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3 June 2010

**Seminar**  
**'Euro-Arab youth policy cooperation in the**  
**broader Euro-Mediterranean context'**

**31 May – 4 June 2010, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt**

*A contribution to the preparations of the International Year of Youth*

**Dedicated to the memory of Dr. Abd Albaset Abd Elmo'ti**

## **Programme**

## Monday, 31 May

Arrival of participants

15:00 Preparatory Committee Meeting

20:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

## Tuesday, 1 June

09:30 Introduction and presentation of the participants

10:00 Presentation of the seminar's programme

10:15 'The League of Arab States' vision and policy for youth empowerment',  
Presentation dedicated to the memory of **Dr. Abd Albaset Abd Almo'ti,**  
**Consultant at LAS-PPMD**

Presented by **Mr Ahmad Alhindawi**, Youth Specialist, LAS-PPMD

Session moderated by **Dr. Khaled Louhichi-** Director of Youth and Sport,  
Population Policies and Migration Department - League of Arab  
States

11:30 Break

12:00 Opening of the seminar by **Dr. Sima Bahoth**, Assistant SG, League of  
Arab States

Opening speeches and introductory notes by:

- **Ms Karin Lopatta-Loibl**, Youth Policy Officer, European  
Commission - Directorate General for Education and Culture
- **Dr. Mohammed Abou Elkhier**, Egyptian National Youth Council
- **Mr Ulrich Bunjes**, Deputy Director of Youth and Sport of the  
Council of Europe

13:00 *Lunch break*

15:00 'Youth Policy: Principles and Values', input by **Dr Metka Kuhar**, University of  
Ljubljana, followed by a discussion

16:00 *Break*

16:30 Working Groups on the realities of youth policies in the countries represented:

- Sources which bring about policy development
- The concept of youth
- The needs, concerns and aspirations of young people
- Involvement of stakeholders

17:30 Sharing results of the working groups in plenary

18:30 End of the day's formal programme

19:00 *Dinner-Reception*

## Wednesday, 2 June

09:30 Opening and presentation of the programme of the day

09:35 'Youth policy from principles to practice', inputs by

- **Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Farah**, Youth Policies Expert

- **Dr Miriam Teuma**, University of Malta

*Questions, answers and discussion*

11:00 *Break*

11:30 Working groups on practical implementation of the principles of youth policy

13:00 *Lunch*

15:00 "Practices and challenges in youth policy definition and implementations", Round-table session with national youth policy experts (**Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Sudan**)

16:00 *Break*

16:30 Working groups on practical implementation of the principles of youth policy continued

19:00 *Dinner*

## Thursday, 3 June

09:30 Presentation of European model(s) of youth policy cooperation

- European Union, with Ms **Karin Lopatta-Loibl**, Directorate General Education and Culture

- The Council of Europe, with Mr **Rui Gomes**, Directorate of Youth and Sport and **Sonia Mejri** (Advisory Council on Youth)

11:00 *Break*

11:30 Working groups: perspectives and priorities for further Euro-Arab youth cooperation in the youth policy field

13:00 *Lunch*

15:00 Working groups continued

16:15 *Break*

16:40 Presentation of the conclusions and proposals of the working groups

17:30 Conclusions of the seminar by the general rapporteur

18:00 Evaluation and closing of the seminar

*19.00 Dinner*

## **Friday, 4 June**

Departure of participants