ABOUT MAAT

Maat for Peace, Development and Human Rights was established in 2005 as a non-partisan, non-profit civil society organization, registered at the Ministry of Social Solidarity under No. 3166 in 2008, amended by No. 7829 in 2010. Maat adopted a new strategic framework; through which it seeks to strengthen its presence at the international and regional levels; build effective relations with international and regional mechanisms to improve the human rights situation; and promote sustainable development practices and monitor their achievement across the world.

Maat shows a great interest in the application of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in areas of armed conflict and seeks to curb the proliferation of armaments, while continuing to address issues of democracy and good governance.

VISION

A citizen aware of his rights and duties; a homeland respectful of human rights standards and good governance practices; and effective global partnerships aiming at settling peace and achieving sustainable development.

MISSION

By adopting a human rights-based approach, Maat seeks to promote the values and practices of social peace, development, democracy, and good governance. Through international, regional and local mechanisms as well as networks and alliances, Maat seeks to mobilize support to enhance the practices and policies of peace and sustainable development; combat all forms of violence, conflict, and absence of justice; and monitor the application of the IHL.

Fields OF WORK

- Supporting Democracy Field of work
- Combating Hate Speech & Violent Extremism Field of work
- IHL & Disarmament Field of work
- Sustainable Development Field of work
- International and Regional Mechanisms for the Protection of Human Rights Field of work
Maat's International Positions

- North Africa Coordinator at the NGO Major Group for Africa of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- International observer at the United Nations meetings for disarmament affairs
- Member of the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna
- Granted a Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Maat's Regional Positions

- Member of the sub-committee of the Arab League for the stakeholders to support the achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs) in conflict-affected countries
- Member of the General Assembly & Chairman of the Cross-Cutting Cluster of the African Union (AU) Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC)
- Observer at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Maat's National Positions

- Coordinator of the Egyptian National Chapter of the African ECOSOC
- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Egyptian Network of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue, and the President of the Egyptian Network from 2013 to 2016
**Maat participates in international and regional mechanisms as follows:**

| Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption | Investigation and fact-finding missions committees | Human Rights Council and its various mechanisms and forums |
| Committee for the Preparation of a Convention on Cybercrime | African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (Banjul, Gambia) | Special Procedures (59 Mandates) |

**HRC**

* Maat participates in the HRC’s regular and special sessions by presenting oral and written statements and organizing side events.
* Maat participates in the HRC’s decision-making process by actively engaging in informal consultations, taking part in organizational sessions, and holding meetings with the presidency of the Council and international missions.
* Maat attends the meetings of the Council’s Advisory Committee and annual forums.
* Maat organizes rallies on the sidelines of the council’s sessions.

**Special Procedures**

* Maat communicates with the UN Special Procedures given their roles as independent experts working on specific human rights issues or countries that require special attention and intervention by the mechanisms of the HRC.
* Maat provides the Special Rapporteurs with written inputs for their thematic reports and comments on their reports submitted to the Council.
* Maat pressures for country visits and contributes to submitting complaints and reports on human rights violations.

**Mجلس حقوق الإنسان**

* تشارك ماست في الدورات الاسبئالية، من خلال تقديم مداخلات شفوية ومكتوبة وتنظيم فعاليات جانبية.
* تساهم ماست بالمشاركة الفعالة في المخابرات الرسمية والمشاركة في الجلسات التنظيمية لكل الدورات وعقد الاجتماعات مع رئيسة المجلس والبعثات الدولية.
* تشارك ماست في اجتماعات اللجنة الاستشارية للمجلس والمندوبين السنوية.
* تنظم ماست وقفات احتجاجية على هاش شور دوري المجلس.

**الإجراءات الخاصة**

* تواصل ماست مع مسؤولي الإجراءات الخاصة باعتبارهم خبراء مستقلين يعملون على موضوعات حقوقية محددة أو دول تتطلب اهتمام وتدخل خاص من قبل أطر مجلس حقوق الإنسان.
* تشارك ماست بالمقررين الخصوص بتحديد إفادات مكتوبة يضمها المقررين الخصوص لتقاريرهم الموضعية وتعلق على تقاريرهم المقدمة للمجلس.
* تضغط ماست لإجراء زيارات قطرية، وتساهم في تقديم الشكاوى والبلاغات بشأن اتهامات حقوق الإنسان.
Universal Periodic Review (UPR)
Maat participates in the UPR mechanism by submitting written and oral interventions. Maat seeks to raise the capacity of local and international CSOs so that they can participate in the national dialogues related to the UPR. During the adoption of the outcomes of the review, Maat organizes information meetings and preparatory sessions with diplomatic missions in Geneva.

Treaty Bodies
* Maat participates in the activities of the Treaty Bodies, to monitor the States Parties’ commitment to their obligations as well as the implementation of the core international human rights treaties periodically; depending on each committee.
* Maat participates in the work of the Treaty Bodies by submitting parallel reports on the submission of state parties to review as well as oral interventions in the closed consultations with civil society.
* Maat supports the participation of local and international CSOs and raises their capacity to work and interact with treaty bodies.

UN Office on Drugs and Crime
Maat convenes closed meetings with the heads of the committee and the Vienna office, and organizes side events on the sidelines of the committee’s activities, either individually or in partnership.
Maat is considered a focal point among the NGOs’ office in Vienna and Arab civil society organizations.

African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights
* Maat participates in regular and special sessions as an observer member of the committee.
* Maat participates with oral and written interventions, reports and complaints and actively engages in the panel discussions held by the committee.
* Maat communicates with the commissioners in the committee and organizes side events in an effort to promote and implement the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights.
Sustainable Development Field of work

Maat seeks to use the following mechanisms under:

- Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union.
- Arab League Multi-stakeholder sub-committee to support the attainment of SDGs in conflict-affected countries in the Arab region.
- UN Organization on Women.
- High-level political forum and regional forums on sustainable development.

Improving Living Conditions for Marginalized Groups
* Maat has close interactions with marginalized groups thanks to the programs it organizes for them.
* Maat launches awareness-raising programs and mobilizes support to improve and develop their conditions.
* Maat communicates with official and non-official bodies to promote the rights of marginalized groups and help them overcome the obstacles they face.

Promoting Gender Equality
* Maat conducts various activities to raise awareness of gender equality and participates in international and regional mechanisms to promote women's rights.
* Maat joins regional and global alliances to advocate for women's rights.
* Maat carries out various activities to build the capacities of organizations and activists defending women's rights, especially in marginalized and remote areas.

Capacity Building on Climate Change Adaptation and Environment Protection
* Maat is fully aware of the impact of climate change on Egypt, Africa and the whole world, and is alarmed by its potential threats to all aspects of sustainable development.
* Maat seeks to build the capacities of all stakeholders to become more environmentally conscious during the implementation of development projects.
* Maat organizes several workshops and training camps on environmental awareness and climate change adaptation.

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Maat seeks to use the following mechanisms under this field

- Open-ended intergovernmental working group on the activities of private military and security companies
- Meetings of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs
- Relevant Special Rapporteurs
- International Criminal Court and the Office of the Prosecutor

Maat urges for compliance and enforcement of these basic legal standards before, during and after armed conflict, and strives to create an environment in which humanitarian standards and principles defined by the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, through 2 fields of work:

**IHL**

- Maat provides specialized training in IHL based on research, documentation as well as compliance with basic legal standards before, during and after the armed conflict.
- In cooperation with the International Criminal Court and the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP), Maat organizes periodic events, makes virtual visits, and presents advisory reports on international crimes-related issues.
- Maat organizes international fact-finding missions to areas affected by the conflict, carries out field visits, makes interviews with victims and non-governmental and humanitarian organizations, and shares its outcomes with the relevant international mechanisms.

**Disarmament**

- Maat participates in the courses and meetings organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA).
- Maat presents oral and written interventions, in the framework of the Conventional Weapons program and the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Program.
- Maat launched the Global Coalition for Limitation of Armaments (GCLA), it cooperation with CSOs from around the world to Control the Spread of Arms. The GCLA focuses on adopting best practices, international standards and non-stereotypical solutions to limit the spread of arms.

**المكونات الدبلوماسية والسياسي**

- تشارك مؤسسة ماعت في الشبكات الدبلوماسية والسياسية التي ينظمها مكتب الأمم المتحدة لشؤون زعزع السلاح.
- يقدم ماعت العديد من المدخلات الرسمية والكتبية سواء في إطار برامج الأمم المتحدة للتصنيع والبرامج الخاص بأسلحة الدمار الشامل.
- أطلقَت ماعت التحالف العالمي للحد من انتشار الأسلحة، مع منظمات متعددة على مستوى العالم، وركز التحالف على استخدام أفضل الممارسات والتفاوض الدولي والحلول غير النفعية للحد من انتشار الأسلحة.

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Maat's on Combating Hate Speech & Violent Extremism Field of work

Maat seeks to use the following mechanisms

United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism

United Nations Office on Crime and Drugs

UN special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism

Anti-Hate Speech and Violent Extremism Field of Work

* Building the capacities of CSOs, youth, and university students to counter extremist ideology and hate speech.

* Participation in international and regional mechanisms concerned with combating terrorism, such as the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

* Advocacy & lobbying for human rights in the context of combating terrorism.

* Raising awareness of extremist ideology-related concepts and the dangers

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مجال عمل مكافحة خظبات الكراهية والتطرف العنيف

رفع قدرات منظمات المجتمع المدني والشباب وطلاب الجامعات على مواجهة الفكر المتطرف وخطابات الكراهية.

المشاركة في الآليات الدولية والإقليمية المعنية بكفاح الإرهاب مثل مكتب الأمم المتحدة لمكافحة الإرهاب، ومكتب مكافحة الجريمة والمخدرات.

الدعوة وكسب التأييد والمناصرة حول حقوق الإنسان في سياقات مكافحة الإرهاب.

زيادة الوعي ومغافيم ومخاطر انتشار الفكر المتطرف، وذلك من خلال ندوات وإصدارات مشتركة، ورصد ومتابعة تحولات التنظيمات الإرهابية حول العالم.
Maat seeks to use the following mechanisms

**Improving Electoral Systems**
- Maat works to support civil liberties and promote political participation, especially among the youth and women.
- Maat has established local and international alliances and networks to follow up on elections and referendums to ensure their integrity and impartiality at the local, regional and international levels.
- Maat seeks to promote the legislative environment and develop laws regulating constitutional entitlements.
- Maat seeks to raise voters' knowledge of voting mechanisms.
- Maat seeks to build the capabilities of civil society in monitoring elections and referendums.

**Supporting Decentralization & Good Local Governance**
- Decentralization and good governance support file
- Maat works to reform the legislative systems governing local administration.
- Maat stresses the need to raise citizens' awareness of the concept of decentralization, its importance, and dimensions.
- Maat seeks to engage marginalized groups, especially women and youth, in local decision-making processes.
- Maat works to build the capacity of the local civil society to play a supportive role in the implementation of decentralization.
- Maat works to build the capabilities and improve the skills of workers in the local administration.
**Partners**

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