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Regional Roundtable 5: Middle East and North Africa

In the framework of the III Forum of Youth on Migration, and in the context of the XIII Summit of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Middle East and North Africa youth discussed the state of public narratives on migration in Middle East and North Africa region to (1) learn about the relevance of narratives in the integration of migrants and (2) build an action plan to shape migration narratives and its relationship with integration.

The following youth priorities were discussed during the regional session:

Key actions we want to prioritize:

- Include all relevant stakeholders including religious entities and movements.
- Involve local NGOs
- Create networking opportunities for young leaders
- Take into consideration all voices and cultures
- Teach storytelling methods
- Involve the private sector: The private sector should implement more corporate social responsibility CSR activities
- Cooperate with grassroots organizations
- Highlight how migrants can be seen as positive and not as competition in all the sectors of labour, instead of limiting them to certain sectors
- Share experiences and ideas
- Encourage diversity and build positive ideas around it
- Focus on digital literacy
- Consider Non-formal education methods
- Divide needs of children and young and implement different advocacy strategies

Communication channels to make it happen:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a for migrants/by migrants approach • Use more Social Media platforms that youth follow and are active on • Involve the community in shaping the narratives • Give voices to migrants themselves • Create more opportunities for migrants • Highlight the voice and needs of migrants • Use social media platforms in a more positive way

How can we create a direct platform for migrants? Immediate opportunities for collaboration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure migrants have access to such opportunities and forums • Have clear outreach activities • Organize active projects with municipalities and NGOs • UNICEF should implement more activities for supporting young refugees and voices • Reach out to our own communities and check some benchmarks based on this forum • Team up with other participants based on countries and same interests

The roundtable participants identified initiatives that they are/could be working on. They identified specific goals for these initiatives and ways to connect with other stakeholders in realizing their goals. See the outcomes below:

Participant 1:
Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrants and refugees have effective social and labour market integration
People to support the initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs targeting migrant and refugee workers • Youth-led and other initiatives • Civil society organizations
People whom I can help with their initiative and how? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil society organizations

For more information, visit <https://www.unmgcy.org/youth4migration>

- Youths

Support from MGCY:

- Linking with other Youth-led initiatives
- Linking with related donors and funders.
- Focused learning opportunities

Participant 2:

Goal:

- Give more visibility to migrant workers and migrant domestic workers in particular:
 - Including their vision and perspective by giving them a platform and a voice
 - Avoid the omission/relativization of their problems when the host community also faces issues.
 - End the social imposed (in a long-term goal also the legal imposed ones) boundaries for migrants to access labour market and welfare services.

People to support the initiative:

- Migrant communities;
- Other NGOs (youth-led and not) targeting migrant workers, in particular, migrant domestic workers;
- Youth-led initiatives focusing on technology, social media and spread of information;
- Stakeholders.

People whom I can help with their initiative and how?

- Other youth by sharing points of view, initiatives and methodologies.

Support from MGCY:

- Connecting with other young people;
- Learn about interesting initiatives (implemented and not yet) that could be implemented in our framework.

Participant 3:
Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More opportunities for migrants and refugees to help them shape their own narratives • Making refugee youth voices heard
People to support the initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other young people • Stakeholders
People whom I can help with their initiative and how? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A participant from my regional roundtable since we are working in the same region and we both teach storytelling • Other people from other countries brainstorming solutions together through design thinking, which is a tool for creating solutions that I have experience using
Support from MGCY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting us, young people, with stakeholders who can support our initiatives • More opportunities to connect with other young people

Participant 4:
Goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of youth in host communities especially in Egypt accept migrants and refugees and let them integrate into the community
People to support the initiative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth role or bridge between actions and international organizations • Local leadership • How youth initiatives are funded
People whom I can help with their initiative and how? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I could connect anyone in the field with scout volunteers in their countries and some technical support for project development

Support from MGCY:

- Visibility and technical support

Participant 5:

Goal:

- Look at the initiatives presented by other participants and see which ones are applicable to my community. Propose it and plan for it
- Strengthen my networking with other young leaders in and outside the country I live

People who support my initiative:

- Volunteers from the scout movement
- NGOs
- Community leaders

People whom I can help with their initiative and how?

- Other young leaders working in the same field as mine would like to learn more about an initiative we have done successfully. This can be done through further coordination meetings and sharing information.

Support from MGCY:

1. Connecting us with possible/interested donors and sharing with us funding opportunities.
2. Provide us with further learning opportunities through which we improve our skills and meet other young leaders.
3. Supporting further networking opportunities and creating platforms through which we can sustain this networking.

Participant 6:

Goal:

- Get to know motivated people from all around the globe and exchange creative ideas with them and learn from their experiences

People to support the initiative:

- Stakeholders, refugees, new migrants in Germany

People whom I can help with their initiative and how?

- People with initiatives in similar fields. We discussed the possible partnership with another initiative in Germany, which I was aware of through the Forum

Support from MGCY

- Provide worldwide network and offer opportunities to get in touch with stakeholder