



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



**International Conference on the
Right to Education in Crisis-
Affected Countries**

**“STOP JEOPARDIZING THE
FUTURE OF IRAQ”**

**UNESCO Headquarters,
Paris-France
30 October-1 November 2008**

29 October 2008

16:00-18:00 Registration

30 October 2008

09:00-10:30 **Opening speech**

Welcome addresses

Keynote address

10:30-10:40 **Short documentary movie: “Vacant seats”**

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:15 **Introduction to the conference and agenda overview**
President of the conference

11:15-12:30 **Education in conflict and post-conflict reconstruction**

- The legal framework of the right to education in conflict
- Role of the media in advocacy for that right
- Humanitarian responses in the education sector
- Post-conflict reconstruction in the education sector

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00- 15:30 **Education in conflict and post-conflict reconstruction (continued)**

- Donor’s commitment to post-conflict reconstruction in the education sector
- Sound educational practices in Afghanistan
- Sound educational practices in Palestine

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00- 17:00 **Plenary Discussions**

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09:00-10:30 **Situation/needs analysis and challenges**

MOE representative
MOHE representative
Minister of Education or Higher Education KRG
Iraqi University representatives
Teachers' union
Students' representatives

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

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UN Education Sector
Jordanian MOE
Syrian MOE
Save the children
Enfant du Monde

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14:00- 15:30 **Simultaneous Working Group Sessions**

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3. Protection of Iraqi intellectuals, academics, teachers, students and educational institutions
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09:00-10:00 **Chair: General Rapporteur**

Presentation of the recommendations of Working Group Sessions

10:00-11:00 **Plenary Discussions**

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 **Closing session**