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SUNY/CID is a leading university-based international development center enhancing knowledge and practice in the area of governance and policy making. Over the past quarter century, SUNY/CID has provided technical assistance to over 30 parliaments and regional parliamentary associations worldwide.

This *Resource Guide to Arab Parliaments* provides information on selected books, articles, reports, conference papers and websites on legislative institutions, and governance, in the Arab world. The *Resource Guide* includes resources from 1993 to date and aims to assist researchers in Arab parliaments by providing them with a compilation of possible reference materials.



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## I Legislative Studies and Legislative Development in Arab Countries

This section provides references and websites on the internal rules and regulations of Arab legislative bodies, evaluation of the institutional performance of some of these legislatures, manuals to enhance legislative work, comparative perspective on the functions of parliamentary committees, overviews on MPs' immunity, studies on parliamentary reform and development and the roles and functions of parliaments in the Arab world.

### a. General Resources on Arab Parliaments and Arab Parliamentary Websites

1) **Arab Parliaments.** [www.arabparliaments.org](http://www.arabparliaments.org)

*Provides access to a wealth of parliamentary development resources, such as studies, policy guidance and links to networks and databases related to the Arab world.*

2) **Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union (AIPU).** [www.arab-ipu.org](http://www.arab-ipu.org)

*Provides information on the activities, publications, conferences and workshops held by the Arab Inter-Parliamentary Union as well as country profiles of the 22 member countries.*

3) **Arab Parliamentary Database.** <http://www.arab-ipu.org/pdb/>

*Provides the full text of the constitutions and laws and bylaws that govern the functioning of Arab legislative institutions.*

4) **Program on Governance in the Arab Region (POGAR).** [www.pogar.org](http://www.pogar.org)

*Provides access to POGAR's e-library comprising books, articles, reports and news on Arab legislatures and other government institutions.*

5) **Arab Parliaments' Websites**

*The websites of Arab parliaments mostly provide information on their constitution, internal rules and regulations, members, legislative sessions, laws passed, committees and committee work.*

- **Algerian National Council.** [www.majliselouma.dz](http://www.majliselouma.dz)
- **Algerian National People's Assembly.** [www.apn-dz.org](http://www.apn-dz.org)
- **Bahraini Council of Representatives.** [www.nuwab.gov.bh](http://www.nuwab.gov.bh)
- **Bahraini Shura Council.** [www.shura.bh](http://www.shura.bh)
- **Comoros Assembly of the Union.** [www.auc.km](http://www.auc.km)
- **Djibouti Republic, National Assembly.** [www.assemblee-nationale.dj](http://www.assemblee-nationale.dj)
- **Egyptian People's Assembly.** [www.parliament.gov.eg](http://www.parliament.gov.eg)
- **Egyptian Advisory Council.** [www.shoura.gov.eg](http://www.shoura.gov.eg)
- **Iraqi Council of Representatives.** [www.parliament.iq](http://www.parliament.iq)
- **Jordanian House of Representatives.** [www.representatives.jo](http://www.representatives.jo)
- **Jordanian Senate.** [www.senate.jo](http://www.senate.jo)
- **Kuwaiti National Assembly.** [www.majlesalommah.net](http://www.majlesalommah.net)
- **Lebanese National Assembly.** [www.lp.gov.lb](http://www.lp.gov.lb)
- **Mauritanian National Assembly.** [www.assembleenationale.mr](http://www.assembleenationale.mr)
- **Mauritanian Senate.** [www.senat.mr](http://www.senat.mr)
- **Moroccan House of Representatives.** [www.parlement.ma](http://www.parlement.ma)
- **Moroccan House of Councillors.** [www.conseillers.ma](http://www.conseillers.ma)
- **Omani Consultative Council.** [www.shura.om](http://www.shura.om)
- **Omani State Council.** [www.statecouncil.om](http://www.statecouncil.om)
- **Palestinian Legislative Council.** <http://www.plc.gov.ps/ar/default.aspx>
- **Palestinian National Council.** <http://www.palestinepnc.org>
- **Consultative Council of Saudi Arabia.** [www.shura.gov.sa](http://www.shura.gov.sa)
- **Sudanese Council of States.** [www.councilofstates.gov.sd](http://www.councilofstates.gov.sd)
- **Sudanese National Assembly.** [www.parliament.gov.sd](http://www.parliament.gov.sd)
- **Syrian People's Assembly.** [www.parliament.gov.sy](http://www.parliament.gov.sy)
- **Tunisian National Constituent Assembly.** [www.anc.tn](http://www.anc.tn).
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*Presents a comparative overview of the rights and duties of Arab parliamentarians as stated in the bylaws of the parliaments of Lebanon, Syria, the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Yemen, Sudan, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco; discusses the rights and duties of parliamentarians, their right to join parliamentary committees, speak in general assemblies and committee meetings and submit draft laws; compares Arab parliamentary bylaws concerning oversight, parliamentary immunity, resignation and MPs’ duties in attending plenary sessions.*

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### a) Government Institutions

- 1) **Arab Local Government Laws.** <http://www.undp-pogar.org/resources/listlinks.aspx?lid=18>

*Provides the texts of Bahrain's Decentralization Law and Municipal Law, Iraq's Governorates Law, Jordan's Law of Municipalities, Lebanon's Law of Municipalities, Saudi Arabia's Municipal Law and Law of Regions and Yemen's Law of Local Government.*

- 2) **Arab Ministries of Municipal Affairs.** <http://www.undp-pogar.org/resources/listlinks.aspx?lid=34>

*Provides links to the websites of the ministries of municipal affairs of Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Syria.*

- 3) **Egypt State Information Service.** <http://www.sis.gov.eg>

*Provides extensive information on Egypt's people and land, politics, economy, tourism and society in general.*

- 4) **Library of Congress.** <http://www.locweb2.loc.gov>

*Provides links to research on government and law in Arab countries.*

- 5) **Ministry of National Economy - Sultanate of Oman.** <http://www.moneoman.gov.om/loader.aspx?view=privatization-pso&type=private>

*Provides an overview of the Omani privatization program objectives, strategy and methods as well as ongoing and future privatization projects.*

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### 1) UNDP-Regional Bureau for Arab States (RBAS). <http://arabstates.undp.org>

*A UNDP website; provides draft country program documents for 17 Arab countries.*

### 2) Center for Public Sector Projects and Studies. <http://www.studies.gov.lb/>

*Includes all projects and studies related to the development and reform of public administration agencies in Lebanon. It has more than 1100 studies and projects (in Arabic, French and English) covering: industry, agriculture, interior and municipalities, foreign affairs and emigrants, youth and sports, information, transport, public affairs, tourism, justice and rural and regional development.*

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*Provides links to databases on Arab banking laws, legal texts of Arab legislative bodies, texts on Arab financial regulations and controls, legislation and court rulings in Egypt, Arab associations' laws and the Arab criminal encyclopedia.*

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3) **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).** [www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org)

*Provides data on IPU activities (workshops, seminars, books produced and research conducted on parliamentary administration and politics around the world), in addition to web links to parliaments.*

4) **Jurispedia Encyclopedia of Law.** <http://ar.jurispedia.org>.

*Provides a large number of legal references for the majority of countries organized thematically or by country. The website provides links to legal databases of all member countries.*

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