

# International Advocacy Interventions

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***Universal Periodic Review - 2015***

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ALEF was able to participate in the 23rd session of the Universal Periodic Review of the Human Rights Council to push forward the issue of the right to a fair trial as part of its submission.

ALEF met with several international actors in order to advocate them to push for the realization of this right in Lebanon. In turn, and as a result of these, Lebanon had received a total of 26 recommendations relating to the advancement of fair trial rights from 22 states participating in the UPR process.

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***Review of Lebanon Before the UN Committee Against Torture – February 2017***

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## ***Review of Lebanon Before the UN Committee Against Torture – April 2017***

In 2017, the Government of Lebanon submitted its initial Report to the Committee against Torture (CAT). This presented an opportunity to lobby for the better implementation by the Lebanese government of international commitments relating to torture. ALEF submitted its shadow report, and participated in the review sessions, as well as in closed meetings with the Committee.



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***Working Group for Persons Affected by the Syrian Displacement Crisis in Lebanon  
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## ***Working Group for Persons Affected by the Syrian Displacement Crisis in Lebanon 2017 -2018 Lobby Tour***

ALEF facilitates the Working Group for Persons Affected by the Syrian Displacement Crisis in Lebanon (WG-PASC). In its efforts to build the influencing capacities of local CSOs in the international policy-making processes regarding refugees from Syria, the WG- PASC has organized in 2017 and 2018 lobby visits to Europe (notably, Brussels, Berlin, and the Hague) to discuss several protection issues with key decision makers in the EU.





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*Consideration of Lebanon before the Human Rights Committee – March 2018*

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## *Consideration of Lebanon before the Human Rights Committee*

As part of its work in advocacy and role in human rights reporting to United Nations Treaty Bodies, participated in the 122nd Session of the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the occasion of the examination of the report of Lebanon between the 12th and 16th of March.

ALEF took this opportunity in the formal and closed informal briefings to channel key messages and concerns to the Committee for consideration. Based on a series of NGO consultations in Lebanon, the focus of our advocacy was on torture prevention, migrants and refugees, and the freedom of expression





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***Brussels II Conference – Supporting Syria and the Region - April 2018***

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## *Brussels II Conference – Supporting Syria and the Region - April 2018*

a key role in consultations for the Brussels II conference with conference co-chairs, a process that was pushed for by the Lebanese Humanitarian INGO Forum, Local LNGO Forum, ALEF representing the WG- PASC. Through consultations between civil society actors, Lebanese Government representatives, and conference co-chairs, ALEF contributed to ensuring that the voices and interests of affected populations inform the agenda and outcomes of the Brussels Conference, identifying common ground between civil society and co-chairs on tactical approaches to achieve progress, as well as recommendations for ensuring ongoing accountability towards crisis-affected people.



PM Hariri meets with a group of Lebanese CSOs, including ALEF, on the day leading up to the Brussels II Conference

## Brussels II Conference – Supporting Syria and the Region - April 2018

ALEF also had an active role in the Ministerial-level day of dialogue with NGOs and partner organizations within the Brussels conference. ALEF delivered a [statement](#) at the conference, and participated in various [events](#) on refugee protection following the conference.



Nivine Abed Al Hak,, a participant in ALEF's Building Local Capacities for Peace program delivers a statement at the Brussels II Conference No Lost Generation side- event

