

**Iraq Studies Institute**  
**In cooperation with**  
**WAFDI**  
**Training on**  
**Leadership and Women's Issues**  
**July 13-17, 2009**  
**Beirut, Lebanon**

Carole Basri, WAFDI Executive VP, and Basma Fakri, WAFDI co-founder and President Emeritus, received invitations from Dr. Faleh Jabar, the director of the Iraqi Studies Institute in Beirut Lebanon to deliver lectures on Leadership and Women's Issues. The program was scheduled for one week July 13-17, 2009 at the Lagos Center in Beirut, Lebanon. Attendees were young Iraqis from the government and civil society, 12 women and 15 men taking a two month certificate course. The training was a one-hour lecture per day on each subject (Leadership and Women's Issues).

The training that was provided was based on the idea that leaders should be informed about all members of their constituencies, men and women, and that women's rights activists need to be trained on leadership. Ms. Basri and Ms. Fakri decided to combine the two groups (Leadership and Women's Rights) and train them on both subjects.

The titles of the five lectures of leadership included the following:

1. Leadership Attributes
  - Create a list of attributes and rank their importance
2. Leadership and fighting corruption.
  - Discuss paper on Preventing Corruption in Iraq
3. Ethics and Leadership
  - The role of the leader in creating effective compliance programs
  - For Corporate and Governmental entities, Article by Carole Basri "Rebuilding Iraq with Legal Tools", the European Lawyer December 2005/January 2006.
4. A Toolkit for Leadership
  - Goal Setting
  - Crisis Management
5. Leadership, politics, media and Civil Society

The titles of the five lectures on Women's rights included the following:

1. Women's Rights under International Law and Iraqi Law,
2. Women in Politics: Recruitment of Women to the Iraqi Legislature,
3. Women in Politics: Fostering Increased Representation of Women in the Iraqi Legislature,
4. Role of Women in Civil Society and the Family and Women Working with the Media,
5. Economic Empowerment for Women
  - Widows project, education for girls and women, sewing project, micro banking for

women, ...

- Building and Planning Women's Organizations and Organizations to Assist Women.

At first, this innovative concept of combining the training on both of these areas sparked questions on whether these topics could be combined. However, as the training sessions progressed, The Iraq Studies Institute and students were very supportive of this concept. As the students listened to the material, received group exercises, and participated in role playing, the students became enthusiastic about the teaching method and the combining of the leadership and women's rights curriculum.