



CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2016

May 13 – 15, 2016, Medina, Yasmin Hammamet in Tunisia

In the framework of the second CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE from May 13th to 15th, 2016, about 200 experts, academics and practitioners from 31 countries gathered in Tunisia to discuss the current state of civic education in the MENA region. In thematic workshops they developed 37 recommendations directed at strengthening civic education in the region.

Results of the Conference

At the end of the three-day conference the participants voted on the 37 recommendations in a democratic process. The recommendations were prioritized according to their urgency, to facilitate (the extension of) civic education in the MENA region.

In the area of **Arts and Culture** the creation of cultural spaces and the facilitation of their uses and their accessibility to the public were rated most urgently. The workshop on **Equality and Diversity** resulted in the recommendation to advocate modules in teachers' training programs that deal with inclusion and tolerance in multicultural societies. For the **Rule of Law** the most urgent recommendation stated that different stakeholders – such as families, teachers, the private sector, the government etc. – should work together to design programs that contribute to the creation of a dynamic rule of law that is applicable to those affected, and to assure that no one stands above the law. The implementation of capacity building programs for civil society agents and teachers was voted as most urgent recommendation in the field of **Educating for Engagement**.

Introduction “Networking Arab Civic Education (NACE)”

A further result from the second CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE is the official introduction of the initiative NACE (Networking Arab Civic Education). In close cooperation with the conference partners and other interested organizations, this network shall facilitate the extension of civic education in the MENA region as well as the exchange with existing networks in Europe.

Its vision: *“NACE provides spaces for exchanges on knowledge and tools in order to advocate Civic Education in the Arab region. By inspiring and engaging a variety of stakeholders to actively participate in constant renewals of the social contract, NACE places the responsibility on itself to contribute to cohesion and communality on local, national and international levels.”*

The extension of measures of civic education and the implementation of the recommendations of the second CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE is the main task of the NACE and its partners.

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Background

CEC 2016 took place as part of the German-Arab transformation partnership and in continuation of the first CEC 2013 in Alexandria. It was organized by the Goethe-Institut, supported by the Federal Foreign Office, and in partnership with the Danish Egyptian Dialogue Institute (DEDI), the Union des Tunisiens Indépendants pour la Liberté (UTIL), the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, and the Tahrir Lounge. The CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE was under the auspices of the Ministry of Education of Tunisia and was supported by the Ministry of Tourism of Tunisia.

Further information about CEC 2016 can be found here: www.goethe.de/cec

A full list of recommendations and pictures from the CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2016 are attached to this press release.

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