

I WATCH Organization

Narrative Activity Report 2017

1. « IJA ENTI » the real youth debate: 29 December 2016

This “real” dialogue was organized for youth as a part of a complete process of moving away from the traditional and classical policies adopted by successive governments on Tunisia after the revolution, so that youngsters would not remain just a “figure” in the official statistics.



This event is a Youth conference that comes from young people, organized for young people, talking about the concerns of young people. It comes as an alternative to the classic gathering that the government has been organizing since decades.

As well as the young leaders of IWATCH Organization and “Fanni Roghman 3anni” and the network “RAJ” and other associations, promising energies and faces of young people from different regions joined this youthful dream, whose main task is to diagnose the problems before addressing the solutions and the search for alternatives.

2. « She Camp »: 30th of December 2017

In partnership with the Tunisian Scouts, IWATCH organized a training course labeled "She Camp" as part of the month's demonstration against corruption and within the project of building the capacity of women in public life. Transparency International funded this training course on «Violence» against women and corruption.

It was held from **26 to 28 December 2016**. Female Scouts, from 17 to 23 years old and 3 trainers from IWATCH took part in the event.

3. "I WATCH in Nabeul to promote the role of rural women"

KORBA in Nabeul governorate was the sixth destination for IWATCH to organize a roundtable on enhancing the role of rural women in the decision-making process on Thursday, **12 January 2017**.

The roundtable addressed the great challenges faced by rural women in Nabeul, mainly related to the projects launching, the handicrafts and agricultural products marketing of, and ways to develop the technical capabilities of these women, as well as overcoming difficulties of communication with officials from most regional and local administrations.



During five hours, this roundtable has been an important opportunity to approach rural women, whether they are working women, graduates, or small project implementers, to listen to their ideas, discuss their issues and try to find technical support for them.

The roundtable was composed of 12 women and representatives from local administrations.

4. Press conference “Protecting whistleblowers is a top priority in the fight against corruption”:

The INLUCC (national instance anti-corruption) and IWATCH and the BAWSALA have organized a conference dedicated to discuss the draft law on reporting corruption and protecting whistleblowers on Monday, **16 January 2017**, beginning at 9 am in Golden Tulip Hotel Tunis.

In addition to the numerous discussions on the first version of the draft law on reporting corruption and the protection of whistleblowers, deep problems that threaten the reporting mechanism on corruption and protection measures, the National Anti-Corruption Commission, BAWSALA and I WATCH organizations have been keen to unify the basic principles to be included in the law.

Main common recommendations:

- Identify and control concepts in order to provide protection for the whistleblower.
- The importance of giving the whistleblower the freedom to choose to which entity he should address his complaint and assuring his protection.
- The list of persons who can be protected by this law should be conformed to the international standards.
- Protection should include the whistleblower, his family and people related to the case and might be in danger due to the report he made.

- The punishment related to the law articles should be revised in order to conform to the constitution and the criminal law.

The Program was as follows:

Monday 16 January 2017

- 08:30

Receptions and Registration

- 09:00 to 09:30:

Opening Remarks

- Dean Shawqi Doctor, Chairman of the National Anti-Corruption commission
- Mr. Mehab Al-Qarawi, Executive Director , I WATCH organization
- Ms. Shaima Bouhallal, Bawsla organization President
- Mr. Emad Al-Khumeiri, Chairman of the Committee on Rights and Freedoms
- Mr. Hassan Ammari, Chairman of the Committee for Administrative Reform, Good Governance and Anti-Corruption

09:30 to 9:45:

Reading the bill

Mr. Mohamed Al-Ayadi, Administrative Judge, First Vice-Chairman of the Competition Council and a member of the Board of the National Anti-Corruption Commission.

- 09:45 to 10:45: Debate on the bill
- 10:45 to 11:00: Remarks by the Chairman of the National Commission for the Protection of Personal Data Mr. Shawki Kadas

Reporting and protection of personal data

- 11:00 to 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 to 12:00: back to the debate on the bill
- 12:00 to 12:30: Recommendations



5. Corruption perception index: official announcement: 25 janvier 2017

Tunisia is one of the countries that showed a slight improvement on the Corruption Perception Index 2016 issued today by Transparency International (ranked 75th and obtained 41 points out of 100) due to several measures taken by the State to fight corruption. The most important of which is the adoption of “the right to access information” law along with developing the capacity of the Anti-Corruption Commission (especially at the financial level), supporting the efforts of civil society institutions, approving the national anti-corruption strategy, and working on a good accountability area for civil society organizations.

The Corruption Perceptions Index is based on public sector corruption expert studies. The number of low points reflects the spread of bribery, the absence of accountability and impunity, and public institutions failure to respond the citizen's needs. To view the results of the report in full and in detail follow this link <http://bit.ly/CPI2016GL>



6. Whistleblower of the year Award 2016 :

Through eyewitness accounts, “Whistleblowing heroes” who challenged the administrative hierarchy and professional constraints and with the presence of determined faces to fight, detect and face corruption, the evening of Friday, **January 27, 2017** saw the celebration and honoring of the whistleblower of the year for the 2016 season.

This event, organized in conjunction with the National Anti-Corruption Commission, was attended by the Chairman of the Commission, Shawki Al-Tabib, Parliamentarians, Human rights activists and some media figures. It was an official direct message to the corrupt: “ that their corruption rope will remain short as long as there are people willing to report different forms of aberration and corruption.”

This celebration, which also included parliamentarians, is ultimately fueling the spirit of defiance and determination among the

whistleblowers against corruption, while trying to spread this act to as many Tunisians as possible so that these whistleblowers will not remain isolated in fighting the gangs of corruption.



7. Press conference: evaluation of the Republic' President Activity evaluation (EssebsiMeter)

Thursday, **February the 2nd , 2017** , saw the announcement of the evaluation report for the two years since Mr. Beji Caid Essebsi assumed the Presidency of the Republic through the website of **SebsiMeter.org**:

This website is an attempt to monitor the performance of the President of the Republic, Mr. Beji Caid Essebsi, by following the promises made in his election program (December 2014) in an evaluation report on the extent to which he has fulfilled his promises. This website follows the efforts of IWATCH Organization to hold the decision-makers accountable through the follow-up and evaluation of their promises. The organization had already done the same thing with both Mahdi Jomaa and Habib Essid, the two former prime ministers, as well as Prime Minister Youssef Chahid.

The promises within the website are the same as those presented in the electoral program of Mr. Beji Caid Essebsi.



8. Discussion panel between youth and Parliamentarians in Tataouine:

IWatch organized a seminar on sustainable development and natural resources governance for students of the Higher Institute for Technological Studies (ISET) in Tataouine. This lecture is part of the "Gesrna" project to support the role of local civil society in natural resource governance.

99 participants

8. Discussion panel between youth and Parliamentarians in Siliana:

A discussion panel organized by Iwatch Organization, in which a group of Siliana region deputies gathered with a group of youth to discuss their priorities, their participation in the local decision-making process and their expectations of the upcoming elections. This activity took place on Sunday, 19 March 2017, in the cultural complex of Siliana from 2 pm to 5 pm .

Deputies who attended the discussion panel were:

- Ms. Sana Salehi: NIDAA TOUNES political party
- Mr. Salah Al-Barqawi: The Tunisian project movement political party
- Mr. Zuhair Rajabi: Nahdha political party

9. Discussion panel in Mednine : March 24 2017

Despite the absence of deputies who promised to be there, a discussion panel with the youth of Medenine governorate where they expressed their expectations about the municipal elections, the extent of their participation in the decision-making process on a local level and the future of decentralization and participatory democracy in Tunisia. The meeting was attended by MP Ahmad al-Ammari (Al-Nahda political party) and the municipality representative Farhat Ksiksi .

9. Second discussion panel in Tataouine :

On Sunday, 25 March 2017, a meeting was organized by the Youth of Tataouine State with the member of the People's Assembly of Representatives Hussein Al Yahyaoui (the Nahdha Movement bloc) and the general secretary of the municipality of Tataouine.

10. Discussion panel in Kairouan :

A panel discussion in which a group of Kairouan deputies met with the youth from the region to discuss their expectations about the municipal elections and their participation in the decision making process on a local level and the future of decentralization and participatory democracy in Tunisia.

11. «BELFALAGUI» the right of access to information »



The YALAC Center had the honor to host a discussion panel entitled "BELFALAGUI: Your Right to Access Information" on Thursday **13th of April 2017** at 6:30 pm at the Cultural Café Liber'Thé.

This initiative came within the framework of the awareness campaign led by the YALAC center to simplify draft laws concepts and laws that came into effect, similar to the Basic Law No 22 of March 24, 2016 on the right of access to information. The event was an open one.

10. Press conference for the launch of "Parliamentarians against corruption" :



Signing a partnership agreement with group of deputies to strengthen cooperation between parliamentarians and civil society in the war against corruption, was one of the activities held during the press conference that took part in Africa Hotel, **14th of April 2017**. With the presence of the following deputies : Sahbi Ben Fredj, Samia Abbou, Imen Ben Mohamed, Yamina Zoghlemi, Souhayel Alouini and Mongi Rahoui, the press conference was an opportunity to go detaily through this agreement which will strengthen the mutual trust between Parliamant and Civil Society organizations. “I Watch” for instance is contributing in the establishment of a solid network that would provide legislative initiatives to fight against corruption, set legal forms for government accountability and aspire to entrench the culture of transparency, integrity and good local governance.



This initiative emanating from the “fifth authority” is destined toward the legislative authority and remains open to every deputy committed to the fight against corruption.

Number of participants :

11. Press conference about Nabil Karoui’s audio leak :



It was held on Tuesday **18th of April 2017** in Africa hotel as a reaction to the audio leak that was published on the day before. Achref Aouadi and Mouheb Garoui had started the press conference by screening a video to show that what was said in the audio leak were not just non-serious threats, and that Nessma’s holders had already started their lousy plan to denigrate and demonize I WATCH members and their work. The press conference had also contained details about Karoui & Karoui legal case evolution, and the organization’s reaction towards the denigration campaign on Nessma TV.



12. March Against Corruption :

Organized by I WATCH, Tunisian civil society and all civil groups entrenched in the Tunisian democratic construction path were invited to a national march, Thursday **20th of April 2017** from the primary court in Beb Bnet to the Qasba square under the slogan of “Beating Corruption” with the belief that the main obstacle in the way of democratic construction and the emphasis of the state of law is corruption obviously deepening in the attempts of trampling the law and institutionalizing impunity, The reconciliation law as an example.



13. March against the reconciliation law :

Facing the insistence of different lobbies and their several attempts to pass the economic and financial reconciliation law, and since I WATCHers are involved in Manich Msemeh campaign, I WATCH organization has invited Tunisians to a pacific march on the **29th of April 2017**.



Citizens and all groups opposed to the law, were called to join and support the movement for multiple reasons:

This law is:

- non-constitutional
- Legitimizing Impunity
- Legitimizing corruption, tax evasion and bribery
- Making the citizen pay instead of the robbers
- Economically pointless
- Anti-revolutionary

14. Film screening and debate (1) :

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يوم الجمعة 05 ماي 2017
الساعة 17:30
قاعة Cinéma Théâtre le RIO

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I WATCH has organized a film screening and debate of the documentary “ The whereabouts of the confiscated property under the state complicity and the weakness of judiciary” on Friday **5th of May 2017** in the cinema room The Rio.



The debate was mostly oriented to the economic and financial reconciliation law. With the presence of Ahmed Souab; administrative judge, Achref Aouadi; President of I WATCH organization , Chaima Bouhlel; President of Bawsala organization, Oussema Dhari; representative of Manich Msemeh campaign.

15. **March against the reconciliation law ;**

Supporting Manich Msemeh campaign, I WATCH has organized another march against the reconciliation law Saturday, **13th of May 2017** under the slogan of “Say no to money laundering”.



16. Speed debating :

Organized by I WATCH organization, this debate was held between a group of deputies from different parliamentary blocs and a group of youth from Gafsa, Medenine, Tataouine, El Kef, Kairouan, Sousse, Kasserine, Tunisia and Seliana.

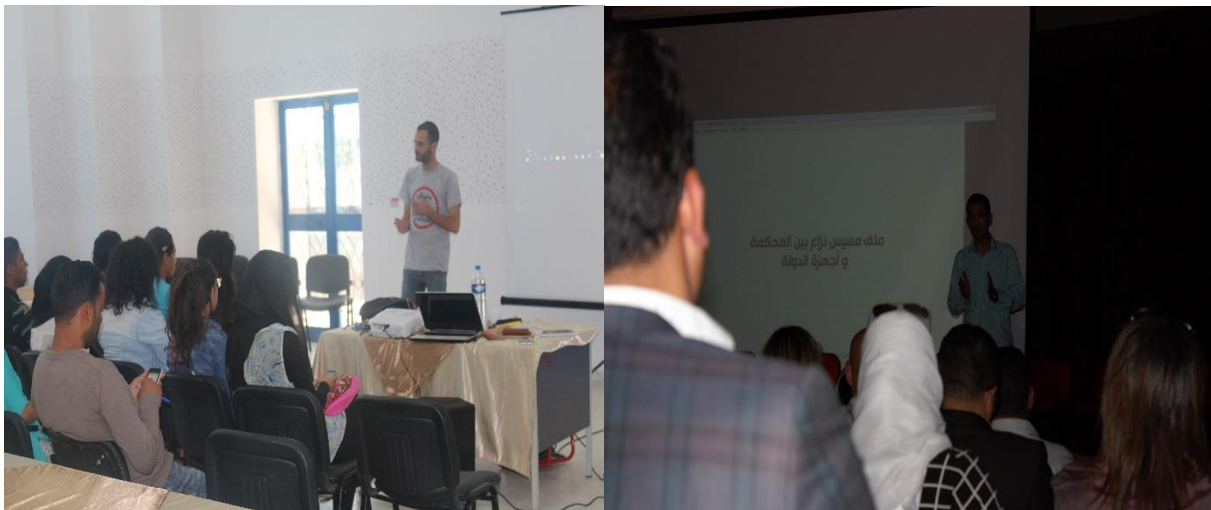


This event came in the framework of providing communication and direct dialog between the parliament representatives and youth from different regions in Tunisia with the belief that this activity would enable young people to ask their questions and present their suggestions to the parliament.

This event took place **19th of May 2017** in the Magestic hotel in Tunis.

Participants were selected after having filled a form for the places were limited: 4 participants were selected from each region and were taken in charge by I WATCH organization.

17. Film screening and debate : Jendouba and El Kef



Always in the context of Manich Msemeh Campaign, I WATCH organization has organized two film screenings in both Jendouba and El Kef. The documentary “ The whereabouts of the confiscated property under the state complicity and the weakness of judiciary” was screened on Sunday **21st of May 2017** at 10am in Children and Youth Complex of Jendouba and

at 12.30 am in Théâtre de Poche, El Kef. With the presence of representatives of the organization executive board and civil society activists, a debate about the reconciliation law and the confiscated property took place right after the screening.

18. I Assist project launching :

Wednesday, **24th of May 2017** saw the Launching of “IAssist” project by I WATCH organization in partnership with the Netherlands Kingdom Embassy in Tunisia. The press conference during which was announced the starting of the capacity building and support of the local civil society in the north-west of Tunisia in order to fight corruption, took place in Africa hotel, Tunis.

The main target of this project is to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of the local civil society especially in the field of fighting corruption which would make easier for the organization to open two branches of the YALAC center that would receive complaints concerning financial or administrative corruption.. and would support and guide corruptions victims.

This project aims also to spread I WATCH knowledge and experience in fighting corruption on the local level as part of its decentralization strategy.

19. Enclosure celebration of the “Reinforcement of the rural woman participation in the public life :



This event was meant to honor the participants in the project of the “Reinforcement of the rural woman participation in public life”. This project is a part of the Massar Program “ Support operations of the democratic governance in the Arab world” with the support of AECID and aims at empowering the involvement of the concerned women in the decision making process. This celebration took place on Thursday, **25th of May 2017** in Hana International Hotel, Tunis.

20. Discussion panel : Detentions and war on corruption:

During the month of Ramadan, a discussion panel was organized on Friday **9th of June 2017** in Beit El Baneni Beb Mnara, Tunis. This meeting was meant to discuss the finality of the war on corruption after the arresting campaign that had hit some businessmen involved in corruption cases.



The participants were:

- Mabrouk Korchid , the state secretary for the state properties and real estate affairs
- Bochra Belhaj Hmida, a deputie.
- Mohamed Ayedi, administrative judge and a senior member of the fact-finding on bribery and corruption national committee.
- Jawher Ben Mbarek, Constitutionnal law professor and Dostourna network coordinator.
- Thameur Makki, journalist in Nawaat.

21. Discussion panel: the Judiciary in the war on corruption:

A second discussion panel was organized on Thursday **June the 15th, 2017** in Dar Bach Hamba under the title of “The judiciary in the war on corruption”. The discussion session had opened the file of how is the jurisdictional authority is dealing with corruption legal cases.



Participants were:

- Sofiene Sliti, the official spokesperson for the primary court of Tunis.
- Ahmed Sedik, President of the popular front in the parliament.
- Representative of the Tunisian Judges association.

22. Press conference: National announcement about the rural woman challenges in Tunis :



This press conference was held to announce the main outcomes from the “Reinforcement of the rural woman participation in public life” which are précisng the real state of the rural woman and the main challenges she’s facing. Speakers had presented different suggestions to improve their situations. This project activities took place in different regions of the country : Tozeur, Sidi Bouzid, Gabes, Kairouan, Nabeul, Sousse, Sfax and Jendouba.

This event took place on Thursday, **22nd of June 2017**, in Africa hotel.

23. The role of The court of accounts in the war against corruption:

Under this title, a conference has been organized to discuss the thirtieth annual report of the court of accounts. With the presence of representatives from the court of accounts, the government presidency, the national anti-corruption commission, and Parliamentarians, this conference took part in Africa Hotel on Thursday **6th of July, 2017**.

24. Workshop : Local communities law and municipal elections :

I WATCH organization was honored to gather local associations in Jendouba and El Kef to attend a workshop that gave them the opportunity to meet local authorities, local parliament deputies, the electoral subcommittee’s coordinators, and a representative from the ministry of local and environmental affairs in order to debate the local communities’ law project and the upcoming municipal elections.

This workshop took place on the **8th and 9th of july 2017**.



The workshop schedule was as follows:

- Checking how ready are the local associations for the elections.
- Considering the mechanisms that has been established by the local authorities to involve civil society in the decision making process.
- Developing an action plan that would serve in the activation process of the participatory budget mechanism in Jendouba and El Kef .
- Discussing the new geographical partition and the problems that can occur when the voters registration and the electoral lists.

25. Press conference : I WATCH organization investigations :

IWATCH organization was honored to invite its large audience to a press conference during which, the organization most important investigations to fact find different corruption cases were exposed to discussion. Celebrating one year of investigative journalism, this conference was also set to expose the main repercussions caused by these investigations, legal cases, political, administrative and corruption files related to several important sectors.



This press conference took part in Africa hotel, **13th of July 2017**.

26. Protest against the reconciliation law:

Simultaneously with the general assembly organized by the parliament on Friday **28th of July 2017**, to discuss the draft law of the administrative and financial reconciliation law, I WATCH organization has spread a call to all corruption fighters for a protest in front of the parliament.



Protesters had spent Thursday night and Friday morning in front of the parliament calling the deputies to stand against the reconciliation law. The law did not pass, since it should be reviewed by jurisdictional authorities.

27. Protest against the reconciliation law : July 28th, 2017 **Tataouine**



In coordination with Manich Msemeh campaign in Tataouine, I WATCH organization called all citizens in the region to hold a protest against the reconciliation law. After the parliament approval on passing the law, the protest came within a series in other regions of Tunisia claiming the abundance of the reconciliation law.

28. Launching of a campaign to help harmed citizens after the series of forest fires : August, 1st, 2017:

Among other organizations, I WATCH organization helped with the gathering of monetary donations and supplies to provide support for the victims of forest fires ravaging of the north west of the country.

I WATCH has launched also a website <https://fires.tn/views/map> to help locate fires, donors and victims.



29. Workshop on transparency of the recruitment in the public service:

On August 17, 2017, the I WATCH Center for Advocacy and Support for corruption victims had organized an open discussion workshop on the transparency of recruitment in the public service. The workshop followed complaints received by the Center concerning the violations in the competitive examinations (concours).



The workshop was moderated by Mrs. Intissar Arfaoui the legal advisor of I Watch Organization.

The event was attended by 40 participants, and several speakers; 2 governmental representatives from different ministries, 2 representatives from the INLUCC (national anti-corruption commission) and a sociologist.

Each of the speakers presented their opinions opening the discussion with the public about the matter.

The workshop took an end with several recommendations elaborated by both the audience and the speakers.