

Youth Employment Summit 2.0

Algerian career center federation launch | Maharat mentorship program closing | Career service workshops

December 10-11, 2018 | Algiers, Algeria

Locations:

Opening ceremony: Hotel Sheraton Club des Pins, Algiers

Workshops, Maharat graduation, Closing ceremony: AZ Hotel Zeralda, Algiers

Context:

Like many countries worldwide, Algeria is working to integrate young people into a dynamic and challenging global economy.

In July 2016, World Learning convened over 250 educators, employers, and officials for the inaugural Youth Employment Summit in Algiers. That event marked the public launch of the **Algeria Youth Employment Project (YEP)**, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's **Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)**.

At the summit, attendees learned from career development experts about the **career development center** model, along with international best practices and local examples for delivery of **career services** to help youth enter and succeed in the world of work.

Under the YEP project, World Learning has collaborated with private schools and associations to launch **9 career centers** across Algeria. Since the first Summit, those centers have served over 7,000 young job-seekers through **career orientation, soft skills** and **technical skills** training, **internship** and **job placement, employment fairs**, and other services adapted to the needs of local employment markets.

Event Description:

The **Youth Employment Summit 2.0** is a two-day conference that will unite leading employers and government officials with representatives of public and private educational institutions, vocational training centers, private schools, and civil society organizations from across Algeria to explore career centers as a solution to modern employment challenges.

At the opening, the YEP career centers will join together to officially launch the first **Algerian career center federation**, which will work to spread the career center model nationwide for the benefit of Algerian youth. Employers and officials will be invited to meet the federation members to discuss possible collaboration.

Next, YEP career center staff and international experts will lead interactive workshops to guide participants in how to **deliver effective career services** to youth. With guidance from these professionals, participating institutions will explore ways to adapt the career center model to their local context, then develop action-oriented workplans for offering career services to youth in their communities.

World Learning will also mark the close of the **Maharat mentorship program**, a highly successful pilot initiative sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Algeria linking young women job-seekers with established professionals.

Sponsors:

The Algeria Youth Employment Project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's **Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)**. The Maharat Mentorship Program is sponsored by the **U.S. Embassy in Algeria**.

Organizer:

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