

INEE Global Meet-Up January 2016 Synthesis Report

INEE Meet-Ups are informal gatherings in all corners of the globe where INEE members and others can network, share experiences, and discuss relevant topics. INEE's seventh Global Meet-Up event took place during the month of January 2016 in more than 35 locations around the world. Participants came from a wide variety of backgrounds, including researchers, education professionals, students, professors, and many more.



INEE Meet-Up in Mali, November 2015

January 2016 INEE Global Meet-Up Locations

Australia, Perth
Bangladesh, Dhaka*
Beirut, Lebanon
Benin, Cotonou
Botswana, Gaborone
Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou
Cameroon, Yaoundé
Czech Republic, Brno
Ecuador, Quito
Iraq, Sulaimani
Jordan, Amman*

Nicaragua, Managua
Niger, Niamey*
Nigeria, Abuja
Nigeria, Calabar
Pakistan, Khairpur
Palestine, West Bank
Philippines, Tacurong City
Somalia, Mogadishu
Switzerland, Geneva
Syria, Sweida

Tanzania, Dar Es Salaam
Turkey, Gaziantep
Uganda, Tororo
Uganda, Kampala
UK, London
USA, NY, New York City*
USA, MA, Cambridge
Yemen, Sana'a

**Indicates multiple meet-ups occurred in this location*



INEE Meet-Up in Palestine, November 2015

Global Consultation Theme

The January 2016 Global Meet-Ups had an optional theme of INEE's February Global Consultation "INEE's 15th Year Anniversary." Some participants used this theme as an opportunity to discuss how far education in emergencies has come as an increasingly recognized topic on the development agenda, where we still need to go, and how INEE has aided in this process.

Meet-Up Activities and Themes

Meet-Up participants engaged in a variety of activities including discussions, presentations, idea-sharing, resource sharing, poster making and networking. The Meet-Ups ranged from informal gatherings around a meal or coffee, to outdoors gatherings, to more formal events with panel-led discussions.

Feedback and Reflections

Overall, Meet-Up organizers and participants felt the events were a success. Participants in **Bangui** said: “Discussions with participants have given opportunity to highlight challenges in community participation and in TLS activities such as identification of education needs by the displaced communities and establishment of education [in] local committees.” Participants in **Palestine** were surprised at: “The interest of participants to conduct another meeting during December to continue the discussion on the same topic.”



Most participants learned of INEE Meet-Up events in their city through INEE email messages, while others learned about the events from colleagues or coworkers.

Many Meet-Up attendees were INEE members who wanted to meet other members and network. Members suggested that there should be more advanced notice for future Meet-Ups as well as a possible fixed timeline. Participants and organizers rated their intentions to attend future INEE Meet-Ups with a rating of 4 out of 5, with 5 being “Very Likely.”

Organizers and participants also provided recommendations for future INEE Meet-Ups, as well as for education in emergencies work in general. These recommendations were collected through the organizer feedback reports and the online survey shared with all INEE members in English, French, Spanish, and Portuguese. The key recommendations are summarized below.



Key Recommendations for future INEE Meet-Ups:

- Many organizers desired a longer timeline of publicity so all potential participants could be fully aware.
- Increased advertising for future Meet-Ups is desired. Suggestions included sending city or country-specific invitations to email lists, paper or email-based flyers, and use of listservs.
- Structured themes and agendas could facilitate more focused discussion.
- Materials such as powerpoint, pamphlets, and videos would have been helpful in facilitating a better discussion on various topics in regarding to EiE.
- Several participants and organizers expressed the desire for more advertisements of INEE materials and toolkits, on Social Media as well as in print.



INEE is looking into ways to incorporate recommendations for future Meet-Ups. Thank you for your feedback!