



**YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA:
EXPANDING ECONOMIC PROSPECTS IN URBAN AREAS**
Highlighting Global Lessons, Creating Local Solutions
Rabat 4 - 6 December 2006

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Pre-conference: Sunday 3rd December 2006	
All day	Arrival of participants & Registration at hotels
18:00 – 20:00	Preparatory meeting for the Youth-Mayors dialogue
Day 1: Monday 4th December 2006	
8:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 11:00	Opening Ceremony Recitation from Holy Quran. Welcoming Remarks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mayor of Rabat 2. Speeches by Ministers (TBA) 3. H.E. AUDI President 4. Director, National School of Architecture 5. World Bank 6. MedChild President 7. Youth Representative
HALL A	
11:00 – 11:30	Opening of Exhibition
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	Plenary Session 1: Development and the Next Generation- World Development Report (WDR) <i>Chairperson: Dr. Michal Rutkowski, Director of Human Development Group, MENA Region, World Bank</i> WDR's key messages <i>Dr. Emmanuel Jimenez, Director, World Development Report, World Bank</i> WDR implications for MENA <i>Dr. John Blomquist, Senior Economist, MENA Region, World Bank</i> Discussion
HALL A	
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00	Parallel Session 1: Policies for Youth Transitions: Opportunities, Capabilities & Second Chances <i>Chairperson: Dr. Emmanuel Jimenez, WDR Director, World Bank</i> Demographic changes in urban areas and their socio-economic implications in Asia <i>Dr. Haryono Suyono, Asian Urban Information Center of Kobe (AUICK)</i> Youth Opportunities and Second Chances in Eastern Europe: Lessons for MENA <i>Dr. Alexandre Kolev, Sorbonne, Paris</i> Migration of MENA Youth: Opportunity or Cost? <i>Dr. Flore Gubert, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) and Développement Institutions & Analyses de Long terme (DIAL)</i>
HALL A	

	<p>MENA women's transition from school to work <i>Dr. Sarah Shono & Ms. Susan Smith , American University of Sharjah</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:00 – 17:00 HALL B	<p>Parallel Session 2: Youth and Social Transformation in MENA <i>Prof. Osman El Hassan M. Nour: Chairman of the Scientific Committee</i></p> <p>Youth at risk in Old Cairo <i>Ms. Tonia Rifaey, Ms. Joanna Vogel,</i></p> <p>The dilemma of meeting the ambitions of a young population and coping with the continuous influence of the regional events: The case of Jordan. <i>Dr. Taghreed abu Hamdan, World Health Organization, Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean, Egypt</i></p> <p>Child Labor in Sana'a: Highlights and policy options <i>Niham Kosoleci, UCW, Rome, Italy</i></p> <p>Factors Associated with Violence among Palestinian Refugee Youth in an Urban Area in Beirut <i>Ms. Taghreed El Hajj, and Dr. Rima Afifi Soweid Dept. of Health Behavior & Education, American University of Beirut</i></p> <p>Child and Youth issues in Iraq: the status quo and expectations (in Arabic) <i>Dr. Ibtisam Al-Ikabi, Ministry of Youth and sport, Iraq</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:00 – 17:00 HALL C	<p>Parallel Session 3: Youth Participation in Development <i>Chairperson: National School of Architecture, Morocco</i></p> <p>Recasting the Role of Youth in the MENA Region and Beyond: Civic Engagement as a Tool for Learning, Empowerment and Social Change <i>Dr. Serdar M. Degirmencioglu, Dept. of Psychology, Beykent University, Istanbul, Turkey</i></p> <p>The Role of Government in social rehabilitation in informal settlements in Morocco: A case study of <i>Hrawiyine</i> community in Casablanca (in French) <i>Ms. Wafaa Belarbi, Architect & Professor, The National School of Architecture, Morocco</i></p> <p>Participatory approaches for school programs in rural areas (in French) <i>Ms. Bouchra Mrabeti & Youssef Talibi, Architecture & Professor, The National School of Architecture, Morocco</i></p> <p>The Role of information in developing youth attitudes and competencies in schools (in French) <i>Ms. Fatima Kander, Ministry of National Education</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Coffee Break
17:30 – 19:30	Youth-led Workshop on Child Labor in Morocco <i>Facilitator: Moroccan Youth Parliamentarians</i>
19:30	Free Time

Day 2: Tuesday 5th December 2006

<p>9:00 – 11:00</p> <p>HALL A</p>	<p>Plenary Session 2: Actions on the Ground – Selected MENA Initiatives <i>Chairperson: National School for Architecture, Morocco</i></p> <p>MENA Child Protection Initiative (in Arabic) <i>Dr. Gamal Hamid, Director, MENA Child Protection Initiative</i></p> <p>Implementing Strategy on Children and Youth – A Multi-Sectoral Challenge in Yemen <i>Dr. Nafisa Al-Jaifi and Dr. Abdullah Al-Khameesy, Government of Yemen</i></p> <p>Turning Local Initiative into a National Dialogue on School Dropouts—Experience from Egypt <i>Ambassador Dr. Moushira Khattab, National Council for Children and Motherhood, Government of Egypt</i></p> <p>Mainstreaming At-Risk Youth in Jordan <i>Dr. Curt Rhodes, Questscope</i></p> <p>Implementing MENA Strategy on HIV/AIDS – Challenges and Opportunities <i>Dr. Bachir Souhlal, Lead Social Development Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p> <p>HALL A</p>	<p>Parallel Session 4: Skills Development & Employment Creation <i>Chairperson: Dr. Poonam Ahluwalia, Executive Director, Youth Employment Summit (YES) Campaign</i></p> <p>Promoting Skills Training and Employment Opportunities for Urban Youth through Information Technology Initiatives: Best Practice Examples and Strategies <i>Dr. Tan Yigitcanlar, School of Environmental Planning, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia</i></p> <p>An Egyptian Partnership Initiative to Enhance Youth Opportunities ,The LEAD Experiment <i>Dr. Madiha el Safty, The American University, Cairo, Egypt</i></p> <p>Community Youth Mapping: A Process to Identify Career Development Opportunities for Young People in School to Career Program - Jordan <i>Ms. Hadeel Abu Shama, School-to-Career Program Manager , Amman-Jordan</i></p> <p>Youth employment in MENA, with a focus on the Egyptian experience (in Arabic) <i>Mr. Mohammed M. A. Yousif and Ms. Sara N. M. Shazly, Cairo University.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>11:30 – 13:30</p> <p>HALL B</p>	<p>Parallel Session 5: Youth as an Asset to Economic Growth <i>Chairperson: Dr. Mourad Ezzine, Education Sector Manager, MENA Region. World Bank</i></p> <p>Relevance of Education in MENA to the World of Work <i>Dr. Michel Welmond, Senior Education Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p>Youth Employment and Investment Climate <i>Dr. Jean Fares, Senior Economist, Social Protection Unit, World Bank</i></p>

	<p>Social Exclusion and Youth Participation in the Middle East and North Africa <i>Dr. Navtej Dhillon, Wolfensohn Center for Youth, Brookings Institution</i></p> <p>Responding to Weak Labor Market Conditions Facing the Youth. <i>Mr. Richard Street, Dr. Nader Kabbani, Ms. Yamama Aloribi</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p>
11.30 - 13.30 HALL C	<p>Parallel Session 6: Youth-friendly Urban Development <i>Chairperson: National School for Architecture, Morocco</i></p> <p>Riyadh: Towards a friendly city to Children & Youth. (in Arabic) <i>Dr. Ibrahim Al Dojain: Riyadh Municipality.</i></p> <p>The Role of Dubai Government in supporting youth (in Arabic) <i>Dubai Municipality</i></p> <p>Sensitization of children to the value of Architecture as a factor to explore the richness of places and cultures (in French) <i>Ms. Catherine Guyot, ARVHA, France.</i></p> <p>Integrating youth concerns into urban development strategies: European Experiences <i>Dr. Irene Wiese-von Ofen, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP)</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p>
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:00 HALL A	<p>Parallel Session 7: Economic Opportunities for Youth: Cases and Programs <i>Chairperson: Dr. Hamad Al- Towaijri, Head of Economics Department, King Saud University, Member of Scientific Committee</i></p> <p>Barriers to workforce entry in urban Egypt: Analysis of Demand and supply side factors <i>Ms. Doaa Mohie & Dr. Sajeda Amin</i></p> <p>The role of urban environmental planning in increasing economic opportunities of youth in the Arab World (in Arabic) <i>Mr. Adel Abdel Raziq, Dept. of Information, General Commission of Environment, Yemen</i></p> <p>Youth aspirations between current realities and future expectations: practices from Al-Madina Al-Munawara (in Arabic) <i>Mr. Yahia Seif Salih, Director General, Charitable Organization for Social Services, Al-Madina Al-Munawara, Saudi Arabia</i></p> <p>The role of public libraries in tackling youth exclusion (The Case of Ireland) <i>Dr. Azzam Elananza, Dublin City University.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:00 – 17:00 HALL B	<p>Parallel Session 8: Youth-friendly Urban Environments <i>H.E. Eng. Nidal Al Hadid, Former Mayor of Amman.</i></p> <p>Impact of the new urban mobilities on urban life (in French) <i>Dr. Mohammed Achour, National School of Architecture, Morocco</i></p>

	<p>The <i>Zanka</i> as a place for social integration and a playground for children: A case study of Dowar Al Domm, Rabat (in French) <i>Ms. Lamyia Sarhrouchni</i></p> <p>Where To Go, Where To Play: Are There Any Places For Us In The City A qualitative analysis of children out Environment in low-material-resource neighborhood in Amman, Jordan <i>Dr. Eyyad A. Al-Khalaileh, Architecture and Urban Planning, Al-Ain University, UAE.</i></p> <p>At Risk Youth: Architecture: Designing for the mentally ill. <i>Mr. Ayman Makki, Architect, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
15.00 – 17.00 HALL C	<p>Parallel Session 9: Regional and International Experiences in Implementing Youth Policies <i>Chairperson: TBA</i></p> <p>Children & Youth Focused Municipal policies: The Guatemala Experience <i>Dr. Juan Felipe Sanchez, Senior Children and Youth Specialist, World Bank</i></p> <p>British Experience that MENA municipal authorities and national government could consider enhancing youth economic prospects <i>Ms. Wafaa Salim, Architect, Sudan</i></p> <p>The Efforts of ISESCO in Serving Youth in Islamic Countries (in Arabic) <i>Ms. Najat Al-Sharif, Islamic Scientific Educational and Cultural Organization, Morocco.</i></p> <p>Pilot project to address child labor in Irbid (in Arabic) <i>Mr. Ahmed Al-Ghazou, Mayor of Irbid, Jordan</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:00 – 17:30	Coffee Break
17:30 – 19:30 HALL A	Youth and Mayors Dialogue (participation by all invited youth)
19:30	Free Time
Day 3: Wednesday 6th December 2006	
9:00 – 11:00 HALL A	<p>Plenary Session 3: MedChild's Approach to Addressing Children and Youth Health in Mediterranean Cities: The Mediterranean Pediatric Center <i>Chairperson: Ing. Bruno Musso, President, MedChild Institute</i></p> <p>Italian Navy missions in support of MedChild <i>Amm. Vincenzo Martines, Italian Navy</i></p> <p>A Nonprofit Model for Drug Development for Children <i>Ornella Della Casa Alberighi, MD PhD, PCTO, MedChild.</i></p> <p>Iraq Kurdistan Region: MedChild-IME pilot project <i>Ilja Gardi, MD, Commissioner, IME</i></p>

	<p>Discussants: Dr. Ramadan A. Mohamed, representative of the Iraqi Kurdistan Parliament; Dr. Mohammed Shareef Sulaiman, representative of Iraqi Kurdistan Ministry of Health; MD Ramzi .R. Mansor Delegate of Iraqi Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Parallel Session 10: Measuring Well-being of Children and Youth <i>Chairperson: Ing. Francesco Biagioli, MedChild Institute</i></p> <p>HALL A</p> <p>Highlights of Charting the Mediterranean Child 2006 Edition <i>Prof. Edwin Morley-Fletcher, President, Lynkeus srl, Italy</i></p> <p>Towards adoption of the Child wellbeing Index: Application in two selected countries <i>Dr. Mary Eming Young, Early Child Development team, Human Development Network Children & Youth, The World Bank</i></p> <p>Risk facing Arab Children in Urban settings: A Demographic approach for Infant Mortality (in French) <i>Prof. Sofiane Bouhdiba, University of Tunis, Tunisia</i></p> <p>Policy Options for Addressing Adolescent Reproductive Health Challenges <i>Dr. Viviana Mangiaterra, Children and Youth Advisor, World Bank</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
11:30 – 13:30	<p>Parallel Session 11: Addressing Youth at Risk Issues <i>Chairperson: Dr. Ali Al Khabti, Assistant Under Secretary, Ministry of Education Member of the Scientific Committee</i></p> <p>HALL B</p> <p>The Strength-Based Counselling Model: Is It a Fit Model For Counselling the MENA At-Risk Youth? An Exploratory Multiple Case Study <i>Mr. Mahmoud Mohamed Emam, Ph.D. Student, University of Manchester</i></p> <p>Psychological problems of delinquent youth in Algerian urban areas (in Arabic) <i>Dr. Fakh Laid, Dept. of Psychology, Universite Abou Bekr Belkaid, Algiers</i></p> <p>An evaluation of the impacts of the 'Mentoring Program' on personal capacities and social integration of at risk children (in Arabic) <i>Mr. Tawfiq Al-Khouli et al, Questscope</i></p> <p>The role of academic and vocational guidance in addressing youth problems (in Arabic) <i>Dr. Bechlaghem Yahia, Dept. of Psychology, Universite Abou Bekr Belkaid, Algiers</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
13:30 – 15:30	Lunch
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Closing Session <i>Chairperson: H.E. Omer Al-Bahrawy, Mayor of Rabat</i></p> <p>HALL A</p> <p>Synthesis Report: Key issues addressed by the Conference <i>Dr. Abdelfattah Ezzine, Academic Institute for Scientific Research, Morocco, Member of Scientific Committee</i></p> <p>Rabat Declaration</p>

	<p><i>TBA</i></p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Abdulla A. Al-Nuaim, Chairman of Board of Trustees and President, AUDI ▪ Dr. Theodore Ahlers, Country Director for Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, World Bank ▪ Dr. ElMontacir Bensaid, Director, National School of Architecture, Morocco ▪ H.E. Omer Al-Bahrawy, Mayor of Rabat
<p>17:00-18:00</p> <p>HALL B</p>	<p>Press Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mayor of Rabat ▪ AUDI President ▪ World Bank Representative ▪ Director, National School of Architecture, Morocco