

28 October 2021

15:00 – 16:30 (Beirut time) / 14:00 – 15:30 (Cairo time) / 13:00 – 14:30 (Rabat time)



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### Presentation

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Global Citizenship Education (GCED) plays a key role in empowering children and youth with the skills enabling them to engage in the development of more peaceful, just, inclusive and sustainable societies. Even though education programmes under the title of ‘GCED’ are not prevalent in the Arab region, the core values of GCED, such as creativity, innovation, commitment to peace, human rights and sustainable development, are already present in curricula, learning contents and pedagogical activities at school or national level across the region.

Considering that GCED is a life-long process and needs to be mainstreamed at all ages, higher education institutions (HEI) are prominent actors in mainstreaming its values. UNESCO and a number of HEI have been dedicated to promoting GCED in the Arab countries for long.

Against this backdrop, the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States, in Beirut – Lebanon, is convening an online meeting on 28 October 2021 to showcase grassroots experiences from the Arab region, and discuss how GCED can be further mainstreamed in Arab universities.

## Expected Participants

Students, university teachers, and any other practitioners involved in university life are invited to take part in the conversation and share his/her/their experience and insights.

## Registration

- To participate in the event, registration in advance is required.
- Please register at the following link: <https://bit.ly/2ZypxZx>

## Languages

The meeting will be conducted in Arabic, English and French. Simultaneous interpretation services in these three languages will be provided.

## Provisional Agenda

Thursday, 28 October 2021 (15:00 – 16:30 Beirut time / 14:00 – 15:30 Cairo time) / 13:00 – 14:30 Rabat time)	
15:00 – 15:05	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Marco Pasqualini</b>, Education Programme Specialist, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Education in the Arab States (UNESCO Beirut Office)</li><li>• <b>Jay Jaehong Kim</b>, Head of the Office of External Relations and Information, Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO APCEIU)</li></ul>
15:05 – 15:15	<b>GCED and its role in shaping more just, tolerant, and peaceful societies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Lydia Ruprecht</b>, Team Leader &amp; Programme Specialist, Section of Global Citizenship and Peace Education, UNESCO</li></ul>
15:15 – 16:00	<b>Good practices in advancing GCED in higher education in the Arab region</b> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Khalaf al Abri</b>, Associate Professor, Sultan Qaboos University, Oman <i>GCED in Arab Universities: the status and challenges</i></li><li>• <b>Giulia Marchesini</b>, Human Capital Senior Programme Manager, Centre for Mediterranean Integration – UNOPS <i>The role of internationalization in shaping global citizenship</i></li><li>• <b>Mirna Abboud Mzawak</b>, Professor &amp; Head of Department of Psychology and Social Sciences, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon <i>Civic and citizen engagement platform at USEK – a university perspective</i></li><li>• <b>DIRE-MED</b>, Morocco (TBD) <i>Intercultural dialogue experience in universities: South-South collaboration</i></li><li>• <b>Wahiba Moubchir</b>, Professor, Ecole Normale Supérieure Marrakesh, Morocco &amp; <b>Assia Toulal</b>, Student Representative, Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco <i>Social and cultural mediation to stimulate transformative engagement / At the heart of art: foster socio-cultural development of youth through the artisanal art ticket in Marrakesh</i></li><li>• <b>Salma Elbeblawi</b>, Chief Program Officer, Soliya, United States/Tunisia <i>The Connect Program: 18 years of promoting global citizenship through virtual exchange</i></li></ul> <p><b>Questions and answers</b></p>
16:00 – 16:25	<b>Open discussion – Challenges and potentials to promote GCED in higher education in the Arab region</b> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Amr Abdallah, Professor Emeritus, University for Peace</p>
16:25 – 16:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>