

Annual Report 2015

Bahrain Institute for Political Development

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About BIPD

Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) is a national institute which was established by Decree No. 39 of 2005, in order to spread political awareness among community members as well as promoting and boosting the concept of sound democratic principles in the Kingdom of Bahrain. BIPD is one of the fruits of the reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, may God protect and bless him, under a royal decree issued by His Majesty in 2005.

The Institute's strategies and policies are drawn by the Board of Trustees, who are appointed by a Royal Order every four years. It consists of a number of public figures that have influenced political and cultural life in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Since its inception, BIPD has been working to raise the level of political and human rights awareness, promote the march of reform in the Kingdom of Bahrain, as well as enriching the political knowledge among all members of society.

Considering the various backgrounds and affiliations of the people the Institute aims to make them aware of their political rights and duties, guaranteed by the National Action Charter, the Constitution and relevant laws. BIPD is trying to achieve these goals through a number mechanisms and means; perhaps the most important being the full range of political and human rights programs, which include many events and scientific publications.

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Statement by the Chairman's Board of Trustees

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Bahrain Institute for Political Development (BIPD) is considered an effective tool in achieving the national goals set by the reform project of His Majesty the King. Its aim is to move forward on the path to democratic transformation, through clear vision and an action plan pursued by the Institute. By adopting the development of the political awareness of the individuals, and by promoting democratic practices through instilling the right principles in the community the Institute can help achieve the national goals. It will accomplish this by establishing a balanced structure to complement the principles of the reform project, led by the principle of political constitutional partnership between the government and the people, combined with the principle of separation of powers as well as the executive, legislative, and judicial system.

The Institute has sought since its inception to direct all its energies and resources to serve the goals of the reform project. According to many indicators BIPD succeeded during the past years in contributing to vast breakthroughs, in terms of raising awareness and sound political upbringing, in addition to spreading a culture of democracy strengthening the democratic approach, and promoting the exercise of constitutional powers. Through its various activities including training, awareness and education the institute attracts large segments of Bahraini society, as well as the elite decision makers.

BIPD, in carrying out its duties and responsibilities, has been keen to abide by promoting the principle of national partnership, expanding cooperation and partnership with other national institutions that reflect the will of the people. This partnership led by the National Assembly with its two chambers; the House of Representatives and the Shura Council, in addition to the municipal councils and the secretariat of the capital, believe that the achievement of goals and objectives of the ambitious reform project can only come about through collective unified action in which all national institutions collaborate to fulfill what is aspired of a democratic country, where all the people enjoy their rights, and recognize their duties.

During 2015, the Institute has endeavored to extend its programs and events to the largest segments possible of the society; children, school students, the youth, women and communities through the use of innovative mechanisms and instruments. This includes utilizing all means of communication available to ensure the delivery of its message, and achieving its objectives in supporting the democratic transition process, spreading political awareness, whether through workshops, lectures and seminars or training courses, forums, studies, brochures and films.

Furthermore, BIPD has launched a well studied viable and measurable plan of action to meet the training and awareness needs of the target groups during the year, based on consultation and coordination with them. The institute has focused more this year on the elite decision-makers. Particularly members of the National Assembly, the municipal councils and the secretariat of the capital.

One of the most prominent indicators observed by the Institute throughout this year, has been the maximization of benefits availed by the beneficiaries of the Institute's programs according to the results

of the evaluation. This included all the activities of the Institute's plan for 2015. It has been noticed that youth category has benefited most from the Institute's activities, followed by politicians and decision makers as well as the great interaction of all segments of society with major public events carried out by the institute. Most notable of these was the very popular Arab Gulf Forum for Political Media. The third of kind was held in November 2015 and was attended by 700 people from the Kingdom of Bahrain and abroad.

To carry out its mission to instill democratic values and principles, in 2015 BIPD launched, a number of programs aimed at the development of political awareness and confirming the citizenship and democratic values which are necessary to ensure social stability and development in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Next year, 2016 - God willing - BIPD seeks to continue its role in raising awareness, political education, skill development and building political and constitutional capacity for decision-makers. In light of the current challenges and the climate that prevails the region as a whole the Institute is focusing more on issues of importance, most notably to maximize the gains of parliamentary experience through training and awareness programs for members of the National Assembly.

This includes both chambers; the House of Representatives and the Shura, as well as the municipal councils, and the secretariat of the capital. In addition to this, the Institute will focus on the development of political awareness among the young people, across a range of programs aimed at consolidating national identity and promoting political participation.

Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi
Chairman of the Board of Trustees,
Bahrain Institute for Political Development

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Statement
by the Executive
Director

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The reform project of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, may God bless him, has established solid foundations of democratic transformations unparalleled in the country's modern history. The new approach has adopted a progressive policy, which takes into account the cultural specificity of the people, as well as preserving the national identity of the Bahraini community. This approach has achieved unprecedented consensus among the public during voting on the National Action Charter, the nucleus of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain and its constitutional institutions, as well as strengthening the role of civil society in public life and other democratic gains.

Bahrain Institute for Political Development is one of the most important achievements and gains of the reform project of His Majesty. In light of its tasks and responsibilities as a national institution closely working with the community, BIPD is sharing the responsibility for bringing up successive generations. This is based on sound political socialization, instilling values and principles of democracy, equality, and strengthening the spirit of national belonging. Not to mention encouraging respect for the opinions of others in the context of culture differences, maintaining civil peace and protecting the rights and freedoms of the people.

Ten years since its creation, the Institute continues its role in implementing the wise directives of His Majesty the King, as a national institute responsible for preparing members of Bahraini society to keep up with the democratic transformations in the Kingdom. The institute encourages them to practice their rights, and recognize their national duties to qualify as active members in the development of the democratic system. This is done by employing the tools and powers granted to the constitutional institutions in serving the national action.

2015 embodied a new indication of the continuing progress of the institute on the right track towards achieving its plans and objectives. The institute has succeeded in implementing a number of programs and events that received considerable interest from the public and target groups, including workshops, training courses, lectures and other events. Most important have been those events held in order to effectuate the terms of cooperation agreements and memorandum of understanding concluded by the Institute with many national institutions like the House of Representatives and the Shura Council.

This year witnessed qualitative efforts by the Institute towards its community responsibility to serve researchers and university students, offering them intensive training programs with the aim to bolster their research skills. BIPD is looking forward to carrying out its mission towards the community and expand the targeted segments of its programs year after year.

Believing in the national capabilities and talents, as well as the high standards of professional, scientific and practical expertise, the Institute is keen to accomplish most of its activities in collaboration with professional cadres, highly efficient trainers and academics. This includes the staff of the Institute or the staff working in other institutes or universities of Bahrain in addition to hiring some professionals and specialists from abroad in order to learn and benefit from their experiences in various fields.

Although BIPD faced some challenges and difficulties this year in relation to the venues, the Institute has succeeded in adapting itself. It has successfully carried out most of its activities and strengthened its cooperation with partners from other academic institutions, in which it has held various activities in Bahraini universities, in the headquarters of the governorates or in some hotels.

In addition to that, BIPD is still facing a challenge in attracting the competent and qualified nationals required for enhancing the training, educational and awareness activities.

Despite the challenges and difficulties, the support and guidance of the wise leadership drew the way for the Institute's action plan and push the institute forward to continue its role in order to achieve the noble national goals. During 2015 BIPD has continued to exercise its role in instilling citizenship and democracy, human rights, political tolerance and the values of equality. BIPD endeavors will continue, God willing in the next year, with a new action plan which seeks to spread the values of civil peace, Gulf common identity, whilst easing the difficulties of democratic transformation and emphasize the cultural and civil identity of Bahrain.

Dr. Yaser Al Alawi
Executive Director

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Board of Trustees

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(2015 - Present)

Royal Order No. 48/ for 2015

On the Restructuring of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Institute for Political Development



Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, The King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

After consideration of the Constitution,

And Decree 39 for the year 2005 with respect to the establishment and organization of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development as amended,

And Royal Order No 50 for the year 2009 on the appointment of members of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Institute for Political Development,

Order the following:

Article One

The Board of Trustees of Bahrain Institute for Political Development shall be formed under the chairmanship of Mr. Ali bin Mohammed Al Romaihi, and with the membership of:

1. Dr. May bint Sulaiman Al-Otaibi Vice Chairperson
2. Ahmed Mahdi Al-Haddad
3. Eman Faisal Janahi
4. Bedoor Jaafar bin Rajab
5. Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Fadhel
6. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Abdullah
7. Dr. Isa Ahmed Turki
8. Fatema AbdulMahdi Al Asfoor
9. Wedad Radhi Al-Moosawi

The duration of their membership term will be four years.

Article Two

This Order shall come into effect on the day of its issuance, and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

King of Bahrain
Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Issued in Riffa Palace.

Dated: 18 Safar 1437H.

Corresponding to: 1 December 2015AD.

Mr. Al Romaihi held several senior positions and before being appointed as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development, he served as the Under Secretary of Communication and Information at the Royal Court in 2015, and president of Media Affairs Authority with the rank of Undersecretary of the Ministry in 2013.

He started his career at the Interior Ministry from 1982 to 2000, When he was appointed as the Director of Planning and Follow-up, and Acting Director General for Youth and Sports at the General Organization for Youth and Sports from 2000 to 2006.

From 2006 to 2010 he occupied several positions in the private sector, most notably as a Director of Investment Banking, before returning to work again in the public sector in 2010, as an Adviser for Strategic Planning at the Information Affairs Authority. In this role where he oversaw the upgrading process of the Bahrain News Agency, before becoming Acting Director of Bahrain radio and television and then president of the Information Affairs Authority.

He holds two master degrees in Business Administration and Management and Information Technology from Nottingham and Leicester universities in Britain. He has attended and participated in several training programs in the field of management, leadership, human resources, media, politics and law. Mr. Al Romaihi has represented Bahrain in many of the Arab and international meetings and forums. He has interests in scientific research, and works as a lecturer at the University of Bahrain.

He was awarded the Medal of Efficiency of first class from His Majesty the King of Bahrain; in recognition of his contributions in serving the country.

The Board of Trustees continued



Dr. May bint Sulaiman Al-Otaibi
Vice Chairman of the Board
of Trustees of the BIPD

Dr. May Al-Otaibi is Chairman of the Board of Bahrain Bayan School, Director General of Mayasim Real Estate and Mayasim Communication Strategies, and a member of several organizations in the Middle East and abroad, including the International Institute for Peace (IPI).

Holder of Master and PhD degrees in Information Strategies (Elections Media) from Maastricht University in the Netherlands, she also has a master degree in Television Media from the American University in Cairo, as well as Bachelor and Diploma in Education from the American University of Beirut.

Dr. Al-Otaibi has several publications, including a book titled "The Role of Media and Political Strategy and Mass Communication in Influencing Vote for Women in the Parliamentary Elections - The Bahraini Experience 2006" written in both in Arabic and English, a study titled "Media Coverage of the Bahraini Elections in 2006", as well as another study titled "Elections Media Strategy in Bahrain", in addition to a survey in the field of communications for the Kingdom of Bahrain. She has released several illustrated books for children in Arabic and English, and published articles in numerous newspapers and magazines.

She has provided many training courses and workshops, most notably (The Political Empowerment for Media Support for Women Candidates at the Supreme Council for Women in 2014. She presented papers in many conferences and founder of the national project "Wehda, Wehda", in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Development and a number of other organizations.

In recognition of her valuable contributions, she was awarded the Medal of Efficiency of the first class in the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2011, and received the first award for the project "Art Zone" of Gulf Air, as well as an appreciation award at the first Festival of Early Pioneers in Bahrain in 1997. She has received many certificates and awards from a large number of organizations and entities.



Ahmed Mahdi Al-Haddad
Member of the Board of Trustees
of the BIPD

Mr. Ahmed Mahdi Abdulnabi Al-Haddad, is a Member of the Shura Council, chairman of the Human Rights Committee at the Council, member of the Board of Trustees of Bahrain Institute for Political Development, and formerly Assistant Undersecretary for Political Affairs and International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain (2002 - 2010). Mr. Al Haddad has a long experience in the field of diplomacy, in which he has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bahrain at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, and as consul General of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Swiss Federation from 1991-2000. He was also a Non-resident ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Germany, Bonn-Berlin from 1992-1996 and a Non-resident ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Austria from 1992 to 2000. He has worked in various diplomatic missions for the Kingdom of Bahrain, including serving as First Secretary and Chargé d'affaires, at the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in "Washington" United States 1982 -1985, and representing the Kingdom of Bahrain as Chargé d'affaires at UNESCO headquarters, in Paris from 1985 to 1987. Mr. Al Haddad served as consul of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Canada, Montreal 1987-1991. He has participated in several conferences and legal meetings in Bahrain and abroad, and he headed the Bahrain team during its presidency of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its 61st session, at the United Nations headquarters in New York from 2006 to 2007. Mr. Al Haddad represented the Kingdom of Bahrain in various conferences and meetings of the Asian Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), including the GCC First Joint of Ministerial Meeting, for the ACD, which was held in Bahrain in 2004. He trained officials and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to facilitate their missions as diplomats during the period 2002-2010. Al Haddad represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the various meetings of national human rights committees in Bahrain. He holds both Bachelor and Master Degrees in Political Science and Economics from the University of Delhi, India, and a diploma on the United Nations and its role in promoting international understanding and cooperation, from the United Nations Institute in Geneva, as well as a diploma in international Law, Diplomacy and International Organizations.



Eman Faisal Janahi
Member of the Board of Trustees
of the BIPD

Ms. Janahi is the Director of the Directorate of Youth Affairs at the General Organization for Youth and Sports, and member of the Youth Committee of the General Secretariat of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.

She holds a Master degree in Business Administration, New York University, a Bachelor of English Literature, and a Diploma of Education from the University of Bahrain.

She joined the General Organization for Youth and Sports in 2001, and assumed several managerial positions including the position of Director of the Directorate of Youth Affairs at the Directorate of Clubs and Youth Affairs.

Ms. Janahi was awarded the Medal of Efficiency from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa; in recognition of her national efforts. She headed youth delegations at international forums and conferences, most notably: the Conference on launching the Global Strategy for Youth, the United Nations Development Office - Tunis 2014, the ESCWA Youth conference at the Office of the United Nations Development Programme New York in 2014, as well as the First Gulf Youth Forum on the assessment and development of youth programs and events- General Secretariat of the GCC - Qatar in 2012.

She is a member of many youth committees, including the Committee of the Supreme Council for the award of Shaikha Hessa, the Bahrain National Committee for Education, Science and Culture (Ministry of Education), the National Committee for the Rights of the Child (Ministry of Labour and Social Development) and the National Committee for Skills Competition (Ministry of Education).



Bedoor Jaafar bin Rajab

Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Ms. Bedoor Jaafar bin Rajab is a member of the Municipal Council for the Northern Region of the Seventh Circuit. She holds a Bachelor of English Literature from the University of Bahrain, and a certificate from the Bahrain Institute for Banking and Financial Studies in Work Ethics, Basics Accounting and Business Terminology.



Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Fadhel

Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Dr. Khalifa Ali Al Fadhel is a Professor of International Law at the University of Bahrain. He holds a master degree and PhD in International Law from the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor in Law from the University of Bahrain. A former student activist; then elected as Head of the Association of the Faculty of Law and a member of the Students' Council of the University of Bahrain. He has participated in many of the human rights conferences in Geneva representing the civil society. Dr Al Fadhel is an active member of the "British Human Rights Lawyers Association" (London), the Royal Society for Asian Affairs (London), the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies and the Association of Mock Arbitration Bodies (Vienna).



Dr. Saeed Ahmed Abdullah

Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Dr. Saeed Ahmed Abdullah Hussein Al-Yamani, is a member of the Shura Council, member of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development, and Associate Professor at the Arabian Gulf University.

He has held several posts in the education sector. He started his career as a teacher of Science in Abdulrahman Al Dakhil Prep School for Boys. Dr. Abdullah has PhD degree in Curriculum and Science Teachings Methods from the University of Bath (United Kingdom) and a Bachelor of Science and Education from Qatar University. He has taught many courses in the areas of: education, psychology and science.

He has over seen a wide range of higher diploma projects, (45) Masters and PhDs theses in Education and Psychology at the Arabian Gulf University, the University of Bahrain, and Ain Shams University. Dr. Abdullah worked as an Assistant Professor the University of Bahrain, a Director of Program for Continuous Education, at the University of Bahrain and an Associate Professor at the Arabian Gulf University.

He also worked as Director of Clubs Affairs at the General organization for Youth and Sports, a director of the Center for Continuous Counseling, Training and Education, and a coordinator of the Khalifa Educational Awards) Granted by the United Arab Emirates (since 2010, and up to present time).

He received the Appreciation Certificate of His Highness the late Shaikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa; for PhDs in education in 1988.

The Board of Trustees continued



Dr. Isa Ahmed Turki
Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Dr. Isa Ahmed Turki, is a Parliament member, and member of the Board of Trustees for the Bahrain Institute for Political Development.

He holds a PhD in International Law, and a Master's degree in Public Law from the Netherlands, in addition to the Diploma in Management Processes Engineering from the University of London, a Diploma of Strategic Planning Expert from Oxford Open College. He has joined several training courses in the fields of management and law.

He has occupied several posts during his career including Director of Citizenship Directorate from the period 2006 - 2014, chairing the Legal Affairs and courts, and working as a licensed lawyer before the Court of Cassation and the Constitutional Court.

He holds membership in several committees and task forces, including the membership of the Legislative and Legal Committee at the Council of Representatives, the membership of the Competent Committee of Family Custody tasked with studying adoption applications and their legal, administrative and social aspects for children whose parents are unknown; the membership of Excellence Team affiliated with Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs; a representative of the Ministry of Interior to the Joint Committee between the Ministry of the Interior and the Supreme Council for women. Dr. Turki has chaired several committees of the administrative investigations, and is a member of several legal and administrative competent committees.

His books in print include "Bahraini Citizenship Concept and Law" and in research include (judicial rulings, Sharia, Civil and Administrative Principles on the Issue of Paternity, and the Effects of These Rulings on Citizenship Law and the Law of Passports).

He is also a Lecturer specialized in legal and administrative courses, and a founding member of the Association of Bahrain Jurists (ICJ) and a member of the Association of Arab Jurists.

He obtained numerous certificates of appreciation and thanks, both from official and civil authorities. Dr. Turki received the Order of Service at the Interior Ministry in 1996.



Fatema AbdulMahdi Al Asfoor
Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Ms. Al Asfoor was elected to the membership of the House of Representatives in the elections held in 2014, and previously worked as a lawyer and director of an educational institution.

She has a Bachelor Degree in Law and a Diploma in Management, and has passed several courses in different areas.

Ms. Al Asfoor has several interests, especially with regard to legal and human rights matters, as well as the support of Bahraini women politically and socially, particularly in subjects related to family, women, and combating violence against women and children, youth guidance and development, and educational areas, she take special interest in the childhood sector, and children with special needs, methods of education and development of skills and talents.

She is active in the social sphere and community affairs, volunteering activities and charity work support, in addition to activities to support and develop handicrafts, household projects and medium and small enterprise development.



Wedad Radhi Al-Moosawi
Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Mrs. Wedad Al Musawi is a Member of the Board of Trustees for the Bahrain Institute for Political Development, Member of the Supreme Council for Women, the Assistant Undersecretary for Private and Continuous Education at the Ministry of Education, and board member of the Institute of Public Administration.

She holds a Bachelor of Philosophy and Sociology from the Arab University of Beirut in Lebanon, a Diploma in School Management from Bahrain, a higher Diploma in Child Educational Psychology from Wellington College, County of Kent- Britain, as well as many workshops, training courses in the field of administrative and educational work.

She began her career as a teacher in the Ministry of Education, and assumed a number of positions in the education sector, including Assistant Undersecretary for Private and Continuous Education at the Ministry of Education, Director of Public Relations and Media, Director of Student Services Directorate, and director of a number of public schools.

She also worked previously as an observer for women and Children's affairs at Bahrain TV, and news presenter for Bahrain TV Bahrain, where she presented a series of social and cultural programs, and television interviews with local and foreign dignitaries. Mrs. Al Musawi is carrying out several social activities, including membership in the committee of Shaikh Isa Educational Waqf, and she is a member of the board of directors of the Bahrain Society for training and human resources development.

She was awarded the Medal of Efficiency in 2011 by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, and she has received a number of Honorary Shields and recognitions from various government and private institutions.

Board of Trustees

(2009 - 2015)

Royal Order No. 50/ for 2009

Appointing board members of Bahrain Institute for Political Development



We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, The King of Bahrain

After consideration of the Constitution,

And Decree 39 for the year 2005 with respect to the establishment and organization of Bahrain Institute for Political Development amended by Decree 41 for the year 2008,

Order the following:

Article One

The Board of Trustees of Bahrain Institute for Political Development shall be established under the chairmanship of Mr. Nabil bin Yaqoub Al Hamer, and with the membership of:

1. Dr. Fouad Saleh Shihab, Vice-Chairman.
2. Dr. Ibrahim Jamal Al-Hashimi
3. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah
4. Dr. Mohammed Waleed Al Masri
5. Dr. May Sulaiman Al-Otaibi
6. Dr. Abdulla Yousif Al Hawaj
7. Ms. Jameela Ali Salman
8. Mr. Hussein Rashid Al-Sabbagh

Article Two

This Order shall come into effect on the day of its issuance, and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

King of Bahrain
Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

Issued in Riffa Palace.

Dated: 2 Dhul Hijja 1430H.

Corresponding to: 19 November 2009AD

Nabil bin Yaqoub Al Hamar

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

He is the Media Affairs Advisor to His Majesty the King, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Institute for Political and former Minister of Information who served in this post until a royal decree was issued in 2005 appointing him adviser to His Majesty the King for Media Affairs.

In 2009, another royal decree was issued to appoint him as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development in addition to his duties as adviser to His Majesty the King. In 2014 another royal decree was issued to renew his appointment in the same post for another term.

Mr. Al Hamar gained a BA Degree from the Department of Journalism at the University of Baghdad in 1973. He was educated in Bahraini schools such as Al Sharqiya Elementary School, Ras Al Rumman Primary School, Hooraa intermediate School and Manama Secondary School.

He climbed the ladder in different media professions until he was appointed Director General of the Gulf News Agency, which he headed for 11 years.

Mr. Al Hamar is a media specialist to the core; He founded Al-Ayam newspaper and chaired its Board of Directors and Editors for 12 years. He also chaired the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Journalists Association and took part in several media conferences in the Gulf and Arab countries as well as in meetings of the Arab Media Permanent Committee. He also has participated in media and advertising seminars and conferences worldwide.

In recognition of his efforts and contributions to the media field, he was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award in Public Relations for the year 2011. His efforts ranged from numerous memberships to many achievements in Arab and international media gatherings. He is Honorary President of the Bahrain Society of Public Relations, Vice President of the Arab African Newspapers Organization, a member of the Council of the Arab Media Development, and a member of the International Association of Journalism.

He is also former member of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters in the Kingdom of Bahrain, board member of the Bahraini branch of the International Advertising Association IAA and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Gulf Advertising Association.

The Board of Trustees continued



Dr. Fouad Saleh Shihab
Vice Chairman of the Board
of Trustees of the BIPD

A member of the Board of Trustees of Al Ahlia University and Social Sciences Professor at the College of Arts - University of Bahrain, Dr. Shihab was appointed member of the Shura Council in the 1996 and 2002 sessions. He also occupied the post of Deputy Shura Council Chairman and Head of the Human Rights Committee from 1999 to 2000.

He was a member of the National Supreme Committee which was in charge of preparing the National Action Charter of the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2000.

He was the recipient of Shaikh Isa Medal of the second degree in recognition of his valuable contributions to the nation.

Dr. Shihab holds a PhD degree in International Relations at Clermont-Ferrand University, France and Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Pune, India.

Dr. Fouad is head of the Bahrain Association for Academics and member of the Union of Arab Historians. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the "Childhood" magazine of the Bahrain Society for Child Development, part of the editing team of the monthly "Views" magazine of the Gulf Research Center, a member of the Centre for Strategic Research in London and has published numerous historical researches in a number of periodicals.

In addition to his academic positions, Dr. Shihab has made considerable contributions to the field of humanitarian voluntary work in his capacity as Vice President and Co-founder of Amir Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud Centre for Speech and Hearing.



Dr. Ibrahim Jamal Al-Hashimi
Member of the Board of Trustees
of the BIPD

He is Consultant and Board Chairman of a number of family and private companies, former member of the Shura Council of in Kingdom of Bahrain, President of the University of Bahrain and former Adviser of Higher Education Affairs at the Ministry of Education. He holds a PhD degree in Management from the University of Manchester for Business Administration and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom.

He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma from the University of Sheffield and the National Council for Higher degrees in the United Kingdom, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Automotive Engineering.

He has published a range of research papers and worksheets and has received numerous honors and awards, including the second-class order award of Shaikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the State Award for National Action, the Honorary Certificate and Medal of educational service in the field of education for 30 years, the Honorary Certificate and Medal for Higher Studies in 1980 and 1987, an Honorary Certificate and a medal of excellence in Higher studies.



Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah
Member of the Board of Trustees
of the BIPD

The Director of the Bahrain Historical Studies Center and Dean of Admissions and Registration at Bahrain University, Dr. Abdullah holds a PhD "of Philosophy in political geography" from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom, and Master of Arts in Geography, from the University of Eastern Michigan, United States, and Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the University of Kuwait.

Amongst his most prominent works (Bahrain Manual for Areas, Blocks, Governorates and Electoral Constituencies), a book entitled (Combatant Commander Sheikh Ali Bin Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa 1814-1869 (1230-1286 Hijri), coauthored with Dr. Bashir Zine El Abidine and another book titled the Bahrain Modern History, coauthored with Dr. Bashir Zine El Abidine.

He conducted several researches and studies in Arabic and English, including The Water Sources in Bahrain, The Geographical Boundaries of the Zubara district, The Persian / Iranian Contentions in Bahrain from 1820 to 2009, The Naming of the Arab Gulf, The European Union's Experience, and Bahrain in the Nineteenth Century as described by British Sources.

Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Abdullah has held several positions, including Cabinet's Assistant General Secretary and President of the Department of Social Sciences at the Faculty of Art, University of Bahrain. He was also in charge of Isa Award in the service of humanity, and in recognition of his efforts, he received the First Class Competence Medal in December 2012.



Dr. Mohammed Waleed Al Masri
Member of the Board of Trustees
of the BIPD

Professor of Law at the University of Bahrain, Legal Adviser at the Supreme Council for Women, he holds a PhD in Law from the University of Strasbourg for Political and Legal Sciences in France.

Among his most prominent works in the field of law and human and women rights: (A Survey on Legal Projects Related to the Advancement of Women in the Kingdom of Bahrain).

He prepared the Arab Women Organization's report on implementing the recommendations of the Women and Law Forum of 2006. He also participated in the preparation of the report of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the Convention on Eliminating all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) He also has a book entitled Al Wajeez an explanation of the international private law and several other legal researches and other publications.

Dr Mohammed served as head of the Department of Private Law at the University of Bahrain, Legal Adviser to the specialized committees of the Supreme Council for Women and Director of the Continuous Legal Education Program of the University of Bahrain.



Dr. May Sulaiman Al-Otaibi
Member of the Board of Trustees
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Dr. May Sulaiman Al-Otaibi, Board Chairman of The Bahrain Bayan Model School, and the General Manager of Mayesim Real Estate" and Mayesem Institute for Communication Strategy", a member of the Human Rights Foundation, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the American University in Bahrain.

She holds PhD and a Master's degree in Media Strategy – principally related to elections- from Maastricht University in the Netherlands, a Master's degree in Television Media from the American University in Cairo, and a Bachelor of Education from the American University of Beirut.

She has published many books, including one entitled "The Role of Media, Politics and Public Communication in Influencing Women Voters in the 2006 Parliamentary Elections in Bahrain". She has also published a study entitled "Media Coverage of the 2006 Bahraini Elections". She has published studies entitled The "Media Election Strategy in Bahrain", and "Coverage in the field of Communication in the Kingdom of Bahrain". Moreover, she has published several picture books for children in both Arabic and English. In recognition of her valuable contributions, Dr. May Sulaiman Al-Otaibi was awarded the Competency First Class Medal from the Kingdom of Bahrain in 2011. She also received the Gulf Air- sponsored First Arts Zone Award, and the Award of the first Festival for Early Pioneers in Bahrain in 1997. She has received many certificates and merit awards from many organizations and establishments.



Dr. Abdulla Yousif Al Hawaj
Member of the Board of Trustees
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President of Al Ahlia University and Mathematics Professor and Former Dean of the Student Affairs Department at the University of Bahrain, holds a PhD in Applied Mathematics from the University of Manchester (1980), M.Sc. in Mathematics (1974) and B.Sc.(Hon. in Mathematics from the University of Kuwait (1972).

In addition, he holds several certificates and diplomas in education and management from the United Kingdom and the United States.

Al Hawaj boasts of distinguished educational contributions as he was member of the Consultative Committee at the National Authority of Qualifications & Quality Assurance for Education & Training (2013), President of Association of Arab Private Institutions for Higher Education (2012) and Managing Director of the Arab Academy for Research & Studies.

Dr. Hawaj has overseen a large number of PhD and Master Theses in Mathematics and had over 40 researches published in scientific journals and periodicals in addition to other researches and articles published inside and outside Bahrain. He was the Co-author of Mathematics text-books for high school level in the GCC States and has a book titled "The Honest Word", currently under publishing.

In recognition of his laudable efforts and contributions in education and national voluntary work, Dr. Hawaj was the recipient of several awards including the Life-Long Achievement Award for promoting HRD in MENA region (2009), the Prime Minister's Award in recognition of Entrepreneurship in Muharraq (2000), National Amiri Award in recognition of Entrepreneurial Excellence in Bahrain (1997), The British Ambassador's Prize for Scientific research in the U.K. (1992).

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Jameela Ali Salman

Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Lawyer Jameela Ali Salman, Member of the Board of Trustees of the Bahraini Institute for Political Development and Member of the Shura Council - 2010-2014 Session, was the first Woman President of a Barristers' Association or Union at the Arab level as she headed the Bahrain Bar Association during the 2007-2011 Session.

Jameela Salman has been a lawyer since 1994. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Cairo, Egypt (1993).

She's a member of several organizations and is on various committees including the Supreme Committee for Information and Communication Technology, National Institution for Human Rights and the Institute of Judicial and Legal Studies at the Ministry of Justice and Islamic Affairs.



Hussein Rashid Al-Sabbagh

Member of the Board of Trustees of the BIPD

Mr. Hussein Rashid Al-Sabbagh is currently working in the field of entrepreneurship. He is the Former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of Tunisia and the People's Republic of China. He was also Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations.

He had worked in the educational, cultural and media fields before he joined the diplomatic corps in Beirut, Tehran, United Nations, China and most recently Tunisia.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Department of the Arabic language at Cairo University and is fluent in English. He has published many books that cover parts of his diplomatic career. Among his publications we can name "The Diary of a Bahraini Ambassador in China, A Few Documents for a Bahraini Ambassador" and "The Invasion of Kuwait from the Chinese Perspective."

In recognition of his efforts in serving Bahrain, Mr. Hussein Rashid Al-Sabbagh has been awarded the Third- Class Medal of His Highness Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa and medals from Lebanon and Tunisia.



Goals

Spreading the culture of democracy

Provide legal training

Qualify politicians

Develop political awareness

Spread the dialogue culture

Support scientific research

Teach the reform project

Support the parliament experience

Support human rights centers

Support the municipal council experience

Provide human rights programs

consolidation of the rule of law

Goals

Decree No. 39 of 2005, as amended was issued on the establishment and organization of the Bahrain Institute for Political Development. It included 12 goals whereby BIPD shall aim to achieve the following goals in accordance with the constitutional and legal foundations and principles:

1. Spread the culture of democracy, support and establish the concept of sound democratic principles
2. Provide training, studies and research programs relating to the constitutional and legal domains of different classes of the public, and in particular the following categories:
 - (A) Members of the Shura Council and the House of Representatives, integrating coordination between the two councils.
 - (B) Members of municipal councils, integrating coordination between these councils.
 - (C) Staff working in government ministries and agencies, public and private institutions and civil society institutions.
3. Spread and promote political awareness among citizens, according to the provisions of the Constitution and the principles of the National Action Charter.
4. Support and develop scientific research in the field of political systems and constitutional law.
5. Support parliamentary experience by explaining its mechanisms, methods of operation, and clarifying the regulatory and legislative role of the legislative authority.
6. Support the experience of municipal councils, and their role in serving the country and the citizens.
7. Establish the principle of legality and the rule of law.
8. Provide programs related to human rights studies, according to the provisions of the Constitution and the principles of the National Action Charter.
9. Support centers and associations working on the protection of human rights.
10. Teach foundations, frameworks and principles of the modern reform project of the Kingdom of Bahrain, according to the provisions of the Constitution and the principles of the National Action Charter.
11. Promote and disseminate the culture of dialogue and exchange of opinions.
12. Prepare qualified individuals to engage in political action.

The background consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent polygons in various shades of orange and white. The shapes are irregular and angular, creating a dynamic, abstract composition. The colors range from a deep, saturated orange to a very light, almost white tone. The text 'Our Identity' is centered within a large, dark orange polygon that occupies the middle-left portion of the frame.

Our Identity

Our Identity

The institute's logo represents an identity which conveys and summarizes its message to the public. It also expresses the objectives of the Institute concisely and effectively. BIPD has launched its new logo, coinciding with the tenth anniversary of its creation; to consolidate its goals and mission to the community.

Indication of the shape

The form, colors and lines of the logo are very carefully chosen, where the square expresses the unity of the components of the Bahraini community. This consists of a variety of ethnicities and spectra, including the Arabs who are the majority, and non-Arabs, forming together a magnificent and unique mosaic which characterizes the Bahraini society throughout history.

Indication of the colors

The gray and orange colors of the logo express the mission of the Institute which is "training with neutrality... and awareness; for the development of peaceful reform."

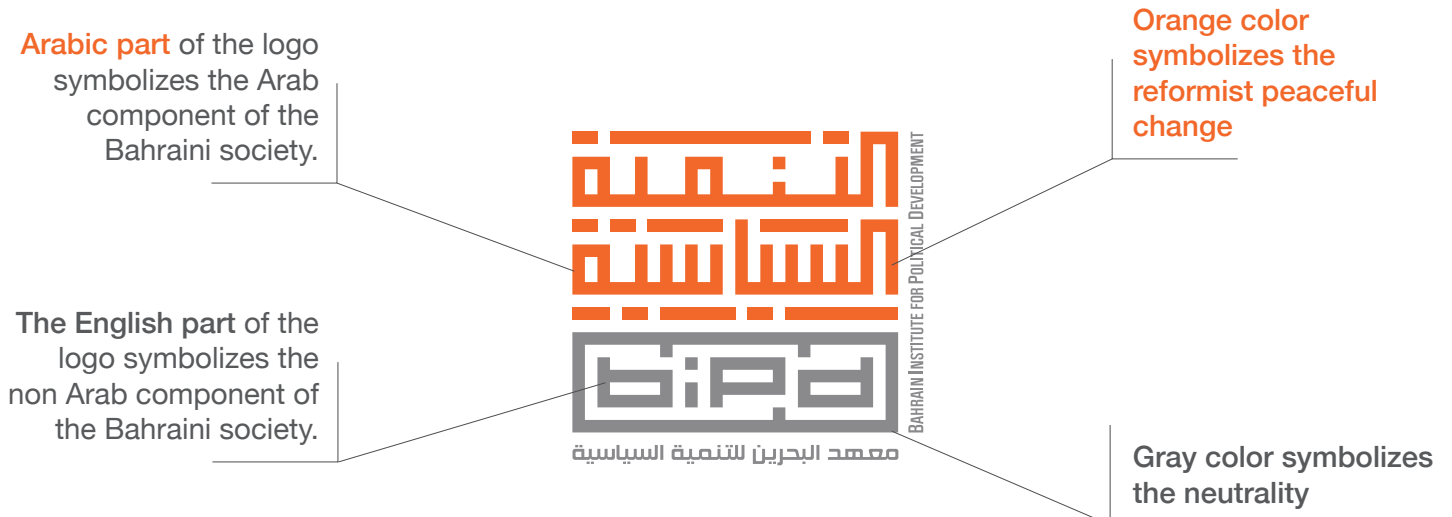
Indication of the font

The Kofi font is chosen to denote the authenticity and nobility of the Bahraini society, as Kufi Arabic is an authentic Arabic font. The English part of the logo is designed to suit with the Kufi font to signify the homogenization, integration and unity of the Bahraini society with its components and spectra.

Publicity Name

The publicity name used by the institute consists of two parts, Arabic and English. The Arabic part is "Political Development" which is the publicity short name of the Institute known in the media. The Institute gained its reputation as a national institute reflecting quality and trust, and became a powerful tool that should be invested in.

The English part of the logo (BIPD) is the acronym of the name of the institute in English, which is also used for the website, address and as the institute's handle for its various channels of social media.



Partners

Shura Council

Nuwab Council

Ministry of Education

Legislation and
Legal Opinion
Comission

Ministry
of Works,
Municipalities
and Urban
Development

Universities

Municipal
Councils

National Institute
for Human Rights

Higher education
institutions

Ministry of Youth
and Sports

Supreme Council
for Women

Royal Police
Academy

Partners

Our partnerships take several forms of cooperation between the Institute and both government and non government organizations. Primarily with those that share same interests and objectives, in order to strengthen the effectiveness of parties to such partnerships and to achieve the goals that have been agreed mutually. Therefore, the BIPD is creating roots its partners, through signing agreements, creating memoranda of understanding and carrying out joint activities; to ensure the achievement of the objectives and the agreements. The Institute signed in 2015 the following cooperation agreements:

Cooperation agreement with the House of Representatives

A cooperation agreement was signed with the House of Representatives, according to which, BIPD offers the “Skills Program for the Parliamentarians” in order to strengthen the skills of members of the House of Representatives, as well as another program on the “Parliamentary Support to the Secretariat of the House of Representatives”, to train the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council. The agreement also allows the institute to provide more training programs for employees of the House of Representatives, including specialized workshops and educational publications.

Cooperation agreement with the Shura Council

A cooperation agreement was signed with the Shura Council, to offer the training program “Parliamentary Skills Program for the Shura Members” which aims to bolster the skills of the Shura members. Another program offered is the “Parliamentary Support Program for the Secretariat of the Shura”, for the training of the staff of the General Secretariat of the Council. The agreement also allows the Institute to provide more training programs for members of the Shura Council, including specialized workshops and educational publications.

Cooperation agreement with the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning

A cooperation agreement was signed with the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning to provide the “Municipal Skills Program for the Municipal council” for the development of the skills of the municipal council members and the Secretariat of the Capital. The agreement also allows the institute to provide more training programs for members of the councils and the Secretariat, including specialized workshops and educational publications. The Institute has carried out programs for a range of partners, through cooperation agreements and memoranda of understanding signed in the past years, which are still in effect, with the following institutions:

- National Institute for Human Rights
- Royal Police Academy
- Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Local universities
- Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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Programs

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Bahrain Institute for Political Development programs are classified as either training programs or outreach programs. According to the terms of reference contained in the Institute's inception decree, it is mandated to work in the field of policy, constitutional law, and human rights.

All programs include several elements of events and publications to achieve the desired goals. All the programs are formulated by a group of experts, professional politicians, and human rights specialists.

- Parliamentary Skills Program for Shura
- Parliamentary Support Program for Shura Secretariat
- Parliamentary Skills Program for MPs
- Parliamentary Support Program for the Secretariat of the House of Representatives
- Human Rights Program for Public Security Officers
- Municipal skills Program for the Municipal Councils
- Political Outreach to the Community Program
- Gulf Forum for Political Media Program
- Student Awareness Program

I: Training Programs

Program name: “Parliamentary Skills for the Shura”

(April 2015 - December 2016)

Introduction

Based on the shared commitment among all state institutions and the Bahraini society, in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to support the reform project of His Majesty the King, and the belief that support for the democratic institutions is the most important element of this commitment, Bahrain Institute for Political Development and the Shura Council signed an agreement for cooperation, whereby the Institute provides various aspects of cultural and training support for members of the Shura Council and the Secretariat staff of the Council.

The agreement includes providing a program for parliamentary skills for members of the Shura Council which aims to strengthen the legal and political culture of the Shura members, enabling them to carry out their legislative duties optimally. The program runs from April 2015 to December 2016.

The program is designed to achieve empowerment of members of the Shura Council, through various workshops and publications on constitutional, legal and political issues, taking into account the terms of reference of the Shura Council, and expertise of its members. The program also includes studying of the Constitution, looking at the laws regulating the Shura Council and its bylaws, as well as studying the political, educational, functional, and quality background of the members of the Council, along with parliamentarians support programs, in international and regional institutions.

The overall goal of the program

The program aims to develop the parliamentary skills, legal and political knowledge of the members of the Shura Council, to support them in the political decision-making, and enhance their abilities to communicate with citizens, government and non-governmental institutions, in order to ensure the performance of their legislative role to the fullest.

Workshops, which were provided in 2015:

- 1- Media handling skills
- 2- General budget analysis skills
- 3- Legislative drafting and legal interpretation skills

Workshops which will be provided in 2016:

- 1- Strategic planning and the political process
- 2- The relationship between the public authorities in the state
- 3- Parliamentary diplomacy and protocol skills
- 4- The role of parliamentary committees
- 5- Human rights in the Bahraini laws and international conventions

Program name: “Parliamentary support for the Secretariat of the Shura”

(April 2015 - December 2016)

Introduction

Parliamentary Support Program is a program through which the Bahrain Institute for Political Development seeks to achieve the objectives set forth in the Royal Decree. The program is keen to provide a wide variety of topics, by different mechanisms and means of implementation. The selection of these topics is based on the terms of reference and of the various departments of the General Secretariat of the Shura Council, as set out in the law and internal regulations of the Council and the relevant administrative decisions, in addition to studying parliamentary empowerment programs for women conducted by similar international and regional institutions. Program themes vary between information, research and protocol issues. The program is aimed at providing training support to staff of the Secretariat of the Shura Council, and develop their skills in a way that contributes to creating staff able to respond creatively to the demands of the members of the Shura Council, enabling them to keep pace with the emerging burdens, and develop parliamentary performance in general- through the development of staff capabilities, depending on the nature of their duties.

The overall goal of the program

Support staff skills, and the creation of cadres capable of responding to the demands of the members of the Shura Council.

Workshops, which were provided in 2015:

- 1- Skills of activating parliamentary media
- 2- Social media handling skills.
- 3- Reporting skills

Workshops which will be provided in 2016:

- 1- Preparation of parliamentary research skills
- 2- Parliamentary documentation skills
- 3- Protocol skills

I: Training Programs

Program name: “Parliamentary Skills for Members of the House of Representatives ”

(March 2015 - December 2016)

Introduction

Based on the shared commitment among all state institutions and Bahraini society, in the Kingdom of Bahrain, to support the reform project of His Majesty the King, and the belief that support for the democratic institutions is the most important element of this commitment, Bahrain Institute for Political Development and the House of Representatives signed an agreement for cooperation, whereby the Institute provides various aspects of cultural and training support for members of the House of Representatives and the Secretariat staff. The agreement includes providing a program for parliamentary skills for the Parliament members which aims to strengthen their legal and political culture, enabling them to carry out their legislative duties optimally. The program runs from March 2015 to December 2016. The program is designed to achieve empowerment of members of the House of Representatives, through various workshops and publications on constitutional, legal and political issues, taking into account the terms of reference of the Council, and expertise of its members. The program also includes studying of the Constitution, looking at the laws regulating the Council and its by laws, as well as studying the political, educational, functional, and quality background of the members of the Council, along with parliamentarians support programs, in international and regional institutions.

The overall goal of the program

The program aims to develop the parliamentary legal and political skills and knowledge of the members of the House of Representatives in order to ensure the performance of their legislative and supervisory role to the fullest. As well as enhancing the skills of members of the House of Representatives in the interpretation and drafting of the legal texts, the program enables them to use regulatory tools correctly.

Workshops that were provided in 2015

- 1- Media handling skills
- 2- General budget analysis skills
- 3- The art of legislative drafting and skills of submission of draft laws

Workshops which will be provided in 2016

- 1- Limits of the legislative mandate
- 2- Parliamentary diplomacy
- 3- The House of Representatives' relationship with the municipal councils
- 4- Uses of parliamentary oversight tools
- 5- Human rights in the Bahraini laws and international conventions
- 6- Communicating with the citizens

Program name: “Parliamentary support for the Secretariat of the House of Representatives”

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The overall goal of the program

Prepare a cadre capable of responding to the demands of the members of the House of Representatives in the legislative duties.

Workshops that were provided in 2015

- 1- Skills of activating parliamentary media
- 2- Social media handling skills.
- 3- Reporting skills

Workshops which will be provided in 2016

- 1- Preparation of parliamentary research skills
- 2- Parliamentary documentation skills
- 3- Protocol skills

I: Training Programs

Program name: “Human Rights for Public Security Officers”

(May-June 2015)

Introduction

The program seeks to highlight international standards for human rights in police work, to promote, disseminate and integrate those standards in the work of public security officers and law enforcement in general. This is in an effort to emphasize the political rights, such as the right of free expression and assembly, associated with the practice of democracy. It also seeks to ensure the application of democratic regulatory rules, good governance, and transparency in the work of the security services.

This program aims at raising the awareness of human rights amongst public security officers through a tripartite institutional partnership between:

- 1- Bahrain Institute for Political Development
- 2- National Institution for Human Rights
- 3- Royal Police Academy

The overall goal of the program

Strengthening the ability of public security officers to carry out their responsibilities within the framework of human rights and introducing the international human rights standards applicable in exceptional circumstances.

Workshops that were provided in 2015

- 1- Promoting and protecting human rights principles at the national and international levels
- 2- International human rights standards and the work of the police in democratic systems
- 3- Role of the police in the application of international standards of human rights in emergency situations and civil disturbance

Program name: “Municipality skills for municipal councils”

(July 2015 - December 2016)

Introduction

Municipality skills program for municipal councils is a program through which the Bahrain Institute for Political Development seeks to achieve the objectives set forth in the Royal Decree. The program is designed to present a variety of subjects, mechanisms and means of implementation. BIPD selected these subjects based on two grounds:

- The terms of reference of the municipal councils, as stipulated in the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the relevant laws. In addition to the internal regulations of the municipal councils.
- The skills and expertise of municipal members based on their CVs and their practical experience, their social, political and economic diversity through available media sources.

The program seeks to achieve the empowerment of municipal members of these councils, through a combination of multiple and integrated means which focused on:

- Legal subjects
- Social and services subjects

Through the acquisition of such skills, municipal members can wisely exercise the role they are entrusted with, have the ability to discuss issues related to the functions of municipal councils and propose ways of enhancing these functions to keep pace with the new requirements.

The overall goal of the program

Enable members of the municipalities to practice their social and service role, in a manner which contributes to improving the social and services conditions in the kingdom in general.

The workshops, which will be completed in 2016

1. The relationship between municipal councils and the National Council (the House of Representatives and the Shura Council)
2. The service roles of the municipal councils
3. How to use municipal control
4. Managerial skills
5. Integration among government agencies and local administrations and municipalities
6. Communicating with the public.
7. Social Crisis Management
8. Analysis of the municipal budget
9. The relationship between municipal councils and civil society organizations
10. Dealing with municipal Media

II: Outreach Programs

Program name: “Raising Political Awareness of the Society”

(May - December 2015)

Introduction

The idea of the program is built on direct and indirect contact with the average citizens, which would activate community dialogue, and increase the degree of political awareness among the members of the society in general. This program consists of a number of events, such as competitions, seminars, lectures, and exhibitions, which in themselves are a variety of means and patterns to educate the local community on the basics of constitutional political awareness and the reform project of His Majesty the King.

The overall goal of the program

1. Bridging the gap between the political elite and society
2. Activate community dialogue
3. Reviewing latest terms of different political schools in dealing with current political issues

What has been achieved during 2015

1. Political discourse Competition 1
2. Seminar titled “a small country in a dangerous region”
3. Al Ayam cultural festival for the book
4. Community Partnership Day Exhibition

Program name: “Gulf Forum for Political Media”

(January-December 2015)

Introduction

In light of the citizens search for better spaces to express themselves and communicate, social media in recent years has become very popular among the people. It allows users to search and communicate with each other easily. This fact in itself made this tool one of the most important and powerful tools in shaping public opinion and political socialization; it has imposed on the observers of the political development process in the society, and as a result of these developments, it has imposed on the need to search for the main determinants of trends in the this type of media, and the role of media institutions in community awareness. This program targets, in particular the media, journalists, politicians, academics in media and political spheres. On a general level it targets all segments of society.

The overall goal of the program

Strengthening the role of the media in spreading the culture of democracy in Bahraini society

What has been achieved in 2015

- 1 The Third Gulf Forum for Political Media
- 2 Gulf Forum for Political Media Award
- 3 Publications and releases:
 - A booklet of the Third Gulf Forum booklet for Political Media
 - A book on Arab press and the culture of differences
 - A Book on media and the culture of difference - the Forum sessions
- 4 Competitions
 - The active person on twitter
 - Ramadan Competition Political Media

II: Outreach Programs

Program name: “Students Awareness”

(June - December 2015)

Introduction

This program seeks to conduct a series of competitions and workshops periodically on political and legal awareness for students, through politicians, specialists, lawyers, and experts in the field of education with an aim to raise the political and legal awareness of students, highlight the most important problems and political challenges that may face students in the future, provide solutions to these challenges and achieve the political empowerment of youth.

The overall goal of the program

1- Political and legal awareness of the students.

What has been achieved in 2015

- 1 Summer camp for students of the Royal Police Academy, which presented a series of lectures on:
 - The principles of democracy and citizenship
 - Formation of the National Council
 - Constitutional system of the Kingdom of Bahrain
- 2 Youth City 2030, organized by the General Organization for Youth and Sports, which presented a lecture and a quiz:
 - Communication Skills in elections
 - Youth political contest
- 3 The national competition for the Rights of the Child.



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Activities

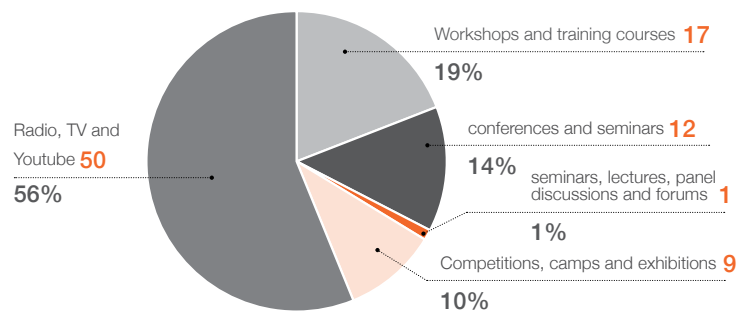
Activities

Bahrain Institute for Political Development conducts a variety of events throughout the year, such as training courses, workshops, seminars, lectures, forums, conferences, round tables, contests, camps, exhibitions, etc.

The number of training and awareness events

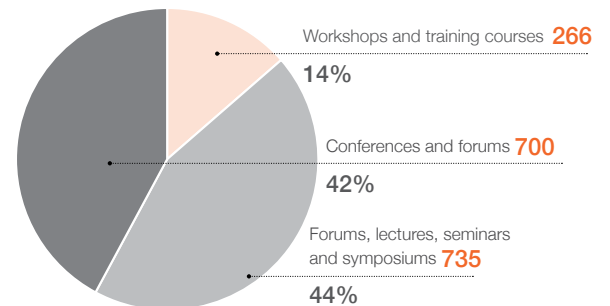
The 89 events were carried out by the Institute in 2015, including:

- 30 training events (workshops, lectures, seminars, forums, symposiums)
- 59 awareness events including (6 competitions for the public, 3 exhibitions, 50 television and radio episodes)



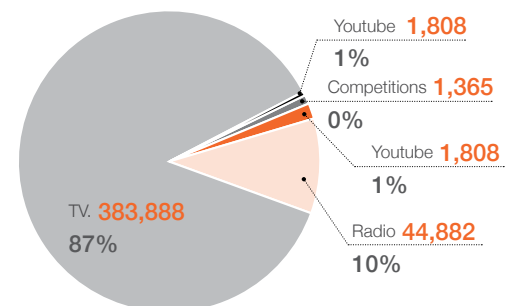
The number of beneficiaries of the training activities during 2015

The training activities of the Institute attracted 1,661 participants and trainees throughout the year 2015, of which there were 226 trainees for the workshops, and 735 participants in seminars and lectures, and 700 specialists participated in the Third Gulf Forum for Political Media.



The number of beneficiaries of awareness activities 2015

The number of beneficiaries of awareness activities of the Institute was estimated using local and international studies, based on the subject of the event. Accordingly, it has been estimated that the number of beneficiaries of 2015, were 442,173 individuals, i.e. 87% (through TV episodes), and (10%) of the radio episodes. As for the competitions, the total number of contestants was 4,425 and 7,350 beneficiaries of the three exhibitions which BIPD organized or participated in.



Activities

(Workshops)

Workshop name: “Media handling skills”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for the Shura

Date: May 18 to 19, 2015

Location: Gulf Hotel

Lecturer: Media Advisor Ahmed Aoudah

The workshop aimed to familiarize the participants with the various types of media, and highlight the importance of the relationship between members of the Shura Council and the media, in addition to providing some examples of the relationships between the Shura and the media, and finally highlighting the main elements contributing to the formation of these relationships.



Workshop name: “Media handling skills”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for Members of the Parliament

Date: 24 - May 25 2015

Location: Gulf Hotel

Lecturer: Media Advisor Ahmed Aoudah

The participants in the workshop were familiarized with the various types of media. The workshop highlighted the importance of the relationship between Members of Parliament and the media, in addition to providing some examples of the relationships between Parliament and the media, and finally highlighted the main elements contributing to the formation of these relationships.



Workshop name: “General budget analysis skills”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for the Shura

Date: June 4, 2015

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Lecturer: Dr. Ahmed Al Balushi

The workshop provided participants with a comprehensive definition of the general budget of the state, and the mechanisms of its implementation. It explained the State budget characteristics and principles to be taken into account when discussing matters related to it and highlighted the best way to read State budget. Finally, the workshop introduced to participants the most important terms used in the budget.



Workshop name: “General budget analysis skills”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for the House of Representatives
Date: June 7, 2015
Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel
Lecturer: Dr. Ahmed Al Balushi

The workshop provided participants with a comprehensive definition of the State budget, and its characteristics. It tackled principles to be taken into account when discussing matters related and the best way to read it correctly. Participants were familiarized with the most important specialized terminology used in State budget.



Workshop name: “Parliamentary media activation skills”

Program: Parliamentary Support for the Secretariat of the Shura Council
Date: July 27 to 28, 2015
Location: Shura Council
Lecturer: Mr. Ashraf Al-Marzouq

The workshop highlighted the characteristics and professional qualifications for the parliamentary editor and introduced the stages of writing reports and rules of writing. It also explained how to choose the subjects and the sources in the Parliament. It discussed how to deal with the minutes of the meetings of Parliament, and the definition of parliamentary media and televisions, as well as electronic media news coverage of sessions of Parliament.



Workshop name: “Activation of Means of the Parliamentary Media”

Program: Parliamentary Support for the Secretariat of the House of Representatives
Date: August 12 to 13, 2015
Location: House of Representatives
Lecturer: Mr. Ashraf Al-Marzouq

The workshop highlighted the characteristics and professional qualifications for the parliamentary editor and introduced the stages of writing reports and rules of writing. It also explained how to choose the subjects and the sources in the Parliament. It discussed how to deal with the minutes of the meetings of Parliament, and the definition of parliamentary media and televisions, as well as electronic media news coverage of sessions of Parliament.



Activities

(Workshops)...

Workshop name: “Skills for dealing with social media”

Program: Parliamentary Support to the Secretariat of the Shura Council
Date: September 14 to 15, 2015
Location: Shura Council
Lecturer: Mr. Hatem Kameli

The workshop dealt in detail with the definition of electronic revolution, its impact on other means of media, social networks and their importance, as well as the use of social media in Bahrain, concerns and how to use them safely.



Workshop name: “Skills for dealing with social media”

Program: Parliamentary Support for the Secretariat of the House of Representatives
Date: September 16 to 17, 2015
Location: House of Representatives
Lecturer: Mr. Hatem Kameli

The workshop dealt in detail with the definition of electronic revolution, its impact on other means of media, social networks and their importance, as well as the use of social media in Bahrain, concerns and how to use them safely.



Workshop name: “Report writing skills”

Program: Parliamentary Support for the Secretariat of the House of Representatives and the Secretariat of the Shura Council
Date: October 28 to 29, 2015
Location: Shura Council
Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Himmat Hassan Abdul Majeed Al Sakka

The workshop introduced report writing, the types of reports, structure, and style of writing. It also provided participants with a comprehensive definition of a good report, in terms of drafting, information, sequencing and information sources. Finally the workshop addressed the mechanisms, and skills of the oral presentation of the reports.



Workshop name: “legislative drafting and legal interpretation skills”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for the Shura
Date: October 29, 2015
Location: Gulf Hotel
Lecturer: Dr. Mohammed Walid Al-Masri, Dr. Marwan Al Mudares

The workshop tackled legislative drafting standards in detail, the international rules for this drafting, as well as key elements in the legislative drafting and its different types. It also discussed the nature and characteristics of legislative drafting, the types, doctrines and methods of legal interpretation.



Workshop name: “the art of legislative drafting and skills of presenting draft laws”

Program: Parliamentary Skills for Members of Parliament
Date: November 5, 2015
Location: House of Representatives
Lecturer: Dr. Mohammed Walid Al Masri

The workshop tackled legislative drafting standards, the general rules for legislative drafting, as well as its key elements, types and nature of this drafting. It also addressed draft laws and their implementation mechanism.



Workshop name: “promoting and protecting human rights principles at the national and international levels”

Program: Human Rights for Public Security Officers
Date: May 31, 2015
Location: Royal Police Academy
Lecturer: Dr. Ahmad Farhan

The workshop familiarized participants with the general concepts and basic principles of human rights and addressed human rights and the rule of law, as well as human rights and democracy. It also tackled States’ obligations arising from human rights and concluded by discussing the issue of the potential for governments to restrict human rights.

The workshop targeted public security officers from the senior leadership.



Activities (Workshops)...

Workshop name: “International standards of human rights and the role of the police in democratic systems”

Program: Human Rights for Public Security Officers

Date: June 1, 2015

Location: Royal Police Academy

Lecturer: Dr. Ahmad Farhan

The workshop clarified the role of the police in protecting human rights and freedoms, the definition of the basic functions of the police forces. It also touched upon the guarantees that judicial officers should be part of the investigations authority and impact of violations of public rights and freedoms. The role of the police to maintain human rights, was also explored and the role of the recently established National Institute for Human Rights. The workshop targeted public security officers from the senior leadership.



Workshop name: “Role of the Police in the application of international human rights standards in emergency cases and civil disturbance”

Program: Human Rights for Public Security Officers

Date: June 2, 2015

Location: Royal Police Academy

Lecturer: Dr. Ahmad Farhan

The workshop addressed the basic rules for the use of force and firearms, as well as values to be considered when force is used. It also discussed the conditions that permit the use of force, weapons, and procedures to be followed before and after the initiation of the use of force. Applications of use of force and firearms were explored in addition to monitoring mechanism. The workshop targeted public security officers from the senior leadership.



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Date: May 31, 2015

Location: Royal Police Academy

Lecturer: Mr. Ali Al Bahar

The workshop familiarized participants with the general concepts of the basic principles of human rights, and addressed the human rights relationship and sovereignty of the state, as well as human rights and democracy. It also introduced the obligations of States arising from human rights and concluded by discussing issue of the potential for governments to restrict human rights. The workshop targeted public security officers from middle level leaderships.



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Activities (Lectures)

Lecture name: The principles of democracy and citizenship

Program: Students Outreach

Date: August 2, 2015

Location: Bahrain Institute for Political Development

Lecturer: Ouhood Nasser

The lecture introduced to students the concept of democracy and its history, types of ancient democracies, as well as the evolution of democracy in medieval and modern ages. It also highlighted the objectives of democracy, forms, and conditions of a democratic society, as well as citizenship as one of the values of democracy and the concept of citizenship, in addition to the citizenship; the concept and the practice and application of democracy. The lecture is part of the summer camp for students of the Royal Police Academy.



Lecture name: “The formation of the National Council”

Program: Students Outreach

Date: August 3, 2015

Location: Bahrain Institute for Political Development

Lecturer: Haya Al Kaabi

The lecture explained the formation of the House of Representatives and the Shura Councils and the conditions to be met by its members, according to the provisions of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The lecture is part of the summer camp for students of the Royal Police Academy.



Lecture name: “The constitutional system in the Kingdom of Bahrain”

Program: Students Outreach

Date: August 5, 2015

Location: Bahrain Institute for Political Development

Lecturer: Aysha Rashdan

The lecture sought to familiarize students on the types of constitutions, with reference to the Bahraini Constitution, and clarified the most important principles of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, the principles of the National Action Charter, as well as the nature of Bahrain’s political system, according to the constitution in light of the amendments (2002, 2012). The lecture is part of the summer camp for students of the Royal Police Academy.



Lecture name: “Communication skills in elections”

Program: Students Outreach
Date: August 10, 2015
Location: Youth City 2030
Lecturer: Mr. Khalid Fayadh

The lecture introduced the basic rules of communication skills, especially during the election period. It also explored what is meant by communications, their types, different forms of communication and finally, the participants listened to a detailed explanation of the nature of the relationship between the candidate and the voter. The lecture took place at Youth City 2030 and organized by the General Organization for Youth and Sports.



Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 18, 2015
Location: Gulf University
Lecturer: Mr. Khalid Fayadh

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how to write political speeches and technical conditions.



Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 22, 2015
Location: Kingdom University
Lecturer: Mr. Khalid Fayadh

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how to write political speeches and technical conditions.



Activities (Lectures)...

Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 23, 2015
Location: Applied Sciences University
Lecturer: Mr. Khalid Fayadh

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how to write political speeches and technical conditions.



Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 25, 2015
Location: AMA University
Lecturer: Marayam Al Yami

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how to write political speeches and technical conditions.



Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 26, 2015
Location: Royal College for Girls
Lecturer: Yaya Al Kaabi

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how to write political speeches and technical conditions.



Lecture name: “Introducing the competition on writing political discourse 1”

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: November 29, 2015
Location: Al Ahliya University
Lecturer: Mr. Khalid Fayadh

The lecture provided a comprehensive definition of the competition on writing political discourse, in addition to the conditions to be met by the participants. Attendees received a full explanation of the objectives of the competition and, finally, participants were introduced to how write political speeches and technical conditions.



Lecture name: “Introducing the national competition for the Rights of the Child 2”

Program: Students Outreach
Date: September 9, 2015
Location: Gulf Hotel
Lecturers: Khalid Fayadh, Ouhood Nasser, Lateefa Al Murshid,
Mariyam Al Balushi

The lecture provided an explanation on the Child Rights Law in the Bahraini legislations, the role of the school in instilling the principles enshrined in the Child Rights Law, in the presence of 60 representatives from government schools participating in the competition. Also provided were in the definition of the competition, and the conditions to be met by the participants, and the age groups covered. Attendees were also briefed on the awards that will be presented to them.



Activities (Seminars)

Seminar name: “Small State in a Dangerous Region”

Program: Community Political Outreach

Date: May 25, 2015

Location: Hotel Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq

Lecturer: Dr. Mitchell Belfer, Head of the Department of International Relations and European Studies at the Metropolitan University Prague, and editor of the Journal of the European Centre for International and Security Studies.



The seminar aimed to develop political awareness among the public, and stand on the latest political developments in the region, as well as helping citizens to be able to analyze the surrounding political events. It also discussed what was meant by a small state, clarified the advantages and disadvantages of being geographically a small state, in addition to the Iranian interference in Bahrain, and events of Bahrain which took place recently in Bahrain, and their risks on the national security of the kingdom.



Activities (Forums)

Forum name: “Third Gulf Forum for Political Media- Media and Civil Peace”

Program: Gulf Forum for Political Media

Date: November 11, 2015

Location: Gulf Hotel

Attendance: 700

Lecturers: Turki Al-Dakhil - Khalil Al Thawadi - Dr. Khaled Al Ganfawi - Nart

Buran - Hassan Moawad - Dr. Majid Al Turki - Dr. Haitham Al-Zubaidi - Mannar Al Hashash - Badr Saleh - Jamal Fakhro - Saif Al Maskary - Giselle Khoury - Dr. Ali Al Shuaibi.



The Forum, which was organized by the Institute for the third year in a row, under the patronage of HE Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister, sought to promote open dialogue among community members in the Gulf of political media, where the Forum carried the title of “Media and Civil Peace”. The attendees met with an elite of intellectuals, media and politics in Bahrain, the Gulf States and the Arab world, who discussed the best ways to create a conscious Arab political media able to defend the nation’s just causes.

The Forum sought to deliver a message about the commitment of the Kingdom of Bahrain to build and promote open dialogue among community members in the Gulf political media, as well as consolidating the values of peaceful coexistence, tolerance, acceptance of others, and the rejection of intolerance, as one of the elements of the overall development. The Forum consisted of 3 sessions, focusing in its entirety on the role of media in promoting civil peace. The first session discussed the traditional role of the media in promoting the culture of civil peace. The second session discussed new media and was titled the “New media ... between exclusion and assimilation, while the third session touched upon promoting the culture of civil peace.

The Forum also witnessed a remarkable event, which was the presentation of the first version of the Political Media Forum Award to the winners; the Arab and Gulf journalists and media. The participating works throughout the year were evaluated- from the press and media production on the subject of the award, “Promoting a culture of differences. Dr. Khalid Al Ganfawi won the press award and the TV award went to a program named “Trends” represented by Nadeen Al Bedair, prepared by Dania Al Uraidi, and program director Ayham Al Zyouid.



Activities (Competitions)

Competition name: “National Contest for Rights of the Child 2”

Program: Students Outreach
Date: September-December 2015
The target: School Students

BIPD and the Ministry of Education organized the national contest for the Rights of the Child with an aim to shed light on Bahrain’s Child Law. The program set out the rights and duties contained in this law, how to implement and introduce it in school environment, along with showing as well as how to translate these rights and duties of the child in several art forms such as drawings, stories, drama, photography, pamphlets, and projects, as well as short films, sculptures, and presentations.



Competition name: “Young Politician”

Program: Students Outreach
Date: August 19, 2015
The target: Youth

The Institute organized a political contest for the participants in Youth City 2030, relating to Kingdom of Bahrain, its political system, the principles of democracy and human Rights, in order to develop political awareness, and dissemination of the culture of democracy for that age group.



Competition name: «Writing Political Speech» 1

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: October-December 2015
The target: Young Bahrainis (18-29 years old)

The Institute organized a writing contest of political speech for young Bahrainis aimed to discover young talents, through raising the spirit of fair and free competition among young people. The contest allowed them to form and encourage political cadres, and produce speeches that would be able to enrich and develop national political action.

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Competition name: Ramadan Political Media Forum Award

Program: Gulf Forum for Political Media

Date: June - July 2015

The target: Community

BIPD launched via its social networking account - Instagram “@PMFaward”, Ramadan Political Media Forum Award. The move came within the context of BIPD efforts to encourage users of social networking channels to maximize the benefits of the Political Media Forum Award. The account portrays its vision, objectives, as well as encouraging the development of community awareness of its importance in consolidating the spirit of national responsibility for journalists and media people. The move also aimed to encourage people to have positive professional practice, activating the culture of tolerance and acceptance of others, in order to effectuate the slogan of award for this year, which is “(Promoting a culture of differences)”.

The photo shows a Bahrain University student - commercial studies- Alyaa Isa Al Meqehwi, winner of the third week award of the Ramadan Political Media Forum Award.



Competition name: The Most Active Person on Twitter

Program: Gulf Forum for Political Media

Date: November 11, 2015

The target: The audience of the Gulf Form for Political Media

Coinciding with the inauguration of the forum of the third Gulf Forum for Political Media, and with an aim to market the content of the forum, as much as possible among the public, BIPD launched a contest on the day of the forum. Targeting the participants, the contest invited twitter user who were the most active in the number of tweets, relating to the content of the sessions of the Forum, (as well as the most active person in retweeting the tweets under the slogan of the Forum), to be crowned “The Most Achive Person on Twitter.”



Activities (Competitions)...

Forum name: "Gulf Forum for Political Media Award"

Program: Gulf Forum for Political Media

Date: November 2014, December 2015

The target: Journalists and Media

The idea of the annual award of the Political Media Forum was based on one of the recommendations of the Gulf Forum for Political Media in its first edition. The Award aimed to deepen the climate of freedom, and the spirit of national responsibility, for journalists and media, regardless of their intellectual and cultural schools, and to encourage writers, journalists, and media on positive professional practice, as well as activating the democratic culture and acceptance of others, and to highlight the pioneering efforts and active initiatives of individuals and media institutions in the Gulf cooperation Council (GCC).

The Award's vision is to be as a strong motive to improve press and television materials, promoting the concept of the culture of democracy and acceptance of others, at the level of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), and keep abreast of changes, and the new requirements and tools. The subject of the award for 2015 was to promote a culture of difference, it has been divided into two parts: one for the press and the other for the TV.



Activities

(Other activities)

Exhibition: Al Ayam Cultural Festival (Book Fair)

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: October 1-10 - 2015
Location: Bahrain Center for Conferences and Exhibitions
The target: Community

BIPD participated in Al Ayam Book Fair, which has become a vibrant, intellectual cultural event. The institute benefited from its pavilion to showcase the latest publications of books, scientific studies and research in the areas of political culture, law, constitution, and media. It also utilized its pavilion as a window to inform visitors about the role of the Institute, its objectives, and the activities aimed at the development of political awareness, and the dissemination of the culture of democracy. The book fair offered a vital opportunity to enhance communication of the Institute with the Bahraini society.



Ceremony: Honoring ceremony of the winners of the National Contest for the Rights of the child 2 and the accompanying exhibition of the winning works

Program: Students Outreach
Date: December 22, 2015
Location: Gulf Hotel
The target: School Students

Under the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa - Representative of His Majesty the King to charity and youth affairs, Head of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports, a ceremony was organized to honor the winners in the National Contest for the Rights of the Child 2. The contest was attended by 60 schools, from different grades, and from both genders. It was aimed at educating school students on the importance of the Law on the Rights of the Child, in order to safeguard their care and protection.



Exhibition: Community Partnership Day

Program: Community Political Outreach
Date: March 19, 2015
Location: Ghazi Al Qusaibi Secondary School for Girls
The target: School Students

The Institute participated in activities at the celebration of community partnership day in the northern governorate. Through its community outreach approach and its role in serving the community, the institute endeavored to reach all segments of the society, and familiarize members of it on the role, mission functions, and activities in the development of political awareness, and dissemination of sound democratic culture. These training and awareness programs contributed to the development of awareness and political culture of the target groups, through seminars, workshops, training courses, conferences, forums, competitions, and social networks, in addition to various educational publications, studies and academic research.





Publications

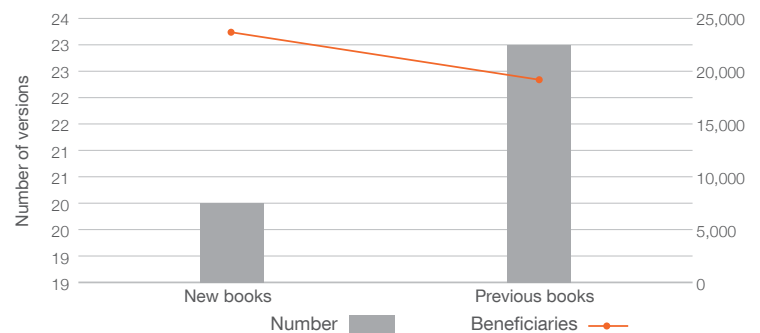
Publications

The publications of Bahrain Institute for Political Development include printed and electronic publications, in addition to articles and releases. BIPD issues short educational films in its areas of competence within the approved programs. The Institute seeks through these versions to target groups with valuable publications, and books to promote political action, and establish the principle of legality and the rule of law as well as the culture of democracy. The Institute also invites through its website, all researchers and specialists in various political and human rights fields of knowledge to participate with their writings to increase scientific knowledge and production, in order to serve the development of the democratic process in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Specialized Publications

The Institute issued 20 new publications in 2015 including specialized books, educational and awareness booklets, in the fields of politics, constitutional law and human rights. 23,772 copies were distributed at a rate of 1.186 copies for each issue, in addition to 19,173 copies for 23 publications issued by the Institute distributed in previous years. An average of 834 copies of each earlier version were distributed in 2015. This benefited 43,900 people by an average of one copy of any new or earlier version.

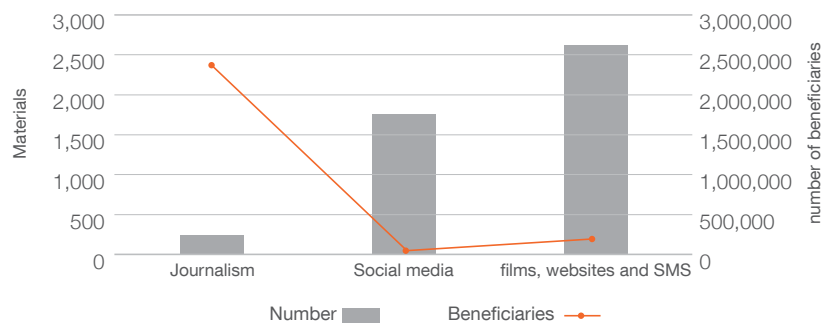
Specialized publications and beneficiaries of 2015



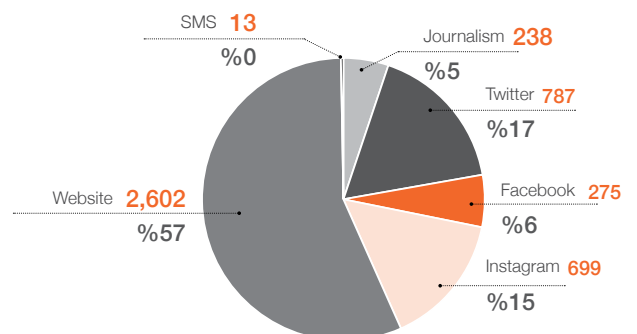
Awareness Materials

The Institute produced total 4,614 awareness materials, which have been circulated through the press, in the form of articles, news, columns (5%), social media channels (38%), and the website of the Institute (57%). The estimated number of beneficiaries of the awareness material was up to 2,609,713 people; 22,364 taking advantage of the social media channels of the Institute; and 189,666 people benefited from the website who were registered in the database of Institute to receive for SMS messages. The Press had the largest number of beneficiaries, at 2,397,683 people.

Outreach publications and beneficiaries of 2015



The number of training and awareness events - 2015



Publications

Political Education and Upbringing in the Arab World

The Author of the book is Dr. Reda Mohamed Hilal, and it consists of six chapters. The first chapter is on the most prominent means of educational attainment, and how political systems use these means as tools for political upbringing. The second chapter dealt with a study of the curriculum in the Kingdom Bahrain, describing the educational system, while the third chapter gave another example of a state which follows the constitutional monarchy. It described which is the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and displayed the role of education in the consolidation of the political attitudes of Jordanian students. The fourth chapter described the role of the curriculum in the political socialization in Kuwait. Chapters 5 and 6 gave two models for countries that follow the republican system, and presented an analysis of the content of the curriculum, for both Iraq and Egypt.



Child Law

The full text of the Child Law No. 37 issued on August 7, 2012, which aims to protect children's rights in Bahrain, in accordance with the standards and relevant international agreements.



Legal Regulation of Election' Crimes

Dr. Nidal Yasin and others. This book is the product of a joint effort between the professors, the legal specialists at the Kingdom University, and Bahrain Institute for Political Development. The book derives its importance from the fact that elections are one of the bases of democratic society, and form of political participation; so there should be a degree of integrity and trust, hence the legislator was concerned with the provision of the laws that protect the electoral process from any manipulation. In the preamble chapter the authors dealt with the idea of electoral crime, its definition, with a display of the stages of the electoral process. The first chapter has focused on the electoral process conditions, and forms of electoral crime, penalties for the perpetrators of these crimes, and finally the civil liability arising out of electoral crimes, and their consequences, if committed.



Bahraini Women in the National Assembly

This study comes to highlight the contribution of Bahraini women in all fields, including political participation, which is the product of a joint effort between Bahrain Institute for Political Development and the Kingdom University. It is divided into four chapters, the first dealing with the conceptual framework for the study of mutual relations between the political participation of women, and many of the political and social concepts. Then the study reviews international conventions that tackled women's issues since the beginning of the twentieth century. Chapter II talks about the constitutional and legal frameworks of the organization of the political rights of Bahraini women, while the book in the third chapter deals with the Bahraini women experience in municipal councils. The fourth and final chapter deals with the most important challenges facing the political role of Bahraini women and how to overcome them, through a poll of deputies in both chambers of the National Council of the Shura and the Representatives.



Civil Society, the State and Democratic Transition

Dr Iman Hassan, talks in her book, which consists of 58-pages about the civil society, the state and democratization, through three axes. The first talks about the civil society and the state (conceptual framework) and deals with different definitions, elements, and special characteristic of civil society. The second part entitled "Theoretical Framework for the Relationship Between the State and Civil Society", she speaks about the legal framework for the relationship, and patterns of the relationship. The last topic touches on an important issue, the democratic transformation, as well as reviewing the stages, and the reasons for, and indicators of democratization.



Arab Press and the Culture Difference

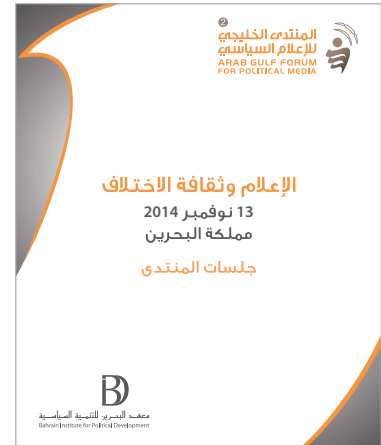
The book "Arab Press and the Culture Difference" was the last book that BIPD published in 2015, which was the product of research effort that has spanned more than a year, where many institutions and individuals have combined efforts. Dr. Zuhair Dhaif, the author of the book and professor of journalism at Al Ahliya University, the Kingdom of Bahrain, managed these efforts to lead us to a valuable scientific product a book which adds real value to the Arab library, it is an issue which has long ago occupied many intellectuals and researchers in the Arab world and beyond. Between the covers of the book, the researcher analyzed the numerous articles published in the Arab press, and addressed the issue of the culture of difference during the year 2014/2015. It tries to infer commonalities among the members of the cultural Arab elite in their position towards this issue that occupied - and still - occupy many people in this part of the world.



Publications

The Gulf Forum for Political Media - Media and the Culture of Differences- Sessions of the Forum

One of the documentary books issued by BIPD during 2015 which comprises the works of the sessions of the Second Gulf Forum for Political Media which was titled "Media and the Culture of Difference". The book shed light on this issue which occupies the interest of modern intellectuals. Media has become a pivotal player and influential in shaping people's awareness and attitudes, and effective tool of communication and dialogue between different cultures and civilizations. The book included the words, interventions and discussions of prominent GCC and Arab journalists who have expressed their views through three sessions. The book also addressed the issue of media pluralism and new media and its role in the culture of different industry, as well as the role of media in shaping public opinion.



The Third Gulf Forum for Political Media - media and civil peace

This promotional book explains the goal of the third Gulf Forum for political media - the media and civil peace and profile speakers and heads of sessions, in addition to the topics to be discussed during the three sessions, and their details.



The Gulf Forum for Political Media - Media and the Culture of Differences- Documentary book

The book included the opening session, the speech of the speakers who talked about the importance of the media, and the challenges facing the Gulf media, in recent periods, and proposals to address them. The Forum sessions addressed the difference in culture under media pluralism in the Arab world, the cultural differences, and how it affected the means of social communication, as well as the role of the media in public opinion via satellite industry. It also contained a collection of photos of many political figures, media, and academics who attended the forum. The book also touched on the first Gulf Forum for political media, which dealt with the subject of the role of media in political socialization process. It also displayed a summary of the speeches of the speakers, as well as the most important news written in the Arab newspapers about the forum in the first version



Collection of short stories: What does the Sun say?

This collection of short stories for children, with an attractive cover, pictures and colors and includes five stories: “What does the Sun say”, “gold treasures”, “this is not my duty”, “rosary of my grandmother”, and “what does the Moon say” all aimed at promoting the values of goodness, justice, development of belonging and loyalty to the homeland.



The national contest for the Rights of the Child 2

This booklet explains the contest organized by BIPD and the Ministry of Education. The booklet explained the general concept of the contest, its importance and objectives. It also mentioned the values and subjects of the contest in addition to how the contest was implemented, including the distribution plan, target schools and all the criteria of the competitions. The book also includes pictures of the first edition of the competition, and finally it contains the form to participate in the competition for the academic year 2015/2016, so that students can enter it.



Publications

Electoral participation between the right and the duty

This booklet relates to the seminar which had the same title and was held by the Institute during 2014, in order to shed light on the importance of participating in the elections. The booklet included two speeches: the first by doctor Rolla Al Haroob member of the Jordanian House of Representatives, who spoke about the human rights culture, the media and its role in the presence of democracy, and disseminating it through free and open media. She also talked about the balance between rights and political participation, decision-making and the factors that affect the political participation, including whether participation is a right or duty. In addition to this she addressed the problem of the media with Parliament, The second speech was Professor Khalil Al Thawadi who dealt with the legal and constitutional framework of the electoral participation, electoral propaganda in addition to violations of election campaigns. He also dealt with the role of society and state institutions, the electoral education, and the role of social media in the nomination and follow-up.



Elections' Violations and Crimes

The Elections' Violations and Crimes are considered one of the most negative aspects that affect the integrity of the electoral process. On this basis, and out of the keenness of the Institute on having fair elections, it hosted Advisor Abdullah Al Buainain in a symposium, bearing the same title.

Mr. Al Buainain spoke about forms of these violations, the constitutional right to vote, and the stages of the electoral process. Mr. Saad Chehab, one of the Jordanian personalities with vast experience in the field of organizing the elections, spoke about the challenges facing the electoral process in any country. He also spoke about the electoral crimes, their types and stages, and about the experience in the Kingdom of Jordan, in addition to his experience in dealing with this type of political events.



Social Networks and its Impact in Electoral Participation

This book illustrates the importance of social media, through a full explanation on the part of Mr. Ali Sabkar, a specialist in social networks in Bahrain. Mr. Sabkar explained the positive and passive aspects of these networks on the community, proposed some tips on how to use these channels, and how to safely avoid their negative aspects. The book also included stories of political reality in Kuwait, where Mr. Abdulwahab Al-Issa spoke about his experience in the impact of social networks on the collective behavior of voters.



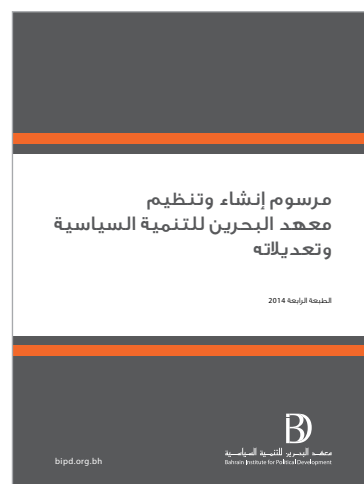
The Electoral Process in the Kingdom of Bahrain

This title was chosen by the Institute for its first seminar, part of its efforts to prepare citizens for the elections in 2014. Within the context of its efforts for the development of political awareness in the community, the Institute was keen to publish the opinions and ideas expressed in the seminar by booth Professor Farid Ghazi, a lawyer and former MP, and Mr. Baqer Al-Najjar Professor of Sociology at the University of Bahrain. The book has shed light on the evolution of the electoral practice in the Kingdom of Bahrain, parliamentary and municipal representation, according to the National Action Charter and the role of the Charter in the activation of electoral participation.



The Decree Establishing and Organizing Bahrain Institute for Political Development, as amended

This is one of the booklets issued by the institute. It is on the royal decree to establish and regulate Bahrain Institute for Political Development, issued in 2005, which includes a presentation of its articles. It explains the main objectives, and mechanisms of action of the Institute, in addition to the tasks set for the Board of Trustees and executive management.



Publications (Special Publications)...

Law on the Right of the Child in Braille language for the Blind

The full text of the Child Act No. 37, issued on August 7, 2012, which aims to protect children's rights in Bahrain, and in accordance with the standards and relevant international agreements, it has been printed in Braille language for the blind.



The National Action Charter, the Constitution and the explanatory notes in Braille language for the Blind (Part I and Part II)

The National Action Charter, the articles of the Constitution and the explanatory notes as amended in Braille language for the blind.



What does the sun say? in Braille language for the blind

This collection of short stories for children, with an attractive cover, pictures and colors and includes five stories: "What does the Sun say", "gold treasures", "this is not my duty", "rosary of my grandmother", and "what does the Moon say" all aimed at promoting the values of goodness, justice, development of belonging and loyalty to the homeland. It was printed in Braille language for the blind.



Glossary of Political Terminology in Braille language for the Blind

The glossary provides a comprehensive definition of a large number of political terms, which have been classified according to the alphabetical order. The book includes many political terms, which have been streamlined, and explained. The book is very useful to researchers and scholars in the political sphere, as well as for young researchers for the enrichment of the political culture in a practical and systematic way. It was printed in Braille language for the blind.



The background consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent polygons in various shades of orange and white. The shapes are irregular and angular, creating a dynamic, abstract composition. The colors range from a deep, vibrant orange to a very light, almost white tone. The word "Performance" is centered in a white, sans-serif font, standing out against the darker orange shapes.

Performance

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The Institute's outcomes of events and publications were linked to the goals of the institute as provided for in its inception decree, i.e. the twelve goals. It was revealed that there was variation in the extent to which the Institute has achieved its objectives, implying to it to focus in 2015 to achieve certain objectives, due to community need, and the requirements of the political phase, after the 2014 elections. Taking into account that one outcome may achieve more than one goal, regardless of the themes of the events or the type of publications material.

Achieving the Goals through the Events:

The training and awareness program presented 17 workshops, 14 events such as seminars and lectures, 1 forum, 6 awareness contests, 3 exhibitions, in addition to 50 Radio and TV hosting, a total of 30 training events, 59 awareness events which benefited 1,661 individuals. As regards the awareness events, the number of beneficiaries was approximately 442,173 individuals in 2015.

85 events (20%) achieved goal No 1 in spreading the culture of democracy; 17 events, (4%) achieved goal No 2, providing legal training; 85 events (20%) achieved goal No 3, the development of political awareness; 5 events (1%) achieved goal No 4, support scientific research; 36 events (8%) achieved goal No 5, support of parliamentary experience; 3 events (1%) achieved goal No 6, support of municipal councils' experience; 76 events (17%) achieved goal No 7, the strengthening of rule of law, 6 events (1%) achieved goal No 8, provide human rights program; 6 events (1%) achieved goal No 9, support of human rights centers; 6 events (1%) achieved goal No 10, teaching the reform project; 84 events (19%) achieved goal No 11, dissemination of dialogue culture and 26 events (6%) achieved goal No 12, the preparation of qualified politician. (Chart: achieving the outputs of the objectives of the Institute)

The Achievement of Goals through the Publications:

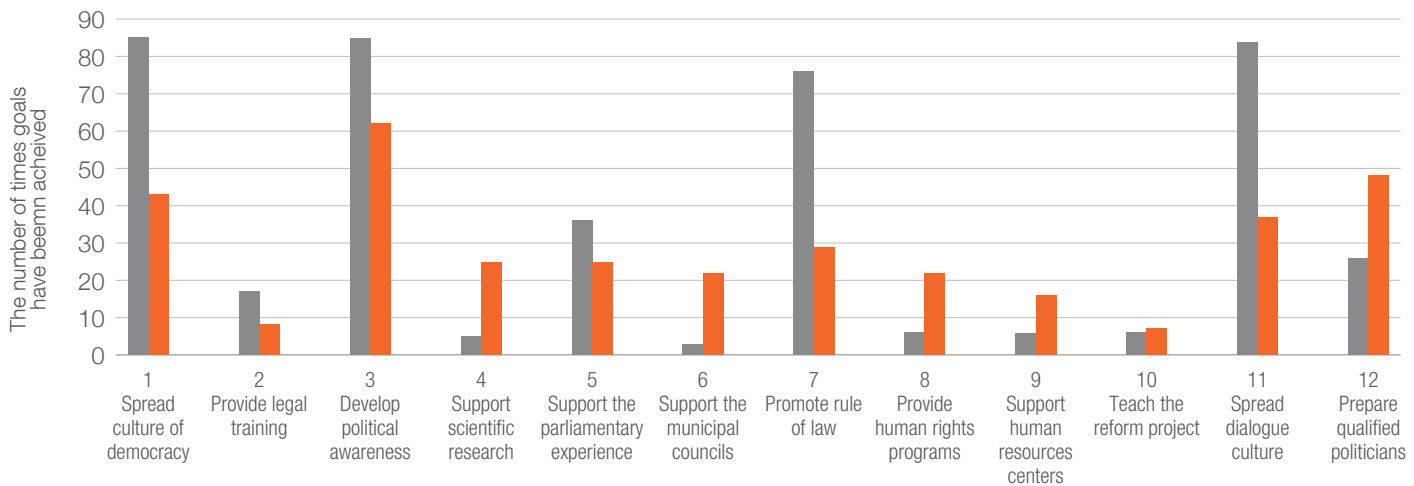
The Institute issued 20 specialized books and educational and awareness booklets in 2015, and re-distribution 23 specialized publications which were issued in the previous years. 42,900 copies were distributed for a total of 43 books in 2015, and at a related development, the Institute produced 4,614 awareness materials which were circulated through traditional and modern channels of the press, social media, and the website of the Institute, which attracted approximately

2.6 million beneficiaries. Publications and events went hand in hand to achieve the goals of the Institute, and formed the Institute output - according to the following chart:- 43 publications were achieved (13%), goal No.1, spreading democracy culture; 8 publications (2%), goal No. 2 to provide training programs; 62 publications (18%), goal No.3, the development of political awareness; 25 publications (7%), goal No.4, to support scientific research; 25 publications (7%), goal number 5 support the experience of Municipal Councils; 22 publications (6%), goal No. 6, to support the experience of municipal councils; 29 publications (8%), goal No.7 entrench the rule of law; 22 publications (6%), goal No. 8 to provide human rights programs, and 16 publications (5%), goal No. 9 support human rights centers; 7 publications (2%),goal No.10, teaching reform project; 37 publications (11%), goal No.11 spreading the culture of dialogue and 48 publications (14%), goal number 12 prepare qualified politicians.

Performance

As the Institute's publications range from specialized versions, in the form of books, and other awareness-raising items, in the form of articles, and tweets, etc, this disparity has been taken into account, to ensure adequate representation of the publications and their number. For example, each 31 news items are equivalent to a book.

The level of goals achieved during 2015



BIPD goals as set out in the Royal Decree

Publications Events

The previous chart reveals the achievement of all the goals set out in the decree establishing and organizing the Institute, which already show us that there is a disparity in the achievement of the institute outputs (1% - 20 %) for events, and (2% - 18%) for publications. This is a natural variation, due to the nature of the goals that vary in significance, and ways to achieve them: some goals (1, 3,11) focusing on the basics of political upbringing of the society, the development of political awareness, and spreading the culture of dialogue that the Institute is building. Some focus on a solid ground for the construction of specialized training programs, which serve other objectives, including: goals (2, 5,6, 8,10) focusing on the provision of legal training programs, support municipal experience, provision of human rights programs, and teaching reform project. The nature of the goals imposes the way to achieve them. For example goal No.4, supporting scientific research relies more heavily on publications than events when considering the Institute's outputs.