



Madaniya Charter of Ethics

Our Mission: To protect our civic space and support the pioneering role of civil society in building Syria's future

Our Vision: An inclusive, democratic, and sovereign Syria, whose citizens are all equal under the rule of law.

Our Values: We stand behind the following values.

- Syria is strong in its diversity and pluralism.
- Syria is an independent country enjoying full sovereignty over its entire territory.
- All citizens of Syria have the right to live in dignity, with equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, religion, language, political opinions, or other factors.
- Syria upholds the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including freedom of expression and assembly, and freedom of religion and belief.
- Syria protects women's rights, and women play a leading role in public affairs.
- Syria protects children's rights and prioritises their education.
- Syria is committed to democratic governance, the rule of law, transparency, and accountability, with a separation of executive, legislative, and judiciary powers, and an independent judiciary.
- Syria rejects all forms of violence, extremism, terrorism, and racism, and contributes to a just regional and international peace.
- Syria is open to the world with diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations contributing to its prosperity.
- Syrian Civil Society plays a key role in attaining the governance that guarantees these principles, in exercising oversight and accountability, and in contributing to public policymaking.

Our Vetting Criteria: Membership for organisations in Madaniya is approved based on the following.

- **Organisation's Vision:** Commitment to prioritising the interests of Syria and Syrians within a framework of civil values.
- **Organisation's Independence:** Capacity to operate and make decisions autonomously without influence or control from compromised entities.
- **Organisation's Integrity:** The extent and nature of compromises the organisation is willing to accept to facilitate its work with political entities and de facto authorities.
- **Security Assessment:** Ensuring that the organisation's membership does not pose a security risk to Madaniya or its members.
- **Reputational Assessment:** Ensuring that the organisation's membership does not pose a risk of tarnishing the reputation of Madaniya or its member organisations, portraying them negatively, or compromising their ethical stance.
- **Work Credibility:** The genuine existence of the organisation aligned with principled operational guidelines.