*LERC invited to join UNDP's national academic group on migration in Lebanon* Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009 Reported by LERC staff

The Lebanese Emigration Research Center at Notre Dame University was invited to join the National Academic Working Group on Migration in Lebanon which was formed by the United Nations Development Program.

LERC was invited to participate in this event by Mrs. Martha Ruedas, UNDP Deputy Special Coordinator for Lebanon, who is also serving as the United Nations Resident Coordinator.

LERC was represented by Director Ms. Guita Hourani and LERC Adjunct Associate Researcher Professor Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous to join representatives from the Lebanese American University, St. Joseph's University and the American University of Beirut.

The purpose of this working group was to create a mechanism that will allow the sharing of knowledge and the free flow of information in order to make sound policy recommendations on the issue of migration in Lebanon.