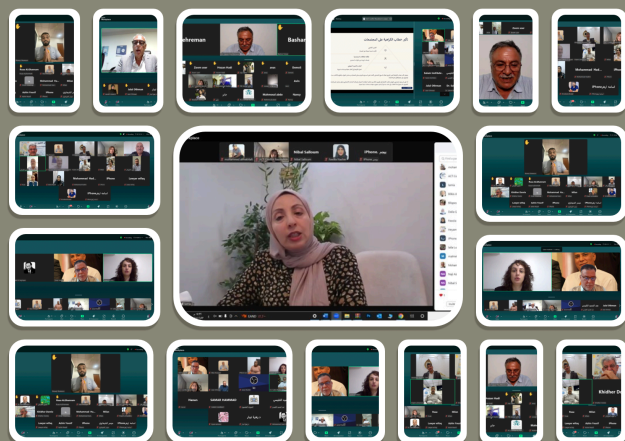




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Regional Workshops hosted by ACT



Regional Workshops in Yemen, Libya, Syria and Iraq.

As part of its commitment to promoting reconciliation and peaceful coexistence across the Arab region, ACT for Conflict Resolution, in collaboration with the Regional Network for Reconciliation and Forgiveness, has successfully concluded a series of dialogue workshops in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Libya. These sessions aimed to confront rising trends of hate speech and sectarian incitement, while protecting the social and cultural diversity of these conflict-affected countries. These events provided a safe space for open discussion on the roots and manifestations of hate speech and its impact on the social fabric. In each country, the workshops concluded with a strong call for sustainable, community-led initiatives. Participants agreed on the need for a national follow-up committee to implement the workshop's recommendations, especially in areas marked by social fragility and identity-based tension. These workshops are part of a broader regional effort led by ACT and its partners to counter divisive narratives, build bridges between communities, and equip local actors with the tools and networks necessary to uphold pluralism and tolerance.



SURVEY ON JERUSALEMITES ATTITUDES TOWARDS ADR

ACT unveils groundbreaking survey findings on Jerusalemites' attitudes towards ADR. In strategic partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Justice and with support of the Sawasya III Joint Programme through UNDP PAPP, ACT convened a specialized workshop in Ramallah to present the findings of a pioneering qualitative opinion survey exploring attitudes among Jerusalemites towards Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms. The event brought together key local and international stakeholders. Dr. Luna Shamieh, the lead researcher, presented a comprehensive analysis of the findings, which revealed distinct trends among Jerusalemites favouring the use of mediation and arbitration.



ADVANCED TRAINING IN MEDIATION

ACT organized an advanced training in mediation in strategic partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Justice and with support of the Sawasya III Joint Programme through UNDP PAPP. The training took place over three consecutive days from June 1 to June 3, with a total of 20 training hours in Ramallah. It was attended by various specialists in conflict resolution from different sectors. The training was led by Mr. Mohammad Hadiya, a lawyer, arbitrator, and mediator with extensive experience in the field. The focus was on developing advanced mediation skills, alongside practical training and simulation of different types of disputes in the field of



WOMEN'S MEDIATION NETWORKS IN ALUBEIDIYA AND TAL ALSULTAN

As part of ACT ongoing efforts to promote peaceful conflict resolution and strengthen community cohesion, ACT formed the new Women's Mediation Networks in Al-Ubeidiya and Tel al-Sultan, following a longterm capacity building process. Each network is led by a dedicated team of eight active women committed to fostering constructive dialogue and resolving disputes through voluntary and amicable means, moving away from traditional judicial processes.

CONTRIBUTION IN THE FIELD

1. **Article- “Mediation from Theory to Practice - A Comprehensive Introduction to Concepts and Application in the Palestinian Local Context”:** The article offers an in-depth exploration of both the theoretical foundations and practical applications of mediation, with a particular focus on the unique dynamics of the Palestinian context. It highlights the challenges and opportunities related to the use of mediation as a community-based tool for conflict resolution and aims to enrich the understanding of practitioners, peacebuilders, and community workers. The article also presents real-life examples and critical insights to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and field practices. The article aligns with ACT’s vision to institutionalize alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms in Palestine, and to elevate mediation as a trusted method for social cohesion.



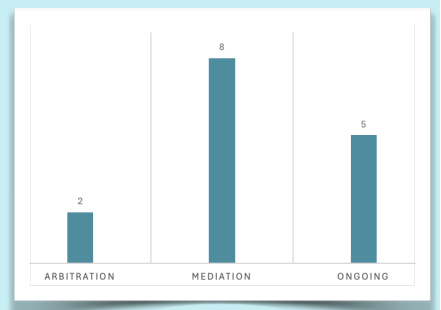
2. Fact Sheet- “Spaces of Faith and Limits of Power: A Fact Sheet on Sacred Places in Jerusalem”:

ACT is also proud to announce the release of a new fact sheet titled "Spaces of Faith and Limits of Power: A Fact Sheet on Sacred Places in Jerusalem". The fact sheet includes mapping sacred geographies; outlining key religious locations of significance to Muslims, Christians, and Jews, emphasizing their historical and cultural roles. The power structures and governance; by explaining the layers of control, regulation, and contestation surrounding access to these spaces, particularly in light of the Israeli occupation. It includes also the legal and political framing by summarizes international and humanitarian law principles relevant to religious sites and examines the extent to which they are respected or violated. Moreover it includes an advocacy-oriented design created to support NGOs, journalists, diplomats, and educators in advocating for religious freedom and equitable access to holy places.



ACT'S SUCCESS IN RESOLVING DISPUTES: MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

ACT for Studies and Conflict Resolution has been actively involved in resolving various individual disputes, including family and real estate matters. In **June 2025**, the results were highly satisfactory, with **2 arbitration cases** and **8 mediation cases** successfully resolved, thanks to the dedication of our skilled mediators and arbitrators. Other cases are still ongoing, and we remain committed to supporting further peacebuilding efforts and fostering positive



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