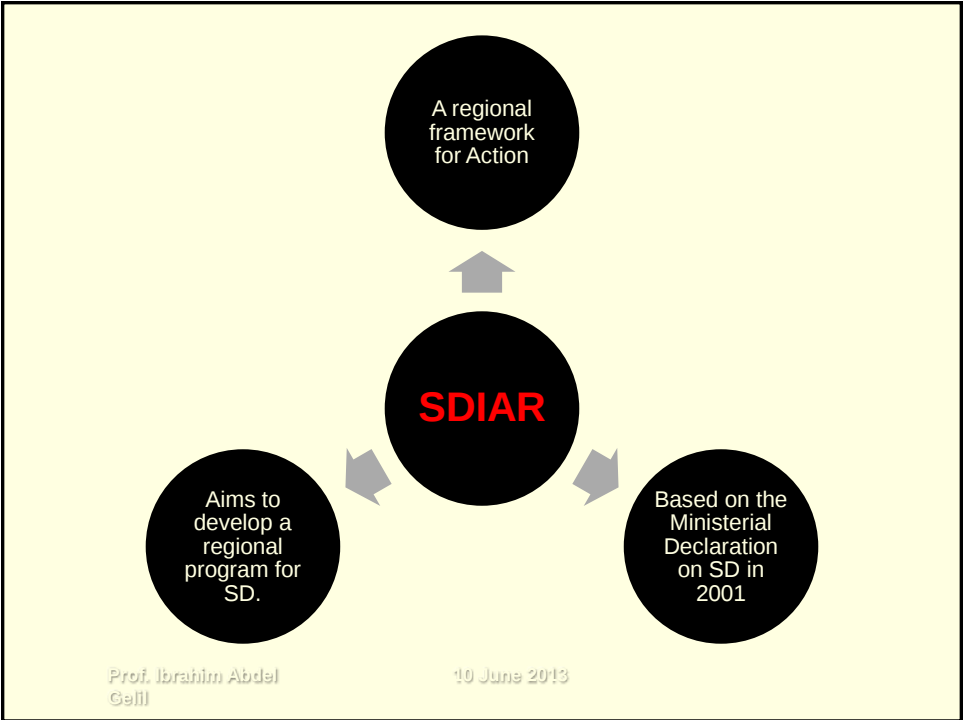


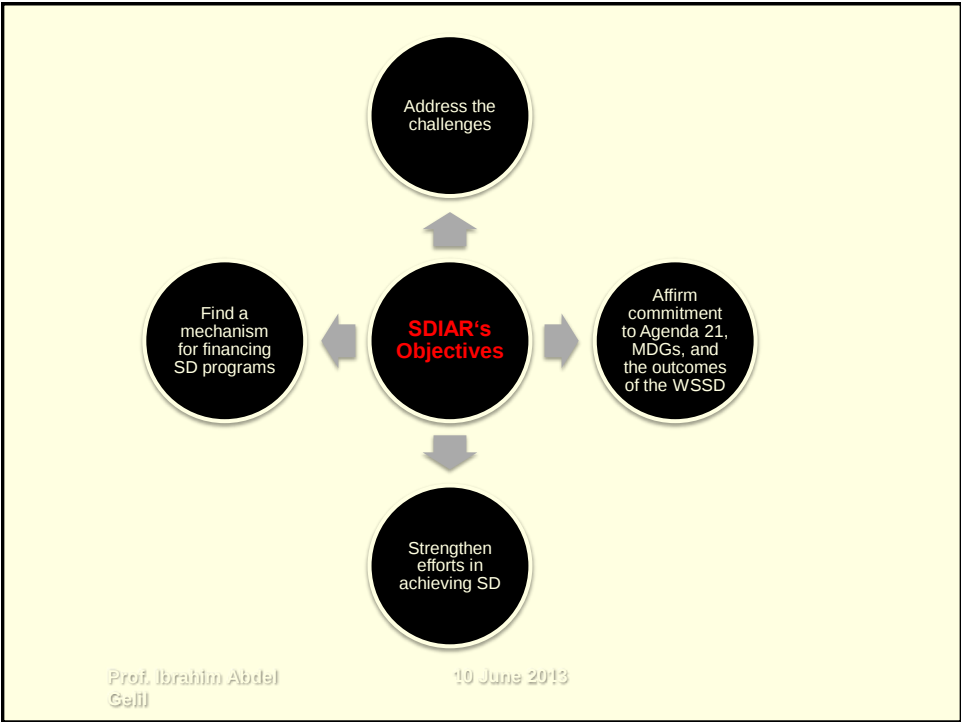
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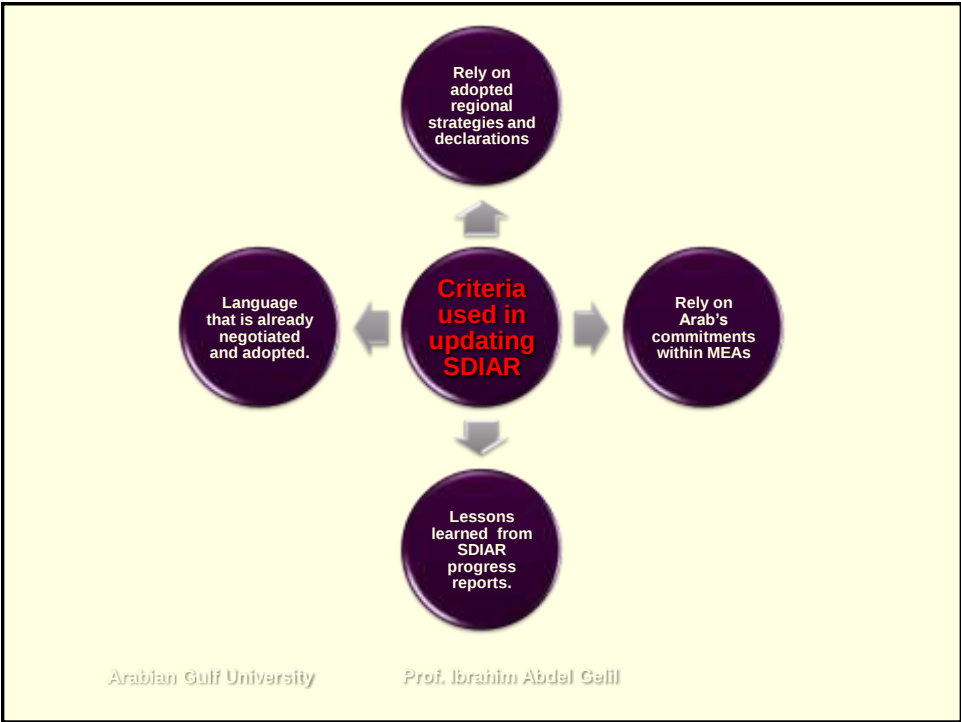




Why an Updated SDIAR ?

The Arab Ministerial Declaration on Rio+20 reaffirmed political commitment to SD, reiterated commitment to continue the implementation of SDIAR to face current challenges, fill the gaps and update it when needed





Adopted Regional Strategies

- The strategic plan to develop education in the Arab world
- Arab regional strategies on (SCP)
- The Arab guideline to improve electricity efficiency and its rationalization at the end user
- The Arab Renewable Energy Strategy (2010-2030)
- The Arab Action plan to deal with climate change
- The Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction (ASDRR)
- The Arab strategy for water security.
- The Arab strategy for sustainable agriculture development

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MEAs /Global Strategies	
UNFCCC/The Kyoto protocol	
UNCCD	
UNCBD/Cartagena Protocol	
The United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011–2020)	
The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011–2020)	
Nagoya Protocol	
Hyogo Framework for Action (2005-2015)	
GPA for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land- Based Activities	
Regional conventions for protection of marine environment	
SAICM/Chemical conventions	
Basel Convention	
The Minamata Convention on Mercury	
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Priority Issues for an Updated SDIAR	
<i>Peace and Security</i>	
<i>The Water-Energy-Food Nexus</i>	
<i>Water Security</i>	
<i>Energy Security</i>	
<i>Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security</i>	
<i>Climate Change</i>	
<i>Green Economy</i>	
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Peace and Security

- Efforts aimed at achieving peace and security in the Arab region
- Protecting the environment and natural resources of people under occupation.
- Implementation of the recommendations arisen from UNEP's post-conflicts assessments.
- Turning the Middle East into a zone free of weapons of mass destruction.
- Efforts to enhance access to basic human rights and foster social integration and stability.

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The Water-Energy-Food nexus

- Promoting the nexus approach to water-energy-food sustainability in the Arab region
- Transition to green economy to address the interdependencies between water, energy and food to make the nexus work for the poor.

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Water Security

- Implementation of the Arab strategy for water security
- Implementation of water policies within the Arab regional Strategy (SCP).
- Implementation of integrated water resources management policies and practices.
- Protecting water resources from pollution
- Develop alternative water resources and develop new technology for water desalination, rainwater harvesting and the recycling and reuse of water.

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Energy Security

- Adopt energy policies included in the Arab regional strategies (SCP)
- Supporting the implementation of the Arab guideline to improve electricity efficiency and its rationalization at the end user
- Supporting the implementation of the Arab Renewable Energy Strategy (2010-2030)
- Encouraging Arab Countries to make use of the services provided by (RCREEE)
- Diversify energy sources including cleaner fossil fuels' technologies, new and renewable energy and nuclear energy
- Facilitate energy access in a reliable, affordable, economically viable and socially and environmentally acceptable manner.

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Agriculture, Rural Livelihoods and Food Security

- Implementation of Arab strategy for sustainable agriculture development to achieve food security.
- Implementation of Agriculture and rural development policies within the Arab regional Strategy (SCP)
- Development and implementation of national policies of agricultural research (e.g. heat and drought tolerant crops).
- Collaborative regional approach and improved information exchange to support food security .
- Provision of green microfinance services to rural population

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Climate Change

- Implement Arab Action plan to deal with climate change
- Developed countries to meet their commitments of finance, technology transfer, capacity building, and impacts of response measures
- Mainstream adaptation to climate change in development policies, strategies, and programs.
- Pursue low-carbon climate resilient green development path.
- Develop (NAMAs) in preparation for post-2020 global climate regime.
- Strengthen the capacities to effectively manage disasters.

Green Economy

- Supporting the efforts of Arab countries to undertake a gradual transition towards green economy in line with national sustainable development objectives and priorities.
- Encouraging Arab countries to implement green economy policies in the context of SD and poverty eradication.
- Promoting sustained and inclusive economic growth in the Arab region, foster innovation and provide opportunities, and empowerment for all and respect human rights

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OTHER ISSUES FOR AN UPDATED SDIAR

Poverty Alleviation and Employment

Population and Health

Education, Illiteracy Eradication, and Public Awareness

Scientific Research & Technology Development and Transfer

Information and Communication Technologies

Coastal Zones and the Marine Environment

Drought and Desertification

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OTHER ISSUES FOR AN UPDATED SDIAR (2)

Biodiversity and Biosafety

Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable Management of Mountains and Forests

Urban Planning and Sustainable Cities

Management of Chemicals

Sustainable Consumption and Production

Disasters Management

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Means of Implementation

Finance

Arab Environment Facility (AEF)

Role of the Arab Development Funds

build capacity to benefits from the existing financial mechanisms (GEF, CDM, GCF, ..etc)

Participation of the private sector

Achieve the target of ODA of 0.7 % of GDP by 2015

Trade and Investment

Strengthen the Pan-Arab Free Trade Area.

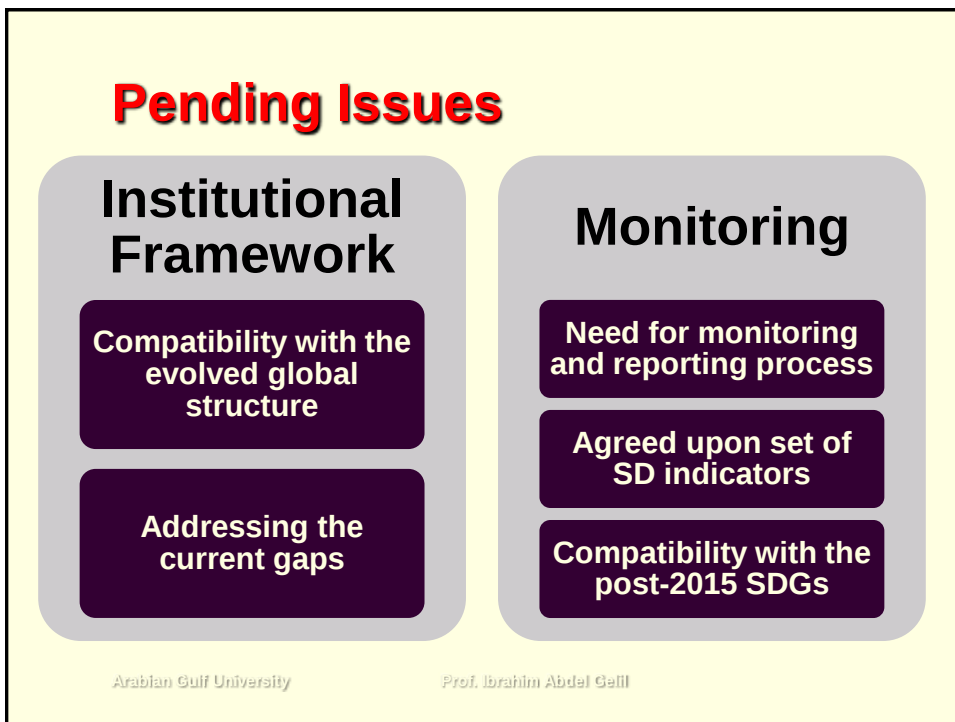
Foster PPP to create green jobs.

Improve access to international markets

Attract FDI

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The Current SDIAR: GAPS

- Has no additional funding for implementation
- Meant to use the available resources in:
 - **the Arab countries**
 - **the relevant Arab regional and international organizations, and**
 - **the Arab regional and international financial institutions**
- Has no clear time frame
- Has no clear measurable goals
- No harmonized reporting format
- No indicators to monitor progress (nationally, regionally)

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Action Plan ???

- **Any Action Plan should identify:**
 - **Who? (Nationally ???, regionally ???)**
 - **Doing What? (specific programs/projects)**
 - **When? (time frame)**
 - **At what cost? (resources)**
 - **How to monitor progress?**
- **We need to answer these questions in order to develop an Action Plan**

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A Proposal for Implementation

National level

Countries develop their own Plans

Countries reflect regional priorities in their National Plans

Regional Level

Develop sub-regional plans

Arab-Arab Cooperation

Arab Development Funds commit percentage of their ODA to those plans

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