

Euro-Arab dialogue of UNESCO National Commissions: think tank meeting on quality education



A think tank meeting on the theme: "Education for All: from Quality to Excellence," is held on the 29th-30th instant in Tunis.

The meeting is organised by the Tunisian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture, jointly with regional organisations.

The gathering, held at the initiative of UNESCO National Commissions for Euro-Arab Dialogue as part of the international co-operation based on sharing experiences and promoting best practices in this area, will consider major factors for quality education.

Emphasis was placed, on the occasion, on the key role played by organisations, such as ALECSO, ISESCO and UNESCO, to take up the challenges inherent to knowledge society's edification by enhancing education.

The meeting also discussed the approach adopted by Tunisia to improve methods and curricula of pre-school education and devise a new programme to upgrade primary schools and basic and secondary education by making the most of new technologies in the educational system, enriching school life by diversifying cultural and leisure activities and instilling among youths the culture of voluntary work and the spirit of initiative and community action from the very first school years.

The event is attended by experts and representatives of organisations from Arab and European countries members of the Euro-Arab Dialogue Group, as well as representatives of the civil society.

The Euro-Arab Dialogue was launched at the initiative of the Tunisian National Commission for Education, Science and Culture and the UNESCO German Commission, at a meeting on the sidelines of the 46th International Conference on Education held in September 2001, in Geneva.

The main objective of this Dialogue is to urge the civil society's components and social players to support the goals of UNESCO's programmes in the education, science, culture and communication fields by means of co-operation mechanisms between the two regions' national commissions and joint co-operation programmes.