



Ministry of Youth

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
"YOUTH POLICY – HERE AND NOW"
Youth participation and involvement

11-15 September, 2005

Saturday 10 September

Arrival to Cairo/Alexandria,
Transfer to Windsor Hotel in Alexandria

Sunday 11 September

10:00 Opening by *Dr Safei Eddin Kharboush*, Advisor to the Minister of Youth in Egypt and Professor at the Faculty of Economics & Political Science, Cairo University

Welcoming speeches by:

Mr Jan Henningsson, Director of the Swedish Institute

Mr Rui Gomes, Council of Europe

Mr Per Nilsson, Director General of the Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs "Common challenges and possibilities – the importance of Youth Policy"

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 "Overview and historical perspective of the situation of Youth Policy in Middle East and Europe" *Dr Safei Eddin Kharboush*, Advisor to the Minister of Youth in Egypt. Moderator: *Ms Enas Fardan*, NGO representative, Bahrain

12:30 Group photo followed by lunch in the Swedish Institute

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- 14:00-15:30 “The process of defining and elaboration a Youth Policy” Report from the Regional Seminar organized by UNICEF on National Youth Policies for the Middle East and North Africa Region. Followed by discussion.
Moderator: *Ms Birgitta Danielson*, Senior Program Officer, Sida
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-17:30 Working groups on social context and historical development of Youth Policy. Moderator: *Mr Mahmoud al Sarhan*, Higher Council of Youth, Jordan
- 17:30-18:00 Reporting of working groups.
- 20:00 Welcome Reception in the Swedish Institute

Monday 12 September

- 09:15 Introduction by: *Mr. Rui Gomes, Council of Europe*
- 09:30-11:00 “Role and function of Youth Policy”, *Peter Lauritzen*, Council of Europe
Discussion or Group work. Moderator: *Mr Ehab Abdou*, Nahdet el Mahrousa, Egypt
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Presentations from three country profiles; Slovakia, Turkey and Jordan. (challenges, who, why and when, and the status in each country.)
Moderator: *Mr Zoran Ileski*, Youth Council Prilep, FYR of Macedonia
- 13:00-13:45 Lunch in the Swedish Institute
- 13:45-16:00 Departure to Bibliotheca Alexandrian for a tour in the Library.
- 16:00-18:00 “Youth participation: Innovations and challenges”, *Ms Marta Escribano*, European Youth Forum and *Mr. Hesham el Roubi*, chairman of the Youth Association for Population and Development, Cairo and *Mr Ninos Maraha*, National Council of Swedish Youth Organisation, Stockholm.
Moderator: *Mr Rui Gomes*, Council of Europe
- 18:00-19:00 Summing-up and discussion.
- 20:00 Dinner in the hotel

Tuesday 13 September

- 09:15 Introduction by: *Ms Amal Salam al Dossari*, National Youth Strategy Focal Point, Bahrein
- 09:45-11:00 Presentation of three more country profiles with focus on “Youth Participation”; FYR of Macedonia, Bahrain, Palestine. Followed by discussion.
Moderator: Mr Ninos Maraha, National Council of Swedish Youth Organisation, Stockholm
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15-13:00 Sectorial working groups; NGOs, governmental institutions, researchers. Follow-up of the two examples presented on Monday.
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch in the Swedish Institute
- 14:00-15:30 “Implementation and monitoring of Youth Policy” The Swedish experience (structure, resources, political mandate, competence, coordination and challenges). “Status of Youth Policy in Egypt and report from Sharm el Sheikh meeting” Followed by discussion. Moderator: *Ms Rut Erdelyiova*, Slovak Youth Foundation.
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-17:15 Continuation of working groups from the morning.
- 17:15-18:00 Reporting from working groups
- 19:30 Bus from Windsor to dinner in Zafeer restaurant, Max

Wednesday 14 September

- 09:15-09:45 Summing-up from yesterday and short introduction about future cooperation: *Åsa Fahlgren*, The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs and *Ms Dua’a Qurie*, Ministry of Youth, Palestine
- 09:45-11:30 Working groups on how do we proceed on a national and international level. And ideas to the organisers of this seminar about “The next step”!
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee break
- 11:45-13:00 Feed back from the working groups in the morning. Moderator: *Ms Violeta Zivkovska*, Agency for Youth and Sport, FYR of Macedonia.

- 13:00-14:00 Lunch in the Swedish Institute
- 14:00-15:30 Exchange of experiences about “Regional youth cooperation” Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) *Dr Traugott Schöfthaler*, Executive Director of ALF and *Mr Abdallah Sobeih*, from SDA (NGO part of the ALF National Network in Egypt). *Mr Rui Gomes*, Council of Europe, including a presentation about the “The European Commission’s role in youth policy definition in Europe, the European Youth Pact and the Euro-Med Youth Cooperation” Moderator: *Åsa Fahlgren*, The Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs
- 15:30-17:00 Conclusions of this seminar and what’s next!
Ms Ingrid Sandström, Swedish Institute, *Mr Rui Gomes*, Council of Europe, *Ms Birgitta Danielson*, Sida. Moderator: *Ms Åsa Fahlgren*
- 17:00 Evaluation
- 20:00 Farewell dinner

Thursday 15 September

Day-trip to Cairo
Over-night in Cairo for those leaving from Cairo (Flamenco Hotel)

Friday 16 September

Departure from Cairo/Alexandria