

***LERC participated in a workshop on “Highly-Skilled Migration Into, Through and From Southern and Eastern Mediterranean and Sub-Saharan Africa”***

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Ms. Guita Hourani, Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center at NDU, participated in the workshop, Meeting of Experts and Policy Makers on Highly Skilled Migration, at a two-day workshop which was held at St. Joseph’s University, Beirut, on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2010. Co-financed by the European Union, the meeting was organized by the Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration (CARIM) in partnership with the International Training Center of the International Labour Organization (ITC-ILO), the European University Institute (EUI) and St. Joseph’s University.

The meeting, which gathered around fifty experts and policymakers from the eastern part of the Middle East, aimed at discussing the findings of original CARIM research on highly-skilled migration, and , in general, to exchange views between policy makers and experts on this issue. The workshop was divided into four modules: Demographic, Economic, Legal and Sociopolitical.

The inauguration was attended by H.E. Boutros Harb, Lebanese minister of Labor, the President of USJ Fr. Rene Chamussy, officials from the EU and its Sub-organizations, and NGOs dealing with migration issues. LERC was represented by its Director.