### WHAT'S NEW AT ECWR

**October 2008**

#### Youth of civil society … exchange experiences between Egypt and Germany:

ECWR will organize a workshop on exchanging experiences between youth in civil society, for 15 - 20 youth activists from Egypt and Germany. It aims to evaluate the difficulties young activists face and suggest new ways and methods to overcome them. **It will be held from the 15th to 16th of October, 2008.**

This workshop is the product of cooperation between ECWR volunteers and the Ghoethe-Institute’s Euro-Islamic program.

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#### Making Egypt's Streets Safer for Everyone: Campaign Against Sexual Harassment

ECWR will hold two roundtable discussions to discuss a new sexual harassment law. Participants will discuss and study the drafts of a law submitted to Parliament by the National Council for Women, the Egyptian Center for Women's Rights, and the Member of Parliament, Khalid Qwata. The discussions will focus on the potential effects of these laws and participants will discuss specific ways in which they can advocate for these laws on both a national and local level. The goal is that these meetings will help ECWR make an effective proposal to Parliament when Parliament reconvenes in November. **The first meeting will take place on October 21st** and will include lawyers, legal experts, and women’s rights NGOs. **The second meeting will take place on October 27th** and includes representatives from 50 NGOs from 15 governorates. This meeting will focus on ways in which participants can advocate for the laws in their local governorates.

#### Civil Education Program:

ECWR will hold a workshop to evaluate the first 18 months of the Civil Education Program as we enter the final 6 months of the 2-year project. The participants will be Directors of the 60 participating NGOs in 6 governorates and will be asked for feedback on how the program has been successful in achieving it’s goals and also on how the program can be improved in the future. **It will take place on October 23rd, 2008.**

ECWR will implement the eleventh workshop in a series of monthly workshops aimed at increasing women’s participation in civil society during the voting registration period. This workshop will train field coordinators from participating NGOs on ways to increase women’s participation in the electoral process. It will be held on **October 30th, 2008** for 60 field coordinators in the six targeted governorates (Cairo, Giza, Qalubeya, Alexandria, Isma’alya, Minya).

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The Egyptian Center for Women's Rights

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