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Every month, RPCD brings you the latest news on research in the MENA region. In this issue, we share our Research Highlights of current and upcoming studies; profile Hind Arroub, director of an RPCD Partnership Forum member organization in Morocco; and announce an upcoming workshop on qualitative research methods in Amman.

RPCD Research Highlights



Global Employment Trends (GET), International Labour Organization

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This ILO report offers the most recent global and regional information, facts and figures, on several indicators of the labor market, including unemployment, youth employment and working poverty. [Click here for more publications on Youth Engagement and Development](#)



Adaptation to a Changing Climate in the Arab Countries

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This World Bank report, expected this spring, will summarize available climate change literature in Arabic, French, and English as well as identify gaps and describe policy options. Through a participatory process, the report engages a broad range of regional stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive perspective of climate change impacts. [Click here for more publications on Natural Resources management](#)



Morocco: Outfoxing the Opposition

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Ahmed Benchemsi argues that Morocco's vaunted constitutional reform and election of June-July 2011 fell short of the standards of democracy, because the constitutional changes are largely cosmetic and the election was ridden with irregularities. [Click here for more publications on Democracy and Governance](#)

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Partner of the Month

Dr. Hind Arroub, founder and director of the think tank "Institut Hypatia d'Alexandrie pour la Reflexion et les Etudes".

Dr. Arroub is a Moroccan political scientist, researcher, writer, human rights activist and a poet. She obtained her PhD degree in Law and Political Science from Mohammed V University.

Arroub's first book "Revolutions in the Era of Humiliocracy" addresses major questions of democracy in Morocco and the Arab world. Her upcoming book is called "Sacred and Political detention in Morocco of Mohammed VI".

"My vision is *think, act and change*," says Dr. Arroub. "The purpose behind creating an independent and nonpartisan think tank is to elaborate a reflection and studies pertaining to contemporary Morocco and the Arab World."

She says that RPCD's vision of sharing knowledge in order to develop the MENA region convinced her to join the Partnership Forum. Networking, sharing information, meeting other experts, becoming visible, participating in live and virtual events are all among the advantages she believes can be gained by working with RPCD.

Upcoming Events

- *Partnership Forum Kickoff Meeting*, by RPCD. May 3rd, Four Seasons Hotel, Cairo, Egypt
- *Qualitative Research Methods Workshop*, by RPCD. May 26-28, Crown Plaza Hotel, Amman, Jordan
- *Rio+20: The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development*, 13-22 June, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil