

The Participation of the Arab House for Adult Education and Development in CONFINTEA 7th , 14-17 June 2022, Marrakech, Morocco

Between 14 and 17 June 2022, Morocco attended the Seventh International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEAVII); the conference was attended by government officials, representatives of international organizations, as well as several Moroccan and foreign experts.

Organized every twelve years by UNESCO, The Conference comprised the signing of a framework agreement for partnership and cooperation between several ministerial sectors (Ministry of National Education, Primary Education and Sport; Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation; Ministry of Interior Affairs, General Directorate of Territorial Communities; Ministry of Economic Inclusion, Micro-enterprise, Employment and Competencies), National Institutions (General Delegate for Prison Administration and Reintegration; National Agency for the Fight against Illiteracy) and International Institutions (United African Cities and Local Governments and the African Academy for Local Communities; and the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning).

Furthermore, the Conference participants endorsed a new framework that will affect the policies of Youth and Adult Education and Lifelong Learning, this framework is set to guide the UNESCO member States and the Adult Education stakeholders throughout the perspective of Lifelong Learning.

In parallel with the work of the Conference, the corresponding civil society forum joined together in cooperation between the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE), the German Association for Adult Education (DVV International) and the Arab House for Adult Education and Development (AHAED). This corresponding Conference through its 7th session (CONFINTEA VII) brought together, within four days, non-governmental organizations and associations from the Arab world, Latin America, Africa, Europe, Asia and North America, to offer the global civil society the chance to be heard and to take into consideration its demands in proportion to the public policies connected to the Adult and Lifelong learning and Education.

The Forum promoted various presentations on Adult Education issues from around the world, in addition to workshops that explored the Civil Society Statement Project Document which was presented by the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE).

Moreover, the AHAED has actively participated among the Arab Group in the workshops. The event was also an opportunity to engage with NGO delegations to exchange views and explore ways to strengthen the partnership between the constituents of Arab, African and international civil society.

Promoting Lifelong Learning for Adults, regardless of their socio-economic status, was the principal idea of UNESCO's 5th World Report (GRALE 5) which was published in Marrakech on 15 June on the sidelines of this conference. Moreover, on the sidelines of the conference operations, Refat Sabbah, Dr. Zahi Azar and Elsy Wakil participated in the parallel workshops in relation to the topic "for the Adult

Learning and Education, transformational intended for Inclusion, Participation and Sustainability."

During the Friday morning on 17 June, 2022, the guests of Marrakech at the International Civil Society Forum, accompanied by representatives of the Moroccan Lifelong Learning Forum, had an appointment to visit the University for All in Marrakech followed by the Second Chance - The New Generation Center in El Mansour Eddahbi, Tamslouht village community

In Marrakech. The University for All is one of the 10 universities that form the Federation of Universities for All in Morocco, a member of the Moroccan Lifelong Learning Forum.



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Furthermore, the International Civil Society Forum was also known for organizing a series of meetings that brought together the Arab House of Adult Education and Development "AHAED", the Moroccan Lifelong Learning Forum, the International Council for Adult Education (ICAE) and the African Network for Adult Education.

These meetings were abundant in interchanges and provided a gateway to promising future partnerships.