



In the name of Allah the Merciful

Final Declaration of the Third International Conference Refugees in the Middle East «International Community: Opportunities and Challenges»

Landmark Hotel

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Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan Bin Talal, the Centre for Refugees, Displaced and Forced Migration Studies at Yarmouk University held an international conference titled:

Refugees in the Middle East «The International Community: Opportunities and Challenges»

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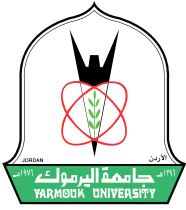
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The conference was attended by politicians, diplomats, academics and intellectuals from inside and outside the Kingdom. Thirty-six working papers were presented during the conference from twenty countries. The first day included two dialogue sessions. The second day included six dialogue sessions, during which the participants presented studies, research papers and working papers.

The participants valued Jordan's great humanitarian role in carrying the burdens of asylum since the establishment of the Jordanian state, and in particular the Syrian asylum that has weighed it down.

At the conclusion of the Conference, the participants concluded with the following recommendations:

1. The participants conveyed their gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Abdullah II Bin Al Hussein, May God protect him, for his tireless efforts in achieving human security in the region.
2. The participants conveyed their gratitude and appreciation to HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal for his patronage of the conference and for delivering a speech that conveys guiding contents for researchers and participants.
3. Calling on the international community to turn the challenges of asylum in Jordan into development opportunities to support host communities and refugees alike.
4. Call on the international community to share the burden of asylum in the region and to commit to supporting the host countries of refugees, especially Jordan and Lebanon.



5. Jordan should play a major role in the reconstruction of the countries of the region affected by armed conflict.
6. To request the international community to ensure that the commitments of the London and Brussels conferences on refugees hosting countries are implemented in the light of the real facts, first and foremost Jordan, which has an important responsibility at the regional level in hosting refugees on behalf of the world.
7. Call for the organization of a regional conference of the hosting countries, based on the belief that the problem of asylum cannot be dealt with at the national level only and must be addressed at the regional level.
8. Call on researchers and scholars from institutions, organizations and individuals to the need to address the various issues and challenges related to asylum and refugees and to propose solutions rather than focusing on problems and causes.
9. Adopt HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal's call for the need to establish a knowledge database of refugees.
10. Adopt the invitation of HRH Prince El Hassan Bin Talal to activate the role of municipalities and local councils and actively involve them in projects related to asylum.
11. Create a national umbrella to deal with the crisis of asylum in all its aspects, to be in the form of a national commission or a ministry specializing in refugees affairs.
12. Call for a legal and legislative framework governing all issues related to refugees.
13. Formulation of a media plan at the regional and international levels to raise awareness of the challenges, consequences and risks of asylum.
14. Build an integrative network of actors in humanitarian action to rebuild hope through construction and action.
15. Remove the administrative obstacles encountered by the categories most in need and legal aid providers.
16. Emphasize the importance of UNRWA's role as a stabilizing factor in the refugees hosting countries and call upon donor countries and the international community to continue to provide financial support to the Agency to meet its budget deficit, and not to be replaced by any other party until the resolution of the refugees issue in accordance with the relevant legitimate decisions of the resolution of 1940, which provides for return and compensation.
17. To express gratitude to the institutions and organizations that supported this conference at the local, regional and international levels, headed by UNHCR, the German Development Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), the Turkish Agency for Cooperation and Coordination (TIKA) and the Union of Arab Universities.