

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN RANIA AL-ABDULLAH

**CHILDREN AND THE CITY CONFERENCE:
LEARNING FROM INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES, CREATING LOCAL SOLUTIONS
Amman, Jordan
December 11-13, 2002, 7-9 Shawal 1423H**

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| Wednesday, Dec. 11 | Highlighting International Experiences |
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8:00-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-11:00 **Session 1: Conceptual Framework and Global Lessons Learned**
This session will provide the overall conference objectives, processes, and expected outcomes. It will focus on the importance of investing in young children and will highlight the needs of children in the urban environment.

Chair: Dr. Raeda Qutob, Advisor, Childhood and Public Health, Office of H.M. Queen Rania Al-Abdullah, Secretary General, National Council for Family Affairs, Jordan.

- Jacques van der Gaag, “Investing in young children is investing in the future of the country”
- Sheridan Bartlett, “Urban Children and the Physical Environment”
- Sheila Kamerman, “Children in Big Cities: Learning from Global Experiences”
- Michel Bourgat, Deputy Mayor, City of Marseille, “The Marseille Experience”

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-12:00 **Inauguration**

- Welcoming Remarks, H. E. Eng. Nidal Al-Hadid, Lord Mayor of Amman
- Opening Remarks, H.E. Abdullah Al-Ali Al-Nuaim, AUDI President
- Opening Remarks: H.E. J-L. Sarbib, Vice-President, MENA Region, the World Bank.
- Children’s Theatrical Performance

12:00-12:30 **Exhibition Opening**

12:30-2:00 Lunch

2:00-4:30 **Session 2: Approaches in Good City Management**
This session will highlight city management issues faced by Mayors as they attempt to tackle children's issues in their cities. UNICEF will present a panel discussion on their efforts to make cities child-friendly.

Chair: Dr. Abba Ibrahim, Director, Childhood Department, Arab League

- David Satterthwaite, "Governance for Children and with Children"
- UNICEF Child Friendly Cities Program Presentation
 - Eliana Riggio: Theme, Program Concept and Highlights of International Experiences
 - Ould Mohamed Jules, Mayor of Mederdra, Mauritania, "Role of Mayors in Making Cities Child-Friendly and as Defenders of Children"
 - Alexandre Schneider, Abrinq Foundation, Brazil, "Role of the Private Sector in Supporting Public Investments for Children"
 - Walter Veltroni, Mayor of Rome, "Relationships between Central and Local Governments and CFC as a National Programme in Italy"

4:30-5:00 Break

5:00-7:00 **Session 3: UNESCO's 'Growing up in Cities' Project**
This session will present findings from an international program involving children/ youth and governments in evaluating and improving local environments.

Chair: Dr. Abdul Muniem Abu Nuwar, Director, CTST for Arab States, UNFPA

- UNESCO GUIC Presentation
 - Robert Parua, Jill-Swart Kruger and Robin Moore: "GUIC Concepts, Outcomes and Highlights"
 - Video Presentation : Experimental site of Thula Mntwana in South Africa
 - Joseph Kreidi: Experimental "GUIC site in the Old City of Saida, Lebanon"

8:00 Dinner

Keynote Speech: Mr. Daniel Biau, Deputy Director, UN-Habitat, "Children, Shelter, and Good Urban Governance"

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| Thursday, Dec. 12 Learning from Regional Experiences |
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8:30-10:30 **Session 4A: Status of ‘Disadvantaged’ Children in MENA Cities/towns**

This session will highlight the situation and the specific issues faced by ‘disadvantaged’ children living in MENA cities; such as those in conflict situations, refugees, and street and working children.

Chair: Ms. Viviana Mangiaterra, Children & Youth Advisor, World Bank

- Jihad Makhoul, “An Ethnographic Study of the Consequences of Social and Structural Forces on Children: the Case of Two Low Income Beirut Suburbs”
- Barbara Harrell Bond et al, “Refugee Children in Cairo: An Invisible ‘at risk’ Group in the City”
- Mehdi Lahlou, “Child Labor in Morocco: The Socio-Economic Background of the ‘Little Maids’ Phenomenon”
- Khawla M. A’shour, “Palestinian Children: Issues and Facts”

Session 4B: General Issues Faced by Children in MENA Cities/towns

This session will highlight the general issues faced by children living in MENA cities and urban centers. It will also highlight the changing situation of children as a result of urbanization.

Chair: Prof. Najima Ghozali, Cabinet Minister of Education, Morocco

- Rajaa Naji Makkawi, “The Rights of Arab Children in the face of Changing Realities of Urban Life”
- Sameera Kattan & Hind Khalifa, “Children in Riyadh: A study of Material Change in the Domestic Environment and Local Community”
- Ahmed Taha, “Infant and Child Mortality by Gender and its Linkage with Poverty and Family Disintegration: Case of Karak Town, Jordan”
- Othman Alhassan Mohamed Nour, “Child and Infant Health and Mortality and Urban Poverty, the case of Greater Khartoum”

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-1:00 **Session 5A: From Early Child Development to Human Development – Enabling Communities**

This session will highlight the importance of ECD and present effective examples of communities that have put in place innovative early childhood development programs from within and outside the MENA region that could be adopted in MENA cities.

Chair: Ms. Elaine Wolfensohn, World Bank

- Mary EmingYoung, “Linking school and communities, examples from North and South America”
- Ayla Goksel, “Turkey Mother-Child Education Program”
- Maha Homs, “Jordan Better Parenting Program”

Session 5B: Improving the Urban Environment and City Planning

This session will present innovative and ‘child friendly’ urban planning approaches from within and outside the MENA region that could be adopted in the region.

Chair: Prof. Tarik Al-Soliman, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia

- Huda Al Shayal, “Children and the Arab City: An Urban, Architectural Perspective”
- Ahmed Al-Zoabi, “Children’s ‘Mental-Maps’ and Neighborhood Design of Abu-Nuseir, Jordan”
- Nagat Hasan Al Fageih, “Spatial Requirements of Physically Challenged Children in Yemeni Towns, case study of Sanaa”.
- Nehad Mahmoud Al Mughni, “Harmonizing Spatial and Physical Requirements of Children with the Reality of Historical and Squatter Areas in Cities, Case Study of Gaza City”.

Session 5C: Responding to the Needs of ‘Disadvantaged’ Children

This session will present effective and innovative approaches from within and outside the MENA region that are designed to tackle issues faced by disadvantaged categories of urban children.

Chair: Ms. Maartje Van Putten, President, European Network on Street Children Worldwide

- Perna Sood, “Strategies for helping Children re-think their communities”
- Anil Chitrakar, “Ensuring the Well-being of Children in Urban Areas”
- Abla El-Badry, “An Approach to Confront Street Children Problem in Egypt”
- Curt Rhodes, “Little Initiatives Can Make a Big Difference: ‘At Risk’ Children in the Pro-Social Mentoring Programme, Jordan

Session 5D: Tackling Basic Health and Education Issues in MENA Cities/ towns

This session will present effective and innovative approaches/ interventions in tackling basic health and education issues from within and outside the MENA region that could be adopted in MENA cities.

Chair: Dr. Naheed Aziz, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF

- Christine Allison, “ A Multi-sectoral Approach Towards Improving the Lives of Poor Urban Children through Community-based Programs: Learning from Global Experiences”
- Don Bundy, “Promoting Health, Education and HIV/AIDS prevention in Urban Schools: The FRESH Framework Approach”
- J. Reiffers, “Second Chance Schools”
- Lina Attel, “The Utilization of Theatre-in-Education for Social Development Changes”.

1:00-3:00 Tour and Lunch

3:00-5:00 **Session 6: Approaches in Good City Management in MENA Cities/towns**

This session will highlight approaches from within and outside the MENA region in good city management to address the issues faced by children in urban areas.

Chair: Jacques Baudouy, Sector Director, MNSHD, World Bank

- Parviz Piran, “School Mayors of Iran: World’s Youngest Mayors Learning Social Participation”
- Umar Benna, “From Planning for, to Planning with MENA Children”
- Mohamed Al-Tarawneh, “ The Experience of Amman Municipality in Promotion of Child Services”
- Makkiya Al-Hajiri, “The Experience of Dubai Municipality in Establishing the Children’s City”

5:00-5:30 Break

5:30-7:30 **Dialogue between Children and Mayors**

A dialogue facilitated by Jordanian youth on high priority issues identified by MENA children. Participants include mayors and children in Amman, as well as children in other MENA cities via video-conferencing.

8:00 Dinner

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| Friday, Dec. 13 | Creating Local Solutions |
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8:30-10:00 **Session 7: Population, Urban Environment and Gender Issues**
This session will highlight urbanization and gender related issues that are especially pertinent in MENA cities and urban centers. Approaches in tackling these issues will also be presented and discussed.

Chair: Nadereh Chamlou, Senior Adviser, World Bank

- Presentations by the UNFPA (TBA)

10:00-12:00 **Session 8: Creating Local Solutions: Dialogue Between All Participants:**

- Group work objectives and process

Gamal Hamid, Arun Joshi

- Break-out Groups (discussion by thematic areas)

The purpose of this session is to enable participants, especially Mayors, to discuss ideas and concepts heard throughout the conference and to identify interventions they can implement locally.

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 **Session 9: Next Steps –**

The purpose of this session is to present the findings of the break-out groups and to engage the participants in a general discussion on the feasibility of implementing policies and programs to improve the well-being of children in MENA cities/towns. Finally, a set of principles -- that would have been generated throughout the conference -- will be presented to the participants to be endorsed and then issued as a Declaration

Chair: H.E. Eng. Nidal Al-Hadid, Lord Mayor of Amman

3:30-4:00 **Closing Session**

- Ms. Viviana Mangiaterra, Children & Youth Advisor, World Bank
- H.E. Abdullah Al-Ali Al-Nuaim, AUDI President
- H.E. Eng. Nidal Al-Hadid, Lord Mayor of Amman