

The Role of Arab Universities in the Education, Promotion and Practice of Human Rights

Thursday 20th: Arrivals (all day)

Welcome and Acquaintance Dinner (8.00 p.m.)

DAY ONE: Friday 21 May 2010

9.00 am

Opening Session

Mr. Suheil Matar - Director of Public Relations at NDU

Dr. Chahine Ghais - Dean of the Faculty of Political Science & Diplomacy

Fr. Walid Moussa - President of NDU

Patronage Speech

10.15 am

Keynote Speech: Prof. Wolfgang Benedek

The Importance of Human Rights Education and the Role of Universities

11.00 am

Coffee Break

11.15 am

First Plenary Session: Status, Realities and Conceptual Challenges for Human Rights in the Arab world – Chaired by Mr. Renaud Detalle (OHCHR – Beirut)

Dr. Naiim Salem (Lebanon): Primary factors hindering the development and application of Human Rights in the Arab world

Mr. Melkar Al-Khoury (Lebanon): History of Human Rights education and an introduction to education curriculum

Ms. Andrea Carlson (Sweden): Human Rights Studies in Sweden: Successes and failures

Dr. Mohamed Tarawneh (Jordan): Planning Human Rights Education

12.30 pm

Lunch

2.00 pm

Second Plenary Session: The Role of Arab Universities in Spreading Human Rights Values – Chaired by Mr. Ahmed Karaoud (Amnesty International – MENA Office)

Dr. Marie Gbantous (Lebanon): The Role of Universities in shaping the values system

Dr. Imad Abukshek (Palestine): Knowledge, Attitude & Practices towards HR & Democracy: Palestinian Education Case Study

Dr. Elie Abu Aoun (Lebanon): Rationale and Challenges of HR Education in Universities

Mr. Wadih Al Asmar (Lebanon): Importance for Human Rights in bringing peace, stability and development to the Arab World

3.15 pm

Coffee Break

3.30 pm

Session Three: Practitioners Track

Case Studies on Human Rights *Education* in the Universities

Chaired by Dr. Sami Ofeish (Dep. of Political Science & Int'l Affairs, University of Balamand)

Dr. Hussein Shaban (Iraq): Iraqi universities' approach to Human Rights education

Dr. Amor Boukakri (Tunisia): Teaching HR in a paradoxical context

Dr. Zaid Eyadat (Jordan): Reporting the case of the Human Rights Program at the J.U.

Dr. Mohamed Eltayeb (Qatar): Human Rights Education in the Qatari experience

Dr. George Labaki (Lebanon): Human Rights Education in the leading Lebanese Universities

5.00 pm

Closure

DAY TWO: Saturday 22 May 2010

9.00 am

Session Four: Practitioners Track

Case Studies on Human Rights *Practice* Inside Universities

Chaired by Fr. Salim Rajji (Students Affairs Office – NDU)

Dr. Ibrahim Aljazy (Jordan): Student Election in the Jordanian University

Dr. Sami Samra (Lebanon): Human rights and duties inside the classroom

Ms. Najla Chahda (Lebanon): Migrant workers in our universities

Mr. Hussein Majed (Lebanon): Rights of the disabled in our universities

Dr. Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous (Lebanon): Diversity, gender, and human rights on campus

10.15 am

Coffee Break

10.30 am

Session Five: Practitioners Track

Case Studies on Human Rights *Promotion* by Universities

Chaired by Mr. Ghassan Mukheiber MP (Lebanese Parliamentary Committee for HR)

Dr. Omar Hourri (Lebanon): The experience of the BAU Center for Human Rights

Dr. Souad Edouada (Morocco): Introducing Women Rights in educational curricula

Dr. Georges Assaf (Lebanon): The experience of the Legal Clinics in USEK

Ms. Thaura Atta (Sudan): Promoting Children's rights education in Sudan

Dr. Jean Abi Ghanem (Lebanon): The experience of the Academy for Non-Violence & HR

12.00 am

Group Work:

Sharing Experiences, Learning Lessons and Suggesting Practical Steps in each Dimension

- Education of Human Rights in Universities

- Practice of Human Rights in Universities
- Promoting Human Rights by Universities in Society

1.30 pm **Lunch**

3.00 pm **Session Seven:**

Compilation of Group Work, Recommendations: Putting a Common Action Plan:
towards an “Arab Universities’ Charter of Human Rights”

4.30 pm **Closure**

Sunday 23rd: Departures