

The Alliance for Arab Women

20 Years of Work





3 Main Stages in AAW Work Life

- **Each Stage influenced by and took into consideration local and outside factors.**



Stage I :The Inception

A-Why new NGO ?

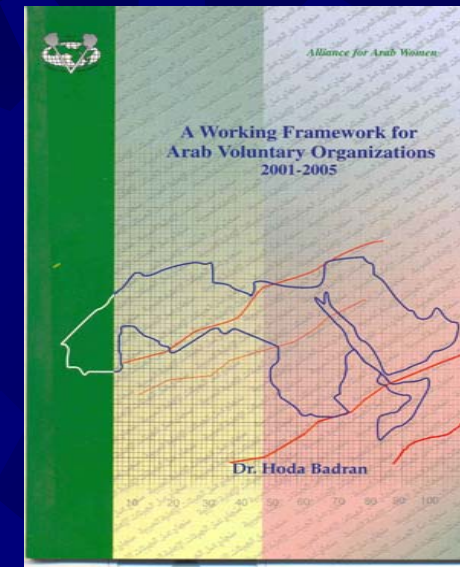
- ❑ A reaction to a setback on the local level, (family law – quota system).
- ❑ Inspired by Nairobi Forward looking strategies for the advancement of women .

B-The initiators.

- ❑ Concerned about women's issues in the Arab World (academics ,activists ,artists,writers ...etc)

C-The characteristics

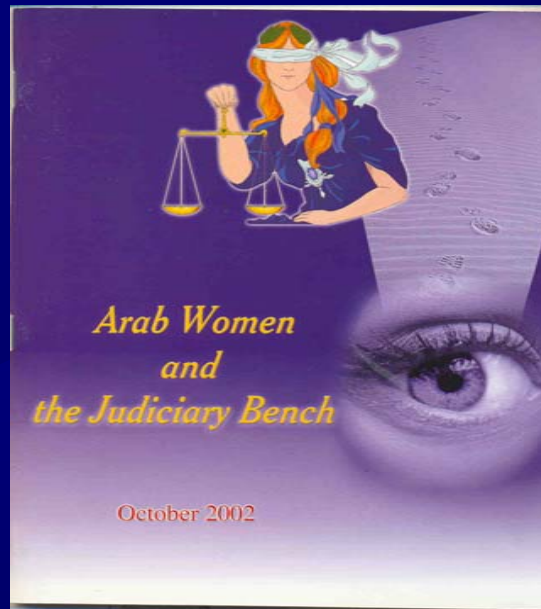
- ❑ Alliance for and not of women
- ❑ both sexes membership.
- ❑ International links.



- ❑ National and Arab Region Level.

D - Methodology of Work.

- From policy to concrete services .
- Advocacy built on facts.



- Participatory Approach.
- Unadvisable Human Rights.



E- Mission Statement

- ✦ The Alliance For Arab Women works as an umbrella to a network of NGOs and cooperates with other Egyptian and Arab organizations to provide women with basic human security through influencing policies and legislations, and through providing services and programs within the frame work of human rights.

The Structure

General Assembly (150)

Board of Directors (15)

(8) Branches

Network of (350) NGO

Executive Committee

Executive Director

Information

Admin & Finance

Projects

Consultation & Research Training Show Room



F-Areas of Work and Activities

- ✦ Advocacy.
- ✦ Awareness Raising.
- ✦ Research.
- ✦ Training.
- ✦ Model programs and Services.
- ✦ Networking

Stage II : the 90.s

AAW Work was affected by several factors including:

- ☀ Women as a component and as a focus in a number of International conferences .
- ☀ Women dev. As a concern in various international documents (the Euro-med partnership initiative).

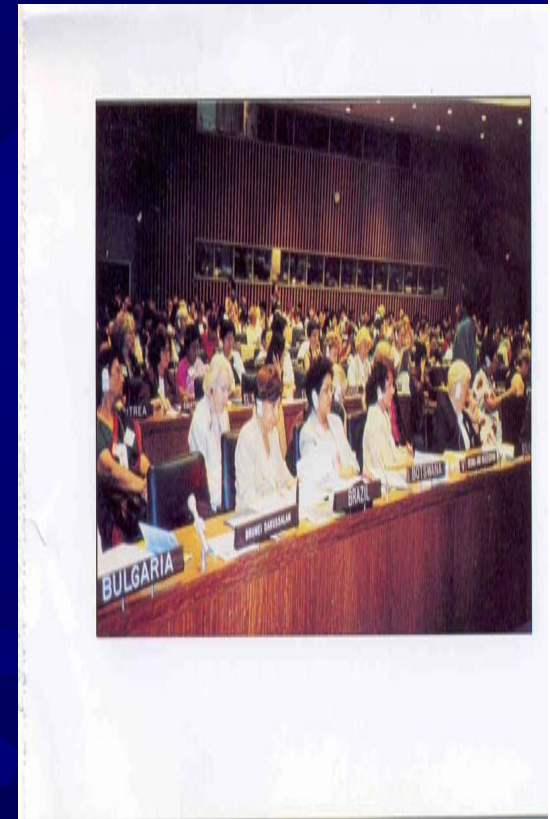
A-AAW participant in all International Conferences (Earth Summit 1992 , H.R.s 1993).

B-AAW on the organizing Committee in ICPD in Cairo.

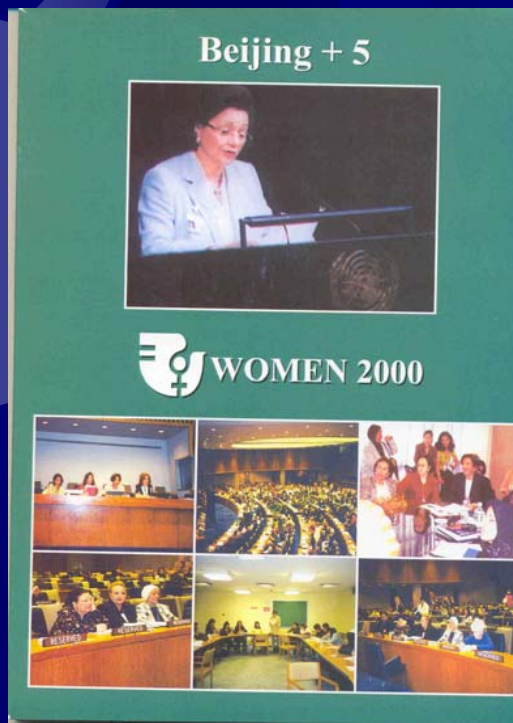
C-AAW selected by UN as the coordinator for Arab NGO.s for the preparation and participation in Beijing Conference



- ✦ Writing the Shadow report.
- ✦ Establishing the Network.
- ✦ Acquiring the Consultative status with ECOSOC.



D-The implementation of Beijing Platform of Action



- Consolidating the network .
- Selecting relevant areas of concern:
 - ☀ Poverty reduction.
 - ☀ Decision –making.
 - ☀ Girl Child and youth.
 - ☀ Education.

E- Cooperation with the European Union:

Women in Decision making positions

- ☀ Local activities (Voting cards , candidates , parties ...etc
- ☀ Regional activities (Research , conferences consultations...etc)





Stage III New Millennium

A- Important events during this stage included :

-Issuing a new Law for NGO's, the established of NCW and several Arab and international declaration and reports with a concern for women empowerment .

-AAW organizes conferences to react to reports on human Development.

- The Arab reports
- The Egyptian Report



B-AAW participant in Efforts for Political , Economic and Cultural reform

- ✦ Prepared the paper on women for the Alexandria library Arab Meeting.
- ✦ Participant in Meetings of NGOs to discuss G8 plan of support for Reform , Sanaa Declaration , Tunis Declaration and other declarations of reform initiatives.



C-AAW cooperates with EU

- Participated in follow up meeting on the Barcelona Process in Alexandria.

- Partner in The Textile Project.

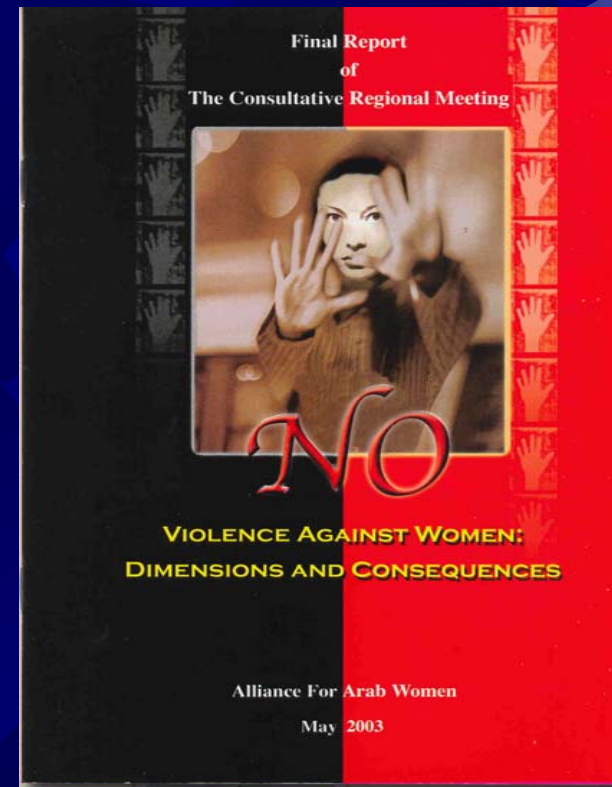
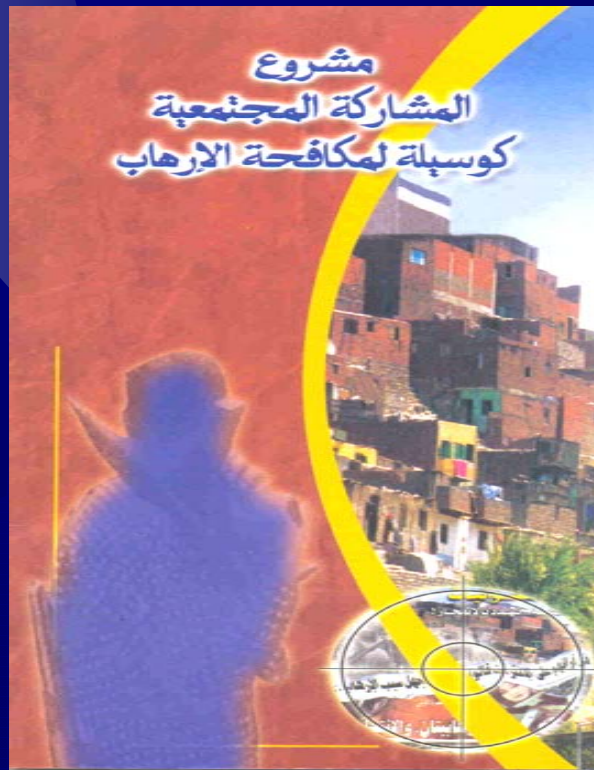
- Presented a paper on Arab Women situation in EU meeting in Morocco June 2006.


Attended NGO's meetings with EU office in Cairo.

D-AAW member in The Anna Lindh Foundation Network.

E-Ongoing projects of AAW

- Addressing Violence and terrorism through community participation.



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- Women in the Political Process.
 - Monitoring CEDAW at the local level.
 - Networking with NGOs to address common marriage.
 - Ombudsman office in Mensheiat Naser.
 - Upgrading Family Courts.
 - Women in technology.
 - Showroom for NGOs products.



Difficulties :

- ★ **Relationship with the Government .**

- The Nature of the relationship.
- The NGO's law.
- The Union.

- ★ **Funding**

- Local.
- International.

- ★ **The beneficiaries**

Future Look :

- ✦ More concern about the situation of Youth.
- ✦ Specific research to refine the theoretical framework and define measurements.
- ✦ Strong networking to develop a women movement.



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- ✦ Change religious and Media address.
 - ✦ Policy changes to facilitate employment and entrepreneurship and to support political participation.
 - ✦ Pressure for the implementation of CEDAW and ratification of its protocol.