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MCTC's activities in 2011

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to a short review of 2011 at MCTC – another typically hectic, activity-packed year. This year MCTC held 30 activities at the Center, attended by 751 participants (601 women and 150 men) (80% women). Among the international training activities were (1) Trafficking Against Women ; (2) A Workshop on Violence Against Women; (3) Income Generating Projects and Community Development, for French speakers (4) Early Childhood Educators from Latin America



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The highlight of the year was the **International Women Leaders' Conference** on *Science, Technology and Innovation: Education and Training for Women and Girls*, held in cooperation with UNESCO, the 27th in MCTC's series of biennial Women Leaders' Conferences. It also marked our **Jubilee Year – 1961 - 2011**. The topic was chosen to coordinate with the theme of the 2011 CSW Session.

Sixty six high-level women leaders from 45 countries and international organizations attended the Conference; prominent among them **Ms. Irina Bokova, UNESCO Director-General**, Keynote Speaker and **Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, UN Deputy Secretary- General**, the Guest of Honor.

Participants included Ministers, Members of Parliament, heads of academic departments, directors of NGOs and international agencies, all of whom took part in intensive discussions, culminating in the **Haifa Declaration***, a document which has been widely disseminated in UN circles and in the countries of the delegates.

The Declaration calls for gender mainstreaming in education and affirmative action, ensuring a fairer representation of girls and women in science and technology.

To mark the auspicious occasion of 50 years of MCTC, the Israel Postal Services brought out a stamp to coincide with the Jubilee Conference celebrations.



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**Israel Postal Services-
MCTC Jubilee
stamp**



(r-l) Ms. Irina Bokova, Ms. Mazal Renford, and Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro, with certificates presented at the Opening Ceremony of the International Women Leaders' Conference

* Copies available from MCTC

A High-Level **UNECE** Delegation held a Policy Seminar at MCTC and other groups came on Study Tours from: **Indonesia and Sri Lanka** to study *Community Center Development and Disaster Preparedness*, in cooperation with TAG International Development; from **Kazakhstan** - *Innovations in Technological Incubators*, in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Kazakhstan; from **Kosovo** - *Young Volunteers from Mitrovica*, in cooperation with Haifa Municipality and the Forum for Cities in Transition; from **Thailand** – *a delegation from the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology*; from **Ghana** – *Training for Educators in ECE*; from **Sri Lanka** - a CA-RITAS delegation, initiated by a former participant, studied *Community Empowerment*.



Study Tour from TAG, Indonesia



Early Childhood Educators from Ghana



UNECE High Level Policy Seminar

MCTC represented Israel at several **international conferences**; at the United Nations, Commission on the Status of Women; the GENDERNET FORUM of the OECD; the ACWF International Forum on *Women and Sustainable Development* in Beijing; the 64th Session of the UN Economic Commission for Europe; a UNECE High-Level Policy Seminar on *Women's Entrepreneurship Development in Central Asia*, the Nex-Links International Forum in Uruguay, and others...



Ghana pre-school children, taking part in an MCTC training program



MCTC Education Director & Coordinator in charge of an Early Childhood Education Reform Project in Kumasi, Ghana, have an audience with the King of Ashanti



(l-r) MCTC Director of Microenterprise activities & MCTC Director attending the Nex-Links International Forum in Uruguay

908 trainees attended twenty six workshops conducted **abroad** by MCTC experts, in Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belarus, Chile (2), Colombia (2), Dominica, Ecuador (3), El Salvador (2), Ethiopia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Mexico, Nepal, Russia, Uruguay (2), Uzbekistan (2) and Vietnam (2).



OTS Business Labs training activities, in cooperation with the Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) of the OAS in – left to right – Ecuador, Antigua and Colombia

Our series of seminars for **Palestinian and Israeli women**, '*Women building a New Reality*', continued, reaching number 25, with 3 further seminars this year, stressing mediation, education and leadership. A workshop was also held, for the second year, for Palestinian and Jordanian physiotherapists; a group of young Palestinian women attended the fourth tailor-made workshop on *Management of Microenterprises* and a professional workshop was held for *Palestinian Women Educators*.

2011 was the year when we bade farewell to Ambassador Haim Divon as he left his position as Head of MASHAV, and took up his new post as Israel's Ambassador in The Hague, Netherlands. We welcome in his place Ambassador Danny Carmon and look forward to many years of fruitful cooperation. Greetings too to the new Director of Training at MASHAV, Mr. Matti Cohen and good wishes to his predecessor Ms. Beth-Eden Kite, in her new post as Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, OSCE and International Organizations at the Permanent Mission of Israel in Austria



Ambassador and Mrs. Haim Divon (back row, center) on a farewell visit to MCTC

In 2011, the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center joined the **World Wide Web** (www.mctc.co.il) and **Facebook**, We welcome your visits to these sites and of course hope that you will send us pictures, videos and reminiscences of your time at MCTC.

**WE WISH EVERY ONE OF YOU A YEAR OF HAPPY AND FULFILLED YEAR
WITH PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GROWTH.**

**MAY WE ALL CONTINUE TO COOPERATE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
CONSTANTLY DEVELOPING WORLD.**

**WITH WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES,
MAZAL RENFORD AND THE STAFF OF MCTC**

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