

Certificate in Migration Governance

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) is widely recognized as the largest region in terms of refugees and migration movements. International and civil conflicts have generated, and still produce, the displacement of refugees and their settlement in countries of the region for periods extending at times for several decades. Refugees originate from countries within the region, such as Palestine, Iraq or Syria, as well as from countries south of the Sahara such as South Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. At the same time, the diverse economic, financial and demographic characteristics of MENA countries have also placed the region at the center of international migration movements where large labor movement takes place from many MENA countries to countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as well as to OECD countries. Such movements relieved employment pressures and contributed to fighting poverty and development in the countries of origin. However, it has also raised questions of rights, discrimination and loss of skills.

To effectively and efficiently govern migration in MENA, a comprehensive and common knowledge on migration is required for government officials and other important stakeholders in each of the MENA countries. The aim is to enhance cooperation and identify a common strategy to maximize the benefits of the migration phenomenon, as well as minimize its costs for the different Governments of the region.

Against this background, the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the International Organization of Migration (IOM) are offering Certificates in Migration Governance to government officials, local non-governmental staff, and other relevant stakeholders as follows:

a. 7 months Certificate to participants from Egypt

The Certificate was piloted through the first edition, which was offered in November 2016. The success of the first edition encouraged CMRS and IOM to continue offering it. The second edition started in October 2017 and was finalized in March 2017 with the graduation of 31 participants. The third edition is planned for October 2018.

The certificate includes six modules that are instructed over a course of 6 months, each month one module. Each module is covered over five consecutive days and instructed by instructors from both AUC and IOM. Participants must attend and participate in each module to receive the final certificate of participation. The following are the six modules: Historical Background and Migration Governance, International Migration Law, Migration and Development, Labour Migration and Human Mobility, Trafficking,

Smuggling and Border Management, and Migration Management in Crisis situations/
Psychosocial issues of refugees.

B. 8 days intensive Certificate to participants from the region

Following the success of the first and second edition of the Migration Governance Certificate addressed to employees of the Egyptian government and other stakeholders, believing that migration requires a whole-of-government approach whereby all ministries and specialized agencies with responsibilities touching on the movement of people should be involved and based on expressed demand from stakeholders in the region, the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies and the International Organization for Migration will offer a Certificate in Migration Governance to staff of governmental and non-governmental organizations in the region as of fall 2018. The Regional Certificate will be built upon the local one but in a condensed and in an accelerated manner. It will take place over 8 full days where participants from different countries of the region will attend the 8-days program in Egypt. Each day, covering one important aspect of migration, will run for 8 hours with one hour lunch break.

The Objectives of both Certificates include the following:

- To highlight the multifaceted aspects of the migration phenomenon
- To understand the situation and needs of migrants
- To build the analytical, practical and decision-making capacities of the participants
- To bring different stakeholder together increasing cooperation and mutual understanding between governmental and non-governmental staff.
- To improve cooperation among the different ministries.

Offered by International organization for Migration (IOM) and the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies (CMRS).

Objectives:

The Certificate provides participants from different background with comprehensive knowledge on how to effectively govern and manage migration. The courses allow participants to envisage areas of possible synergies and future partnership. The geographic focus is on the Egyptian context with reference to best practices and lessons learnt from the Middle East and North Africa region, as well as worldwide.

The programme is composed of six modules as follows:

- 1) Introduction to Migration : a Historical Background and Migration Governance
- 2) International Migration Law
- 3) Migration and Development
- 4) Labour Migration and Human Mobility
- 5) Trafficking in Persons, Smuggling of Migrants, and Border Management
- 6) Migration Management in Crisis / Migration Crisis Operational Framework and Migration in Countries in Crisis

Participants are government/ non-government officials working on a field related to migration.