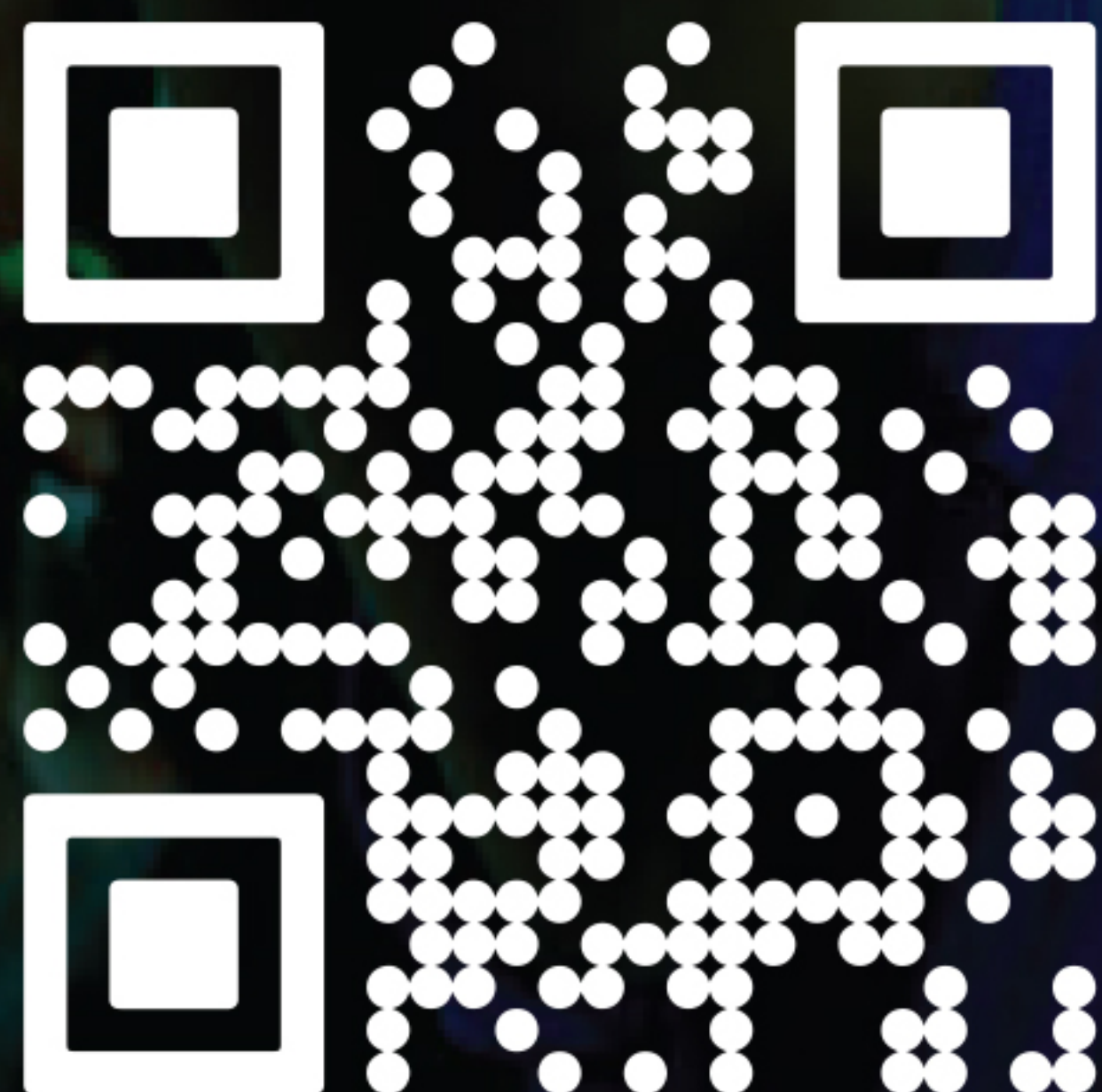


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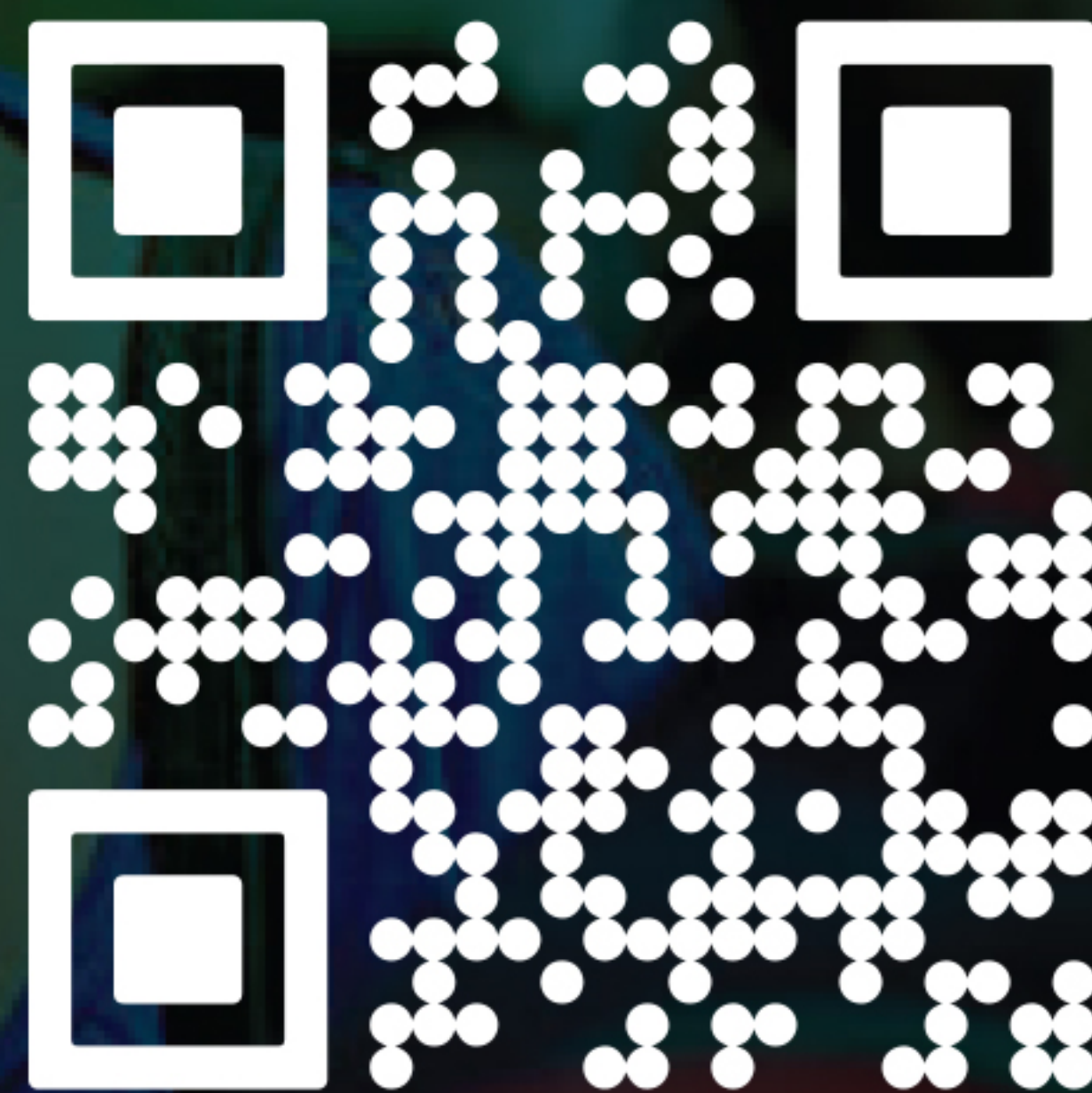
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Agenda

09:30 am-10:00 am

Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 am-10:15 am

Opening Remarks

Welcome address
Objectives and agenda

10:15 am-11:30 am

Panel 1: Youth and Political Engagement in Tunisia Today

Moderator:



Nadia Jmal

Research Assistant at the
Arab Reform Initiative

Speakers:



Saoussen Fray Amor

PhD student in Sociology at the University of Tunis and author of the book,
«Engagement Politique des Jeunes Tunisiens Après 2011»



Malek Lakhhal

Research Fellow at the
Arab Reform Initiative

Description:

The panel will explore the disillusionment among Tunisian youth with politics and public life in general, a sentiment driven by the lack of change, the lack of horizons, and other contributing factors. Malek Lakhhal will present ARI's report, "Tunisian Youth Perceptions of Authoritarian Restoration: Withering Support for Democracy," drawing from its recent findings. Meanwhile, Sawsan Fray will offer insights from her book, "Engagement Politique des Jeunes Tunisiens Après 2011," based on her extensive research in the field.

11:30 am-11:45 am

Coffee Break

11:45 am-12:30 pm

Panel 2: Partner Contributions and Insights

Moderator:



Malek Lakhal

Research Fellow at the Arab Reform Initiative

Speakers:



Tasnym Romdhani

Member of WeStart organization

Rayen Taamallah

Member of WeStart organization



Ahmed Sassi

One of the Founders of Génération Anti-Marginalisation

Description:

The panel will feature youth initiatives and efforts to combat negative stereotypes by transforming media narratives. It will include a short documentary screening followed by a discussion with our partners, "WeStart" and "GAM," who will showcase their projects. These initiatives focus on identifying and deconstructing stereotypes about the governorate of Kairouan and the neighborhood of Kabaria, while presenting positive narratives about these areas.

12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Lunch Break

1:30 pm-2:45 pm

Panel 3: Redefining Journalism: Citizen Journalism and Political Engagement in the Digital Age

Moderator:



Sarah Ben Ali

Editor-in-Chief at Inkyfada

Speakers:



Hassen Hameli

Radio host & producer at Mosaïque FM



Haithem Haouel

Independent Journalist

Description:

In the digital age, citizens have a platform for disseminating content and getting voices heard that mainstream media do not regularly cover, whether on radio, television, or in print. The boundary between journalism and content creation is becoming blurred on several subjects. Today, citizen journalism is thus becoming one of the pillars of information, enabling the sourcing of news and making news coverage more decentralized and less exclusive to professional journalists. So, what exactly is a citizen journalist? What tools do they have to provide reliable and fact-checked information? And what kind of relationship do they have with professional journalists?

02:45 pm-03:00 pm

Coffee Break

03:00 pm-04:15 pm

**Panel 4: Youth Representation in Local Politics:
Where do we go now?**

Moderator:

**Malek Lakhali**

Research Fellow at the
Arab Reform Initiative

Speaker:

**Chaima Bouhlel**

Activist

Description:

The panel will present Chaima's upcoming paper, offering insightful perspectives on the evolution of youth representation in local politics over the past decade in Tunisia. She will also discuss how local politics can still impact pressing issues such as climate change and economic development. These issues create opportunities for young people to get involved in public arena and to build networks across borders.

04:15 pm-04:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Summary of key takeaways