

Press Release

The Right of Access to Information Commission Publishes its consolidated Report

The Right of Access to Information Commission of Morocco has published its consolidated report covering the period from March 2019 to March 2024, in implementation of one of its core mandates to produce periodic reports. This report is part of the cumulative process of the Commission's work and is guided by the objective of assessing its experience and performance since its establishment to the present day.

The report, which is being released as of today to the Moroccan public, the relevant constitutional and administrative institutions, as well as media and press stakeholders, was prepared using a synthesis-based methodology with a reference-oriented purpose. It aims not only to structure the areas of intervention and present an assessment of the Commission's activities, but also to provide a constructive analysis of its foundational role in the implementation of Law 31.13 on the right of access to information in Morocco, highlighting both the achievements of its application and the challenges revealed through its implementation on the ground.

The importance of the Right of Access to Information Commission's experience lies in its foundational nature within its scope of competencies, as it gives concrete effect to the spirit of the Moroccan Constitution of 1 July 2011, particularly Article 27, and translates the mechanisms for implementing Law 31.13 on the right of access to information, published in the Official Gazette on 18 February 2018.

The Commission's consolidated report traces all achievements made since its official appointment on 13 March 2019, ranging from the development of its organic law to the review of complaints handled and the recommendations issued in this regard. It also reflects on the training and capacity-building meetings organized with various institutional stakeholders, as well as the conferences and meetings held with civil society and academic actors, in addition to the press releases published and the opinions issued on draft legislative and regulatory texts submitted by the government.

The report includes national and international references related to the right of access to information, the national context surrounding the entrenchment of the effective exercise of this right, and the provisions of Law 31.13. It also presents an overview of the Commission's activities, including: the provision of advice and expertise; training, awareness-raising, scientific meetings, support and monitoring; cooperation and partnerships; communication and information through the adoption of a visual identity and the creation of a website; openness and partnership with civil society actors; the issuance of opinions on draft laws; the processing of complaints and a detailed analysis of their mapping; the evaluation of the implementation of the principle of the right of access to information in Morocco; the clarification of the competencies of the relevant bodies and institutions; the identification of institutions that interacted with the Commission's correspondence or considered themselves outside the scope of the access to information system; the place of this right within judicial practice; as well as recommendations and proposals.

The Commission considers that this consolidated report constitutes a rigorous synthesis effort that reflects, with a high degree of responsibility, the efforts undertaken at both national and institutional levels to activate the system of the right of access to information. It is also an ambitious document that seeks to serve as a valuable reference for all actors, researchers, stakeholders, and the national public interested in the right of access to information as a fundamental lever for strengthening transparency, enhancing trust between citizens and public administration, and promoting best practices within the broader framework of advancing human rights in their universal dimension.