

Lobbying Campaign to Pass the “A2I Law”

VOLUNTEER LOBBYISTS TRAINING

2 & 3 May 2009

Within the Framework of its “Lobbying Campaign to Pass the “A2I” Law”, “Nahwa Al-Muwatiniya” (Na-am) held a two-day training (2-3 May 2009 – Le Crillon - Broumana) to engage volunteer lobbyists and build their capacity to actively participate in the “Access to Information (A2I)” Campaign (May-September 2009). The training brought together more than 15 volunteer lobbyists from different regions and backgrounds.



After an opening session by MP Ghassan Moukhaiber (Chairman of the Lebanese Parliamentarians against Corruption (LebPAC)), an introduction about “Na-am” by Imad Atalla (Na-am Secretary General) and an overview about the “National Network for The Right of Access to Information” and the Project (A2I/Na-aM team), the lobbyists were presented with a detailed explanation on the “Access to Information” draft law and its aims (Dr. Georgette Salame/Ms. Tamam Salam – Legal working group).

During the first afternoon session, “Na-am” board member Gilbert Doumit guided the volunteers through the elaboration of the lobbying process to be followed. Role playing exercises as well as test phone calls to parliamentary candidates animated this lively working session. Following up on Saturday’s session, Karim Mufti introduced the team to lobbying strategies, interviewing skills as well as to data collection and reporting methods.

The team logistics and distribution of tasks were decided upon at the end of the training.

About - Lobbying Campaign to Pass the “A2I Law”

Within the framework of the **National Network for the Right of Access to information**, “Nahwa al-Muwatiniya” is working to generate commitment from candidates and MPs in order to endorse the newly drafted A2I law. This five-month project will identify several top candidates in the 2009 parliamentary elections, develop a nationwide lobbying strategy to gain their support for the A2I law, and monitor their reactions and responses to this law. After the elections, the team will continue lobbying the newly elected MPs while holding those who supported the law accountable.

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