

Director of LERC Participates in the First CELF Alumni Conference in Morocco

Reported by LERC Staff

Ms. Guita Hourani, Director of the Lebanese Emigration Research Center, participated in the Civic Education & Leadership Fellows (CELF) alumni conference in Casablanca, Morocco, from July 12 to 15, 2012.

Under the title of “Civic Education, Engagement and Participation,” the conference was a forum for university professors and educators to share their experiences, ideas, and reflections on incorporating civic education in non-civic education courses, as well as developing practical methods to encourage university students to become more civically engaged.

With the participation of a selected alumnus of the Leaders for Democracy (LDF), CELF Fellows from Yemen, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Oman, and Iraq engaged in discussions about the role of education during political change and democratic transition, university students’ engagements in civil society, empowering women, and leadership and youth, among other topics.

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, the United States Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and the Université Hassan II of Ain Chock in Casablanca initiated the conference.

The conference ended on a positive note and put forward valuable recommendations for implementation in the coming year until the next conference scheduled for the summer of 2013.