The Moroccan Center for Civic Education (MCCE), in collaboration with local and international partners is pleased to invite you to join us at the 33rd International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI) in Marrakech, 6-10th January 2020.

Participants from about 80 countries will get together for the first time in Africa and the Arab region to share experience and exchange knowledge and best practices on quality education and school improvement. Under the theme: “Education, Youth Empowerment, and Sustainable Development: Collaboration between the Global North and South to Improve Education Quality”, policy makers, researchers, civil society leaders and practitioners will meet to develop shared priorities for collaboration between the global North and South that are focused on improving education quality for all.

The conference will be hosted in Ryad Mogador Palace Hotel and Palais De Congres, located in the heart of Marrakech. The venue is 10 minutes from the airport, the famous Jamaa El Fna Square and other attractions.

Please make sure you plan a few days before or after the conference as there is no better place for an intellectual retreat that doubles as a dream vacation than Marrakech.

We look forward to meeting you all at ICSEI 2020 in Marrakech.

El Arbi Imad,
Mohammed Elmeski,
ICSEI 2020 Co-chairs
Saudi Arabia
CEO at Tatweer Company for Educational Services Ltd.
Mohammed Alzaghibi

International collaboration will further strengthen, enhance, and develop regional and national education systems. The Kingdom’s highly reliable air and ground transportation systems, safety and security, its temperate climate, its world-renowned cuisine, its advanced tourist infrastructure, and last but not least, the hospitality and the multi-culturalism of Moroccans will guarantee that Morocco ICSEI 2020 will be a memorable educational retreat.

Why ICSEI in Morocco?
Morocco is only 14.3 Km (8.9 miles) away from Europe. It is located at the crossroads of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. In November 2016, Morocco successfully organized Marrakech Climate Change Conference. This is one of many international events that are regularly held in the country. The Kingdom’s highly reliable air and ground transportation systems, safety and security, its temperate climate, its world-renowned cuisine, its advanced tourist infrastructure, and last but not least, the hospitality and the multi-culturalism of Moroccans will guarantee that Morocco ICSEI 2020 will be a memorable educational retreat.

What do educators expect from ICSEI 2020?
"After more than 30 years, it is ICSEI’s first Congress ever to be held in the Africa/Middle East Region. It is an opportunity to witness what can be learned for the whole field from the Global South... and to engage up-close with a rich and diverse culture and society."
Andy Hargreaves
Research Professor, Lynch School of Education, Boston College, USA

"ICSEI 2020 in Morocco embodies our collective desire to share and learn from diverse voices about school improvement."
Karen Seashore
Regents Professor of Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development
Robert H. Beck Chair of Ideas in Education
University of Minnesota, USA

"For me, ICSEI 2020 is about what we can learn from each other about how to make our schools places of belonging for all... Marrakech also sounds a great place to be in January!"
Kathryn Riley
Professor of Urban Education
UCL, Institute of Education

"ICSEI 2020 represents a unique opportunity where practitioners and scholars in education and development can work collaboratively with policy makers and other stakeholders from across civil society, to re-frame the agenda around youth empowerment."
Mohamed K. Sallam
Director of International Programs
Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs, USA

"I am excited to attend the ICSEI 2020 because it provides inclusive solutions to real issues affecting youth in the Global South. Having spent two decades as a refugee, I feel this is the best platform to share my experience as a refugee in the Global South with people from the Global North... ICSEI 2020 congress means so much to Africa."
Ntakamaze Nziyonvira
Executive Director for CIYOTA, Democratic Republic of the Congo

"We at Symphonia for South Africa are delighted to be able to contribute to the development and success of the ICSEI 2020 conference, to be held in Morocco in January 2020." Robyn Whittaker
Stakeholder Engagement Lead
Symphonia for South Africa, South Africa

"The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomes and is appreciative of the opportunity to attend and participate in the first ICSEI held in an Arab country and have the expectation this conference will further strengthen, enhance, and develop regional and international collaboration."
Mohammed Alzaghibi
CEO at Tatweer Company for Educational Services Ltd.

Key Dates Leading up to ICSEI 2020
January 15, 2019: ICSEI 2020 Website Launch (visit www.icsei.net)
February 15, 2019: Call for Proposals
May 30, 2019: Proposal Submission Deadline
July 30, 2019: Notification of Successful Proposals
November 30, 2019: Deadline for Registration

Meet the ICSEI 2020 Keynote Speakers

Aicha Bah Diallo
Former Minister of Education in Guinea and former Assistant Director General for Education in UNESCO
Keynote speech: Gender equity and youth empowerment: Maximizing the global South demographic dividend

Kathryn Riley
Professor of Urban Education, UCL, Institute of Education
London, UK
Keynote speech: How to create schools which are places of welcome and belonging for all

Kouider Mokhtari,
Professor of Literacy Education, Anderson-Vukelja-Wright Endowed Chair, The University of Texas at Tyler
Keynote speech: The Global Imperative of Investing in Young Children Across the Globe

ICSEI 2020 Sub-themes
1. Education and youth empowerment
2. School improvement and career readiness
3. Inclusive education for migrants and refugees
4. School leadership and improving education for marginalized groups
5. Improving instructional practice
6. The role of policy makers, researchers and practitioners in promoting school change

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