

MOROCCAN CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

1st International Annual Conference on Education for Democratic Citizenship

Educating Youth for Democratic Futures

February 26th to March 1st, 2014
Marrakech, Morocco

Announcement and call for papers

Research has shown that effective democratic citizenship requires the education of young people in the content, skills and attitudes necessary for their active participation in the political process as adults. Recently, the Carnegie Middle East Center released a report that concludes that “Citizenship education in the Arab world is a key element in education reform and in the development of future pluralistic societies as well as sustainable political systems and economic models.”

The Council of Europe Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship defines education for democratic citizenship (EDC) as “...*education, training, dissemination, information, practices and activities, which aim by equipping learners with knowledge, skills and understanding to empower them to exercise and defend their democratic rights and responsibilities in society, to value diversity and to play an active part in democratic life, with a view to the promotion and protection of democracy and the rule of law*”.

The Moroccan Center for Civic Education in collaboration with its international and local partners will hold the **1st International Conference on Education for Democratic Citizenship** to explore how teachers and schools can educate learners to be effective and active citizens who are committed to democratic principles. The conference will also take stock of the reforms taking place since the beginning of the Arab Spring and survey the post-uprising need for citizenship education.

Under the theme of “Educating Youth for Democratic Futures,” the conference will provide a forum for dialogue and the sharing of innovative practices, experience and expertise in the field of democratic citizenship education, with a focus on classroom implementation. EDC has become one of the goals shaping the reform of educational systems internationally. However, at the classroom level, educators still encounter many challenges.

The conference builds on established partnerships between the Moroccan Center for Civic Education, the Ministry of Education of the Kingdom of Morocco and partners in the US, the UK, Canada, Europe and MENA region. Through its keynote speeches, presentations, workshops, round tables, posters and networking sessions, the conference will enable in-depth exchanges between participants from multiple backgrounds. It will bring together academics, professional educators and high level representatives from Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Europe, the MENA region together with experts and civil society leaders, educators, media and youth representatives from Morocco.

Goals

- To promote students' awareness and activism that will benefit communities.
- To stimulate an in-depth exchange of views, the sharing of successful experiences and the modeling of classroom best practices with respect to democratic citizenship
- To identify the skills, knowledge, and values that learners will need as active and democratic citizens.
- To bring together high level academics, professionals, educators, civil society members and international experts in the field of education for democratic citizenship.
- To engage in a debate on how students should be educated in and for democratic citizenship
- To provide a platform for sharing experience and expertise as well as a way of disseminating successful and innovative practices.

Theme

Education for Democratic Citizenship: Educating Youth for Democratic Futures

Sub themes

Education for Democratic Citizenship and the Arab Spring

Civic engagement

The empowerment of youth and women.

Anti-corruption

Education for peace

Education for equality

Intercultural dialogues

Education for human rights

Education for the rule of law

Historical consciousness and citizenship education

Curriculum policy for democracy

Partners:

- British Council, Morocco
- CEPEO (Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario), Ottawa, Canada
- Civitas International/ Center for Civic Education, Los Angeles, California
- Maryville Center for Civic Engagement and Democracy, St Louis, MO, USA
- Ministry of Education, Morocco
- RELO (Regional English Language Office), US Embassy, Morocco
- Making History/Faire l'histoire Educational Research Unit, Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

Conference Dates

February 26 – March 01, 2013

Venue

Riad Mogador Menara and Spa, Marrakech, Morocco

Agenda summary**February 26:****Afternoon**

Arrivals and check in
Opening ceremony: Opening remarks
Reception: Networking
Keynote speech

Thursday February 27:

Morning: Plenary Presentations and discussion

Afternoon workshops and cultural activities

Friday February 28:

Morning: Plenary Presentations and discussion

Afternoon workshops, roundtables and cultural activities

Saturday March 1st:**Morning:**

Panel session
Evaluation
Recommendations
Conference Closing
Lunch
Participants from Morocco check out
Marrakesh guided tour for the international participants coming from outside Morocco

Sunday March 2nd

Internationals check out.

Conference Registration**Conference fees for international participants:**

US \$1000 (per International individual participant)

US \$ 800 (per International individual participant from the MENA region)

The fee includes the following:

- Conference registration.
- 4 nights at Riad Mogador Menara & Spa 5 Stars Hotel in Marrakesh (Feb 26, 27, 28 & March 1) Single room.
- 4 breakfasts
- 4 meals (1 dinner and 3 lunches)
- 1st day reception
- 5 pause coffees
- Airport transfers (From Casablanca/ Marrakesh Menara airport)
- Guided Tour in Marrakesh
- Conference material and supplies
- Conference participation fees.

**Conference fees for Moroccans and other participants coming from Morocco
(Co-sponsored by the British Council, Morocco and the Regional English Language
Office, US Embassy, Morocco)**

1450 MAD (per individual participant in a double room)

3000 MAD (per individual participant in a single room)

Spouse: 2000 MAD

The fee includes the following:

- 3 nights at Riad Mogador Menara, 5 Stars Hotel in Marrakesh (Feb 26, 27 &28)
- 3 breakfasts
- 3 meals (1 dinner and 2 lunches)
- 1st day reception
- 5 pause coffees
- Conference material and supplies.

Conference registration for Moroccans: 100 MAD

Conference registration for non-Moroccans: 600 MAD

Please register at <http://civicmorocco.org/1st-international-annual-conference-on-democratic-citizenship/registration/>

Important Dates:

- September 24: Registration starts
- November 30th: Deadline for call for papers
- December 15th: Notification
- December 31st: Deadline for registration for international participants and final papers submitted.
- January 31st: Deadline for registration for local participants

Scientific committee

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- Timothy J. Stanley, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa.

Abstracts

The scientific committee invites contributions (30 Minutes presentations or 60 minutes workshops) that address at least one of the above mentioned subthemes. November 30, 2013 is the deadline for abstracts submission.

Please complete the attached abstract form on <http://civimorocco.org/1st-international-annual-conference-on-democratic-citizenship/submission/>

Abstracts should not be over 500 words and should include the following:

- The title of the presentation/ workshop
- The name of the speaker
- The institution
- A biography
- Contact information

The final papers should be submitted by December 31, 2013 and be considered for publication.

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