Concept Note - TFGE side event
By Digital Citizenship Org

**Name of the hosting organization:** Digital Citizenship Organization

**Title of the round table:** “Makch wa7dek - You’re not alone”

**General Idea:**

In this digital era, activism relies on the online space more than before and activists work hard to engage and reach out to more people through online tools and platforms. They even build an “e-reputation”. Meanwhile, we witness more hatred and bullying against women and minorities online. Hate Speech became a nightmare even for the social media platforms and they are committed to counter this phenomenon alongside with organisations. For this, we want to host a roundtable that includes two well-known women activists who were/are victims of online harassment and bullying. They will talk about their experience while being targeted for their activism and how to overcome those misadventures.

Another speaker will be from AccessNow - Helpline to present how the organisation provides help to Digital Citizenship and other NGOs as well as individual activists worldwide but specifically their involvement in MENA and Tunisia. Meanwhile the moderator will talk about the Hate Speech (its definition, in community standards and terms of services of the tech companies such as Facebook and Twitter).

**Why such a topic is important?** In Digital Citizenship, we believe that a lot of women and girls, active and engaged in the civic space and political life, pull out because of targeted smearing campaigns against them. We would like to counter this phenomenon by allowing them to know how online space policies could protect them.

**Confirmed venue:**
Conference room "Saphia Guolli" (ground floor).
*For such a topic, we expect to have at least 30 attendees.*
Speakers:
- **Feryel Charfeddine - Calam**: Feryel is a feminist and gender/nonviolence Tunisian activist. She has a Master degree in Finance. Charfeddine worked as a forex trader before she changed career and shifted to civil society. She is the first woman elected “board member” of the union of the student in 2009. After the Tunisian revolution, she focused on human right with a scope on gender issues. She is a nonviolence trainer, peacebuilder and gender based violence survivor. Feryel is the co-founder of CALAM (Coexistence with alternative language and action movement).
- **Lina Ben Mhenni**: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lina_Ben_Mhenni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lina_Ben_Mhenni)
- **Dima Samaro - AccessNow**: Dima is a lawyer and the MENA Policy Associate at Access Now. She works closely with the Policy team conducting policy analysis and promoting human rights activism on the internet in the MENA through studying various legislations that affect fundamental rights such as free speech, the right to privacy, access to information and others. Before joining Access Now, Dima served as a legal researcher at the International Commission of Jurists in Tunisia, assisting in organizing capacity building conferences targeting judges and lawyers from the MENA region as well as drafting legal reports on freedom of expression and human rights. Most recently, she completed a fellowship at King’s College London, where she researched the political participation of Palestinian women and the impact of freedom of expression in strengthening their role in the political process. In 2015, she earned her Bachelor’s of Law from the University of An-Najah, Palestine. [https://www.accessnow.org/](https://www.accessnow.org/) [https://www.accessnow.org/issue/digital-security/](https://www.accessnow.org/issue/digital-security/)

Moderator:
**Emna Mizouni**: is the co-founder of Digital Citizenship Org. A digital communications specialist. She is the President-Founder of Carthagina organization, trying to promote Tunisia globally through digitizing heritage. Emna serves as the current Vice-Curator of the World Economic Forum’s initiative for youth, Global Shapers, in the Tunis Hub. Emna is a member of the women’s rights network of the international organization Karama and its representative in Tunisia.

**Time**: The roundtable will take place on April 25 from 2 until 4 pm during which the panelists will present their experiences and the ways they used to overcome the online harassment. We will also cover the different aspects of the issue and guarantee a fruitful discussion with the attendees.

**Project goals and objectives**:
- Raise awareness about online hate speech against women activists,
- Help women and girls to stop any HS against them,
- Provide women who are victims of HS on social media with technical assistance.
**Expected results:**
We expect participants to start using the tools given by our partners and the tech platforms to counter hate speech and bullying and keep their full engagement in the society.

**Partners:** Calam and AccessNow

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