the legal environment for civil society and civic freedom in MENA;
- Quality of the Cover Letter / Statement of Interest and the Writing Sample; and
- Commitment to producing high quality work in a timely manner.

## Eligibility Criteria

This call is open to individuals based in the MENA region.

## Other

- ICNL will own the intellectual property rights of the research and may request amendments or deletions in a manner that does not substantially change the research outline. ICNL may also use the research entirely or partially in producing other work, including presentations and visual materials.
- ICNL may disseminate the research in a launch event in which the Consultant may be invited to speak and present the study.