



Workshop

Refugee Education: Sharing Experiences, in cooperation with IAU UNESCO Chair in Cultural Diplomacy, Governance and Education

Tuesday 31 October 2017

12.15-14.00

While movement of people has been a reality since the earliest of times, today we are witnessing an unprecedented and increasing amount of displaced people. This deepening refugee crisis puts a lot of pressure on the education systems of hosting countries. Although UNESCO estimates a 40 million tertiary-educated worker-shortage in the world by 2020, most young refugees do not have the opportunity to access university education as well as technical and vocational training. At the higher education level, only 1% of refugees attend university, compared with a global level of 34% for non-refugees.

Quite a number of international initiatives and projects have been put in place to tackle the crisis of hosting countries' education systems. These projects cover topics such as enabling refugees to access formal and non-formal education by identifying their education level and supporting their adaptation to schools by providing them with language training or cultural orientation. Yet, the crisis is escalating, with an increasing burden on hosting countries infrastructure and growing strain on intercommunity relations.

In this context, IAU UNESCO Chair in Cultural Diplomacy, Education and Governance, UNESCO Chair on Education for Sustainable Development and UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union have organized a Roundtable Meeting on "Refugee Education: Sharing Experiences". The aim is to discuss the challenges in developing and implementing education and skills development programs and projects for refugees in cross-cultural context, share good practices and lessons learned and formulate recommendations for policy and practice.



Speakers

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