

GANHRI Bureau - Dr. Ali Samikh Al-Marri

Please provide a 1-2 page statement explaining:

a) your institution's interest in being the APF nomination for a **Member of the GANHRI Bureau**, and

b) your institution's demonstrated ability to discharge the powers and duties of the position of **Member of the GANHRI Bureau** as described in the APF AGM Meeting Papers.

Having been an integral part in the establishment of the Qatar National Human Rights Committee, my work in human rights and specifically with NHRIs spans 15 years. During that tenure, and in my current post as NHRC chairman, I have strongly engaged with various NHRI relevant mechanisms such as the APF and the GANHRI, and other regional networks such as the ANNHRI, ENNHRI and the Arab Network. I have acted as Vice Chair of the Asia –Pacific forum (APF) and then subsequently the chair, was a member of the Executive Bureau of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions, Member of Executive Committee of Arab Network of National Human Rights Institutions, President of the Arab Commission for Human Rights at the League of Arab state, Member of the Advisory Committee of the Arab Institute for Human Rights, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Arab Institute of Human Rights. During my tenure, I made a number of international and regional initiatives in the field of promotion and protection of human rights in many contexts. They range from combating terrorism, and efforts to promote dialogue between those in charge of law enforcement, national institutions and civil society organizations, taking advantage of the best international practices with regard to achieving security and ensure the realization of human rights as two complementary responsibilities of States, to basic Human Rights such as the Right to Water and Sanitation. I have also organized and chaired many international and regional conferences and meetings that are directly related to human rights.

I have already served in the GANHRI bureau, and know the ins and outs and what it takes to hold such a post. Being the implementation branch, I will communicate diligently with my regional network and ensure that members are always sufficiently briefed and involved closely in the conversation. I am prepared to be the voice for the APF in the bureau and work alongside the other APF elected

members in the bureau to ensure that we are well engaged in all relevant matters. I look to work with the APF secretariat and other APF bureau representatives to regularly engage APF member institutions and consult them in every decision making issue at the bureau.

My institution under my tenure as chairman has had wide spanning activities in the field of fundraising and providing financial support and remedies. If elected I pledge to continue with this, and increase my fundraising efforts to support the GANHRI and regional networks through engaging state and non-state actors. I note also, that we are completely self sufficient financially to undertake the work detailed and required when holding the post of representing the APF in the GANHRI bureau.

We annually host a large international conference and many other workshops and meeting in Doha, and have expansive experience in this field. Therefore we have the financial and administrative capability to ensure that if required we are able to host and arrange for regional meetings.

The Qatar National Human Rights Committee has been an active and engaged institution since its inception. We have worked diligently and tirelessly to support other APF and beyond member institutions, having played a vital role in the establishments of NHRIs in our region. We also hold the unique position of having signed multiple MoUs with other NHRIs and have more on the horizon. We were and continue to be enthusiastic in undertaking our mandate and increasing the role of the APF and the GANHRI regionally and internationally, as indicated by the establishment of the APF sub-regional office in Doha, our engagement with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights with whom we have a very strong relationship and many other activities including but not limited to hosting of international conferences and many workshops throughout the years. In here lies our interest in representing the APF at the GANHRI bureau. It comes as a natural step in our regional engagement and activities, and we strongly believe we are in a privileged position of being able to undertake the duties and responsibilities outlined. If elected we will work with immense dedication in taking on the position.

Applicant Signature:



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