



European Commission



2nd International Round table

“Youth Policy Cooperation in the Broader Euro-Mediterranean context”

Budapest 22 – 23 April 2009

The Arab Youth Observatory (AYO)



The Arab Youth Observatory (AYO) is a project of the Population Policy and Migration Department (PPMD), within the League of Arab States (LAS)

AYO is a permanent platform since 2007 to promote the exchange of skills and knowledge, youth dialogue, as well as the support of youth at the regional level, by including all involved parties in the field of youth.

Context

The Arab Youth Observatory was established in response to many recommendations by:



The Arab Kings and Presidents Decree made at the Khartoum Summit 2006 which stated:

"We Arab kings and presidents, call for youth empowerment and active participation in the society by contributing in the economic, social, cultural and political development."



The Arab Declaration on Youth Empowerment.



The Arab Parliamentarian Conference on Youth Empowerment/The 9th Annual Conference of Heads of National Population Councils, NPCs 2006.

Objectives

Collecting and disseminating reliable, updated & significant data on youth at the Arab region

Research , studies ,
Surveys, Data
Bases , Websites ,
Publications

Formulating an Arab vision on youth empowerment & participation in population & development strategies & policies

Think Tank ,
Seminars ,
Meetings

Enhance the capacity of institutions & national organizations working on youth empowerment & strengthen youth leaderships.

Capacity
Building
Activities

Activate dynamic dialogue among different stakeholders to gain the support of decision makers on youth empowerment

Advocacy targeting:
Decision makers ,
Responsible ,
Parliamentarians

Mechanisms and Activities

-  The League of Arab States Youth Forum 2007 – 2008 – 2009
-  The Annual Report on Arab Current Youth Issues 2005 – 2006 – 2007 - 2008
-  Youth Advisory Committee
-  Annual meeting on : regional and international organizations working on youth
-  Arab Youth Voice: a website for and from Youth <http://www.poplas.org/youth>
-  The Arab Youth Summit
-  Up-to-dated and specialized databases
-  Other meetings and publications



The LAS Youth Forum

The League of Arab States Youth Forum.

- Egypt 2007, “Youth’s Participation in Localizing and Achieving the MDGs”.
- Jordan 2008, “Youth and Cultural Dialogue “.
- Morocco 2009 , “Youth and Migration”

<http://www.lasyouthforum.org>



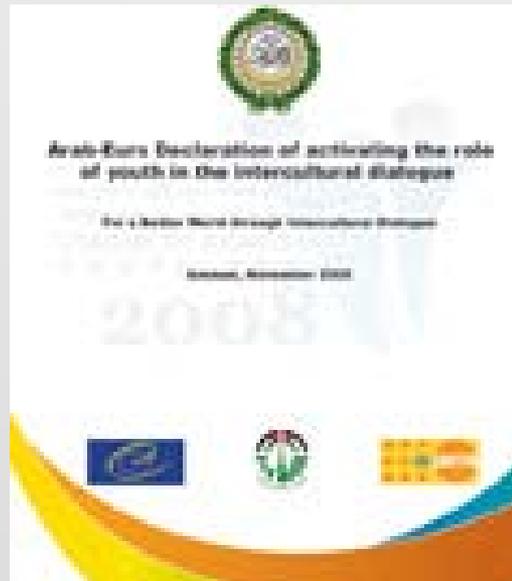
Main outputs

Arab youth network
for R.H.

Arab youth
bloggers network

Arab Network for
National youth
organizations
networks
(in process)

Amman Declaration
on Intercultural
Dialogue



Many activities in
preparation for the
forum annually

The Annual Report on Arab Youth Issues

This Report is an annual publication covering major youth issues in Arab countries in light of the latest available data. important issue, the most important of which:

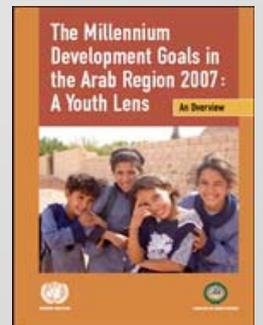
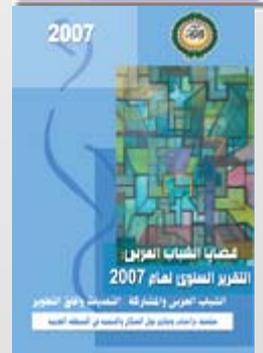
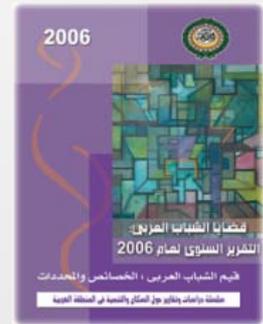
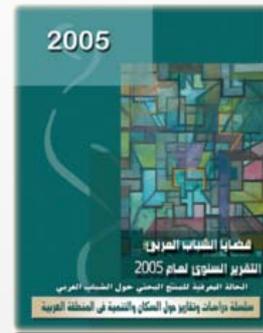
"Report on State-of-The-Art on Youth Data and Studies"

•“Arab youth issues: youth values: characteristics &determinants”

“Arab youth participation: Challenges &prospects”

The Millennium Development Goals in the Arab Region

“Arab youth and cultural dialogue” (in process)



The Youth Advisory Committee



Help in drawing strategies and projects and do the follow up & the evaluation of past projects.



YAC members act as national focal points for the AYO projects and feed the AYO database with up-to-date information about Youth activities, actors, and policies.



Prepares studies and opinion polls on youth in the Arab region.



Follows up and promotes of the AYO projects.



Specialized & Updated Databases

Statistical
database on
Arab youth

Bibliographic
database on
youth issues.

Database on
experts
addressing youth
issues in the
Arab region.

Database on Arab
& international
institutions
concerned with
youth.

Arab Youth Voice Website

www.poplas.org/youth



The Arab Youth Summit

The first Arab Youth Summit was held in the Las headquarters in Cairo in July 2008,

The main outcomes

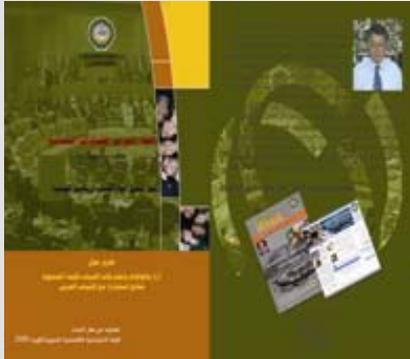


The Cairo Declaration: Towards the activation of youth roles' in economic and social development and creation of the Arab Fund to support youth projects for youth empowerment, employment and protection from drugs.



50 Arab youth delegates participated in the Arab Economic and Social Summit, in Kuwait, February 2009. representing the Arab Youth and present their proposals.

<http://www.youtharabsummit.org>



Euro Arab Cooperation in Youth.

-  The CoE initiative “ Youth Policies in the Broader Euro -Med Context Program. “
(LAS Participated in Alexandria 2005, Strasbourg 2007
co-organizing Cairo 2006 , & Budapest 2007)
-  LAS Participated in Partnership Sectorial Group meeting Budapest 2007
-  CoE & YFJ Participated in the LAS Youth Forum 2007
-  LAS CoE & YFJ partnership in LAS Youth Forum 2008 and 2009
-  Euro Arab Coordination Meeting for Youth Organizations Rome , Amman 2008
-  Participation in Conference “Youth Participation in EuroMed context “, SALTO ,
Paris , 2008.
-  Training Course for youth leaders & Round table 2009 .
-  LAS & CoE Preparation of a framework Cooperation Agreement in the youth field.

For More Information

<http://www.poplas.org/youth>

<http://www.lasyouthforum.org>

<http://www.arabyouthsummit.org>

<http://www.blog4dialogue.org>

<http://arabyouthsummit.blogspot.org>

<http://www.poplas.org>

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