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RABAT -- The human rights education workshop organized by Amnesty International in Morocco concluded yesterday with a series of positive proposals. These included forming a network to facilitate information-sharing, promoting human rights education in schools and exploring ways of bringing human rights education into the home and the community at large.

Participants in the workshop explored various means of communicating human rights concepts to all sectors of society, and emphasised the need to focus in particular on human rights promotion and the education, both formal and informal, of children and youth. Special attention was also given to the need to increase awareness of the rights of women in the home and the workplace.

The meeting succeeded in bringing together teachers, educationalists, representatives of Moroccan human rights organizations as well as officials and advisors working with the Ministries of Education and Human Rights, and international experts.

“The participants’ commitment to promoting and enhancing human rights education ensured a lively and constructive exchange of views and information,” said Mr Fateh Azzam, a human rights expert from Ramallah in the West Bank.

“In a series of workshops they explored the various approaches and activities related to the teaching and learning of human rights, aimed at the various sectors of society,” he said.

“We view human rights education as a long-term investment in the protection of human rights and a safeguard against their violation,” said Dr Abd al-Mitaal Gershah, Amnesty International’s Middle East Development Coordinator.

The delegates from Amnesty International’s International Secretariat are holding talks today with officials regarding human rights promotion and continuing human rights concerns in Morocco.
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