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Welcome to the ACJLS Rule of Law Toolkit

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One of the strategic goals of the Arab Council for Judicial and Legal Studies (ACJLS) is to enhance the culture of the rule of law in the Middle East and North African region. This Toolkit endeavors to promote discussion about the rule of law and raise awareness about its fundamental principles. The Toolkit provides a set of practical materials for teaching key elements of the rule of law, and how to foster a rule of law culture in the region. The Toolkit emphasizes that the rule of law should play an important role in all areas of life.

The Toolkit is composed of chapters that discuss core concepts of the rule of law; they can be taught as stand-alone lessons, or as a series. Each chapter discusses how the rule of law safeguards certain basic rights and freedoms, while promoting equality before the law, judicial independence, access to justice, and due process. Each chapter contains background information, general discussion points, and a lesson plan with interactive activities to facilitate participants' understanding of each topic. The ACJLS welcomes you to join us in enhancing a rule of law culture in the region by using this resource in your community.

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