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Subject: Re: Connecting - Poynter/IFCN and U.S. Embassy Tunis
Date: Tue, 19 Apr 2022 16:54:04 -0400

Excellent! Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best,
alanna

On Tue, Apr 19, 2022 at 4:50 PM Fanous, Mary K (Tunis) (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:
Apologies for the delay Alanna. I'm trying to coordinate a call on Friday morning. If you are available, I will circle back with the proposed time. Thanks.

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Hi all,
Just following up on this to see if we can get a call scheduled.
Best,
Alanna

On Sat, Apr 9, 2022 at 3:48 AM Thibault, Erica (Tunis) (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Hi Alanna

Thanks for getting back to us so quickly. Mary Fanous who leads our press efforts will work with you on a time next week for a call.

Best regards,

Erica Thibault

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Thanks for the connection, (b)(6)

Yes, we do think supplemental mentorship could help both those organizations. What has been helpful is both Fatabyyano's desire to help them cross the finish line and the fact that both organizations are highly motivated and really want to be both effective fact-check units and signatories.

I'd love to hop on a call next week to discuss potential next steps, if that's something you all are amenable to?

Best,
Alanna

On Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 7:36 AM (b)(6)@state.gov> wrote:

Baybars and Alanna,

I oversaw the *Empowering Fact-Checking in the Global South* sub-award from the State Department's Global Engagement Center, working through IWPR. I re-read your final report and the Tunisia portions had some fantastic findings.

I'm connecting you directly with Erica Thibault, the Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tunis, to explore what additional mentorship through Poynter/IFCN might look like in Tunisia. Also cc'd is (b)(6) from the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Office of Press and Public Diplomacy. The report had recommended that the two organizations in Tunisia – Les Grandes Ecoles de la Communication and Business News/BN Check – would benefit from additional mentorship to absorb the fact-checking skills.

Erica and (b)(6) – Baybars Örsek is the director of international programming at the Poynter Institute and director of the International Fact-Checking Network. Alanna Dvorak is Poynter's International Training Manager.

Please feel free to keep me cc'd but I'm glad to be connecting you all.

Thanks,

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