

**MATRIX  
OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN-LAS COLLABORATION  
Vienna, 10-12 July 2012**

OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS	LAS INSTITUTIONS	UN AGENCIES	DESIRED TIME-LINES	UPDATES
<b>COOPERATION ON POLITICAL AND OTHER ISSUES</b>					
To follow-up and improve exchange of information on the activities of both systems and their plans in different fields in the Arab region to eliminate conflict and duplication and achieve synergy.	The UN system designates Focal Points in each priority area (the list of LAS focal points is attached as Annex VI and will be updated as necessary).	LAS Secretariat	DPA, all UN bodies participating in UN-LAS collaboration	January – February 2013	
To review and monitor the implementation of mutual agreements, progress of work of joint activities and identify new areas of cooperation.	Establish a Standing Sectoral Committees representing specialized agencies of both systems.	LAS Secretariat	DPA, UNDP, DESA, UNEP, UNESCO, ESCWA, UNHABITAT, other UN bodies	2013	UNEP participated actively in all LAS meetings related to the Environment and Water, participates in all Thematic Working groups emanated from joint UN-LAS cooperation and conducts relevant activities as per the recommendations of the concerned LAS body
To formalize operational partnership and enhance the existing collaborative activities particularly in conflict prevention and management	Consider signing an MOU	LAS Secretariat	DPA	2013	UNEP has a signed MOU since 1986 that is being considered for updating and is willing to sign a general UN-LAS MOU.

To enhance LAS capacities for conflict prevention, management, mediation and negotiations.	LAS staff invited to participate in the courses organized by the Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden and through the UNITAR Fellowship in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy Programme.	LAS Secretariat	DPA/PMD	2013-2014	
Effective implementation of the UN Register of Damages Caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (UNRoD)	The LAS Permanent Observer Mission/Vienna and UNRoD to organize a formal briefing for LAS Permanent Representatives to UNOV on the implementation of UNRoD's mandate and possible funding assistance.	LAS Mission to Vienna	UNROD	September – October 2012	
Enhancing Arab-Palestinian partnerships (proposed)	Forum on enhancing Arab-Palestinian Partnerships (2014) and its preparatory activities (2013-2014) – LAS, the Government of Palestine and ESCWA will be the main partners in this activity (proposed)	LAS Secretariat	ESCWA, ILO, UNDP, UNRWA, UNCTAD, UNSCO, and other UN agencies (proposed)	2014	ESCWA/ECRI (new)
International Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people	Co organize the commemoration of the International Day of solidarity with the Palestinian people	LAS secretariat	ESCWA		ESCWA/ECRI (new)
To strengthen the LAS' capacity to support the UNODC Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform in the Arab States 2011-2015	Under the Arab Initiative to Combat Human Trafficking, UNODC will work with the LAS to build its capacity as a partner under projects XAMX59 completed by the letter of Agreement between UNODC and LAS, "The Arab Initiative to build national capacities to combat human trafficking in the Arab countries" and XMEX19 "Strengthening the framework of the Arab region to prevent and combat human trafficking" as defined under the Letter of Agreement between UNODC and the LAS.	LAS Councils of Justice and Interior, LAS Legal Department	UNODC	Next 2 years, ongoing	ESCWA, in partnership with the UNODC conducted a global analysis of cyber legislation and cyber crime. ESCWA facilitated data collection and identification of relevant experts. A meeting in April 2012 included extensive discussion of the Arab Convention on Combating Information Technology Offences and the earlier model law (both promulgated by LAS)
Support successful implementation of the Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform in the Arab	Strengthen data collection, trend analysis and reporting under the Regional Programme.  Enhance cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism by i) LAS and UNODC continuing to co-organize capacity building events in the area of counter-terrorism in the region, as appropriate; and ii) LAS and UNODC continuing their joint				ESCWA/ICTD has a Cyber Crime Directive in its Cyber Legislation Directives, and it is collaborating with LAS for the adoption of these directives in the Arab region. ESCWA will present its Cyber legislation Directives to the next Arab ICT Minister Council to be held in July 2013.

States 2011-2015	efforts in promoting an Arab Judicial Platform in the region, as a network of focal point to foster international cooperation in criminal matters				
To secure sustained political support and funding for the implementation of the Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform in the Arab States 2011-2015	Develop a fundraising strategy for the Regional Programme.  UNODC and the LAS to support the implementation of the Regional Programme Cairo Declaration and the Regional Programme Steering Committee's Recommendations.	LAS Legal Department and Councils of Arab Ministers of Justice, Interior and Health	UNODC	Next 2 years, ongoing	
To enhance cooperation in the area of counter-terrorism	Co-organize capacity building events in the area of counter-terrorism in the region, as appropriate.  Promote an Arab Judicial Platform in the region, as a network of focal point to foster international cooperation in criminal matters.	LAS Secretariat, Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice and AICTO	UNODC	2012-14	
To continue cooperation on promoting a nuclear weapon and other weapons of mass destruction free zone in the Middle East	Close consultations with the facilitator and conveners of the planned 2012 conference.  Continued capacity-building efforts with member States	LAS Secretariat	UN, UNODA, UNIDIR	Ongoing	
To continue and enhance further cooperation on promoting the implementation of UN security resolution 1540 (2004)	Conduct joint activities such as capacity-building workshops and meetings on information exchange and experience sharing	LAS Secretariat	UN, UNODA, UNIDIR	2012-2014	
To enhance asset tracing and recovery	In consultations	LAS Secretariat	ESCWA, UNODC	2012-2014	

## ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

	Commence the Implementation of the project on “Aid for Trade Initiative for the Arab States”.	LAS Secretariat	UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, ITC, ITFC, UNIDO, UNECA	2013	Coordination of the request for a cooperation agreement for WTO issues (UNIDO Legal Unit and Arab programme and Economic and Social Council of the Arab League) Need for coordination with ECA for consistency of positions.
	Conduct joint training activities in the field of agriculture, trade and investment in the context of the Joint Action Plan on Agricultural Development and food security in Africa and Arab Region (JAP).	AOAD	UNCTAD, FAO, UNECA		E-trace programme for MENA) on Agribusiness Due to take place after the 2nd Africa-Arab Ministerial meeting on Agric Dev n Food Security end of 2013 (Saudi Arabia) LAS will propose an activity. ECA, through IDEP, can contribute to capacity building in these areas
	Cooperate in promoting the use of NANO technology				ESCWA could be a potential partner. Subject to be followed by AIDMO it is their specialization.
	Cooperate in the promotion of inclusive and sustainable agricultural investment in the Arab region	AOAD	World Bank, , UNCTAD, FAO, UNEP		
	Cooperate in developing work plans for the reduction of food losses and waste as a means for improving food security.	AOAD, AIDMO, LAS, ALECSO	FAO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNESCO, WFP		Think.Eat.Save is the theme of World Environment Day 2013, with UNEP looking to work with a number of sister UN agencies in encouraging people to think about food water – losses throughout the production chain are important
	Joint annual meeting on food security in the context of Arab emergency programme for food security	AOAD	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, ESCWA, UNSDR UNECA		UNEP integrates food security as part of its programmes on water, energy and biodiversity in its participation in the relevant meetings with LAS. ECA is working with UMA in this area
	Establish a knowledge sharing network between LAS general secretary and specialized organizations and the United Nations System.	AOAD	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, UNU-INWEH, UNIDO, UNESCO-LAS		UNEP suggests to build on the existing UNDP Knowledge Sharing System. Follow-up on Green Entrepreneurship concepts between with UNIDO /UNEP/LAS Environmental Committee
	Establish a joint working group to discuss and follow up on the outcomes of Rio+20	AOAD, ACSAD, AIDMO, AAEEA,...	UNEP, UNDP, ESCWA, ISDR, WMO, FAO, UNHABITAT, UNECA and UNESCO		LAS: A meeting is envisaged to prepare for CSD20 in UAE 29-30 May 2013 between LAS ESCWA and other UN Organizations. Moreover a Consultative Dialogue on Regional Sustainable Development Agenda will take place on 19 April 2013 in Cairo – Egypt The Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) will discuss the issue at its Special Session in 17-18 April 2013 UNEP and ESCWA working on a review of the outcomes of Rio+20 and implications for the region.

				<p>This includes as review of the Arab Initiative on Sustainable Development and planning for the Regional Implementation Meeting in May 2013. The RIM will also begin the discussions on the SDGs at the regional level, building towards a dedicated meeting in August 2013. It is suggested that a TWG might be formed under the RCM in this regard.</p> <p>UN-Habitat globally contributes to the follow up on Rio+20 including ins areas of :</p> <p>National urban policies, green buildings, greener public transport, equitable access to land, housing, basic infrastructure and services.</p> <p><a href="http://www.uncsd2012.org/index.php?page=view&amp;type=6&amp;nr=70&amp;menu=53&amp;template=375">http://www.uncsd2012.org/index.php?page=view&amp;type=6&amp;nr=70&amp;menu=53&amp;template=375</a></p> <p>UNIDO globally contributes to the follow up on Rio+20 including areas of :National policies, green industries, waste management, Energy efficiency and renewable Energy.</p> <p>ECA is working on the same in Africa and ready to coordinate efforts in order to ensure consistency of positions</p>
	<p>Cooperation in the field of Integrated Water Resources Management approaches (including water harvesting), Access to and management of water and sanitation services (UNHABITAT); Building Shared Water Knowledge Management Platform, &amp; Regional Climate change initiative (UNU-INWEH)</p>	<p>ACSAD, AOAD</p>	<p>FAO, UNEP, UNDP, WMO, UNESCO ISDR, ESCWA, UNHABITAT UNU-INWEH, UNIDO, UNECA</p>	<p>LAS: Arab Water Ministerial Council (AWMC) is following up</p> <p>UNEP has worked with partners on the development of the Arab Water Security Strategy and Action Plan, which has been endorsed by the Council of Arab Ministers of Water at their meeting in June 2013. A Stakeholder Consultation will be held on the Strategy and Action Plan in the latter part of 2013.</p> <p>ESCWA is providing continuous support by leading UN-LAS coordination and reporting to LAS on approved IWRM project on climate change impact assessment related to the water sector and socio-economic vulnerability in the Arab region (RICCAR)</p> <p>ECA could be a potential partner given the importance of shared water resources for development for many of the countries of the North Africa region and the potential for conflict that it also portends.</p> <p>FAO launched the Regional Water Scarcity Initiative with the two major expected outcomes: (i) a Regional Collaborative Strategy on sustainable agriculture water</p>

				<p>management for increasing the level of food security, and (ii) a Regional Partnership to support countries in the implementation of the collaborative strategy.</p> <p>FAO is providing its support and expertise in the field of IWRM approaches and the use of non-conventional water resources.</p> <p>FAO is a member of the task force comprising ACSAD, ESCWA, AWC, CEDARE, UNEP to develop the Arab Water Security Strategy Action Plan for the upcoming five years till 2020.</p> <p>UNIDO is working on GEF-water projects implementation and TEST projects for MENA region</p>
	Contribute to capacity building in areas green funding, renewable energy, disaster risk reduction and environmental management.		UNEP, UNDP, ISDR, ESCWA, UNHABITAT, UNIDO, UNECA	<p>LAS: Arab Water Ministerial Council (AWMC) is following up</p> <p>ESCWA Technology Centre could be a potential partner. ESCWA is also collaborating with UNISDR under RICCAR to support development of Disaster Losses Databases in selected Arab Countries (Tunisia in 2012).</p> <p>UNEP and ESCWA are working on green investment and environmental management through their work with CAMRE, which will be discussed at the RIM (May 2013)</p> <p>UNIDO contributes to capacity building in areas green industry, renewable energy, environmental management. (E-Waste) &amp; Waste Management in GCC</p> <p>ECA, through IDEP, can contribute to capacity building in this sector</p>
	Enhance cooperation on environmental tourism	AOAD, Arab Tourism Board, Arab Labor Organization	UNWTO, UNEP, UNDP, ILO, UNIDO, UNESCO/ UNIDO-LAS/ UNHCR	<p>LAS: A workshop on this topic can be organized</p> <p>UNEP is identifying strategies for green tourism in different countries of the region.</p> <p>ECO-Tourism in Egypt &amp; Mena region (Eco-tourism and green entrepreneurship)</p>
	Develop and publish sustainable development indicators grounded in good science, an egalitarian economic model, and democratic governance. (1) 'Sustainable measures' must be		UNEP, ESCWA, UNHABITAT, UNIDO-UNEP-LAS, UNECA	<p>ESCWA and UNEP: Activity completed</p> <p>LAS: Sustainable Development indicators guidelines in Arabic and English were issued on CD and distributed to</p>

	<p>predicated on the needs and limitations of the ecosystems themselves and not the desires of human communities and thus goals and targets should be based on the pre-requisites that are needed to achieve and transition to full sustainability ; (2) Sustainable development must ensure that economic activities fit within environmental limitations, and that benefits deriving from the ownership, use, and management of public goods and commons resources are equitably shared among all peoples; and (3) Sustainable development must be grounded in a governance model enshrined in the values of equality, equity, open access to information, and full civic participation. Implementation of sustainable development indicators for the Arab region ( support to national level, as well as regional indicators). (see comment above)</p>				<p>all Arab countries and relevant organizations</p> <p>UNHABITAT publish sustainable urban development indicators in the form of State of Arab Cities Report and country reports</p> <p>UNIDO-UNEP-LAS to explore environmental statistics ( indicators) for potential into green entrepreneurships</p> <p>ECA is working on key SD indicators. Has organized a workshop (Dec 2012) and is preparing the African 5<sup>th</sup> SD report with focus on green inclusive growth</p>
	<p>Implementation of sustainable development indicators for the Arab region ( support to national level, as well as regional indicators).</p>	<p>CAMRE, AOAD, JECDAR, General Secretary of the council of eco. and social dev. of LAS</p>	<p>UNEP, ESCWA, UNDP, UNHABITAT, UNECA and UNESCO</p>		<p>LAS: Discussions underway with UNEP/ROWA</p> <p>ESCWA: ICTD is promoting Information Society indicators in the Arab region through the organization of Workshops and in providing training and support on SDIs.</p> <p>UNEP has ongoing activities at the national and regional level.</p> <p>ECA: same comment on indicators</p>
	<p>Support the preparation of the Second Environment outlook</p>	<p>AOAD, CAMRE</p>	<p>UNEP, UNECA</p>		<p>LAS: Discussions underway with UNEP/ROWA</p> <p>UNEP: Fund raising taking place</p>
	<p>Pilot UNEP Live and SoE (state of Environment) in selected West Asia countries, to be extended then to the rest of the Arab countries.</p>	<p>CAMRE</p>	<p>UNEP</p>		<p>LAS: UNEP/ROWA is taking the lead on the issue. LAS awaits their feed back</p> <p>UNEP has ongoing activities at the national and regional level</p>
	<p>Provide capacity building on integrated environmental assessment, providing training tools and materials</p>	<p>CAMRE, AOAD, Council</p>	<p>UNEP</p>		<p>LAS: To be done yet between UNEP &amp; CAMRE Technical Secretariat</p> <p>UNEP has ongoing activities at the national as requested</p>
	<p>Finalize and publish the "Arab Region: Atlas of Our Changing Environment.</p>		<p>UNEP</p>		<p>UNEP: Ready to be published.</p>

					ESCWA/ICTD might participate in the future in preparing the e-Atlas for the Arab countries within the framework of peaceful use of outer space.
	Support the implementation of the Arab strategy for disaster risk reduction.		UNEP, UNISDR, UNHABITAT		<p>LAS: The First Arab Conference on DRR took place in Aqaba Jordan 19-21 March 2013 Discussions for the First Arab Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction is under way</p> <p>UNISDR: A draft Framework of Action was developed to guide the implementation of the Arab Strategy for Disaster Reduction. The Framework was developed through consultations with LAS specialized agencies and shared with (CAMRE) for written comments from member states before processing through LAS approval mechanisms.</p> <p>UNHABITAT is in partnership with UNISDR on Urban Resilience.</p> <p>ESCWA/ SDPD contributed to preparation of Arab DRR Strategy's Plan of Action (work coordinated by UNISDR).</p> <p>UNEP undertakes ongoing environmental assessment and early warning that feeds into this process.</p>
	Prepare and present a report on implementation of Chemical & waste MEAs in 2013. The report will cover also suggestions for preparing the Work programme.		UNEP	To be presented in meeting of Technical Arab Group for 2013/14	UNEP: Report presented to the Technical Team and programme of activities in chemicals and wastes developed for 2013-2014.
	Organize a capacity building workshop with the LAS on protecting access to genetic resources and prohibiting the patenting and commodification of genetic resources, and on supporting seed banks and other mechanisms to preserve genetic variety and benefit sharing	AOAD,	UNEP, FAO		UNEP: Workshop took place in Amman, Jordan (9-10 April 2013) as part of ongoing UNEP support to countries in meeting obligations under the Nagoya Protocol.
	Facilitate a RAMSAR secretariat presentation to LAS on regional implementation of the wetlands convention.	AOAD, CAMRE, ACSAD	UNEP, UNESCO		<p>UNEP: Ramsar has provided a statement to CAMRE at its meeting in September 2012 (CAMRE's23rd Session)</p> <p>LAS: Cooperation on going with Ramsar Secretariat</p>
	Facilitate the implementation of the Arab States Climate Change Plan of Action as overall framework for the work on climate Change in the region.	AOAD, CAMRE, ACSAD	UNEP, ESCWA, UNDP, ISDR, FAO, UNHABITAT, UNU-INWEH,		<p>LAS: Discussion on the methodology of implementation will take place in a meeting between stakeholders during the second half of June 2013</p> <p>UNEP continues to work closely with the Climate</p>



			and UNECA		<p>Change focal points through the West Asia Regional Network on Climate Change (WARN-CC) and also chairs the Thematic Working Groups on Climate Change.</p> <p>FAO is implementing a regional initiative on climate change related to regional knowledge and information exchange network.</p> <p>ESCWA/SDPD supports UNEP in implementation. ECA: Coordination with ACPC, the African Centre for CC.</p>
	Organize a regional workshop with LAS on Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action plans,	Regional Center for energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE) and ISESCO	UNEP with the World Bank	end of 2012.	<p>LAS: Not Executed due to the concentration on adaptation which is the priority of the Arab Region</p> <p>UNEP has worked with the World Bank on a number of training initiatives, with work in Jordan as a pilot for the region and has trained 40 experts on NAMAs as well as establishing a regional network.</p>
	Support the League of Arab States and State of Qatar in the preparation for UNFCCC COP18 to be held in Qatar		UNEP, and ESCWA	November 2012.	<p>LAS: Already done</p> <p>UNEP: COP18 held in Nov-Dec 2013. Greater engagement of Arab countries than usual and a number of side events led by NGOs from the region as part of an initiative by the Organizing Committee.</p> <p>ESCWA/SDPD supported Joint UN-LAS event convened during COP-18 Hikma Hours (convened by Gov't of Qatar)</p> <p>UNIDO-LAS-UNEP to promote green entrepreneurship concepts.</p>
	Prepare a proposal on the Mapping of Technology Centers and to establish an Arab Climate Technology Network.		UNEP	2013	<p>LAS: Discussed at the Arab Standing Committee on Meteorology 29th Session Morocco 8-11 April 2013</p> <p>UNEP: Project concept developed and to be discussed with potential donors.</p> <p>ESCWA: ICTD/ETC could be a potential partner.</p>
	Establish an Early warning system on sand storms and dust intensity measuring system		WMO, UNDP, UNEP		<p>LAS: Being discussed in the Arab Standing Committee on Meteorology 29th Session Morocco 8-11 April 2013</p>

					UNEP: A Regional Framework for Cooperation on this issue has been developed and the political support gathered. Fund-raising is now underway for implementation. A technical meeting was hosted by UAE on 6-7 May 2013.
	Establish a data base on market demand for employment and organize a meeting to discuss training needs in the Arab states.				
	Workshop on IP and technology management for universities and R&D institutions	AICTO, ALECSO, AOAD	ESCWA, WIPO, FAO, UNESCO, ITU Regional Office for the Arab Region		ESCWA: ICTD/ETC working with WIPO and 6 Arab universities for TT office /policy establishment LAS: on going co-op with WIPO (3 workshops have been held at LAS 2007 - 2010)
	Innovation and entrepreneurship for sustainable development	AOAD, ACSAD, AIDMO, ALO,	ESCWA, WIPO, UNCTAD, UNEP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT		LAS: Not Executed, need for a road map for execution  ESCWA: ICTD/ETC with SDPD using DP Innovative technologies for rural areas (demos and workshops). Additionally ESCWA/ICTD has an initiative for promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the field of Digital Arabic Content. UNEP: A proposal for a regional initiative is being considered by the Zayed International Foundation for the Environment.
	International forum on Empowering Arab Youth through ICT – Job opportunities	AICTO, ALO	ILO, UNDP UNESCO, and ITU Regional Office for the Arab Region, UNIDO		LAS: Followed up by AICTO  ESCWA: ICTD/ETC supporting Stars of Science and GCC Chambers campaign for youth entrepreneurship.  UNIDO to follow up on Tunisia Youth forum.
	Cooperation in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy	AAEA	IAEA		
	Continue exchanging publications and documents related to scientific, technical and research activity of peaceful uses of atomic energy	AAEA	IAEA		LAS: On going
	Organization of a the third forum on nuclear power for electricity generation and sea water desalination	AAEA	IAEA	2014	LAS: Due to be held in an Arab state in 2014 (ESCWA would be interested in learning more about this activity)
	Collect a list of studies, projects and initiatives on climate change in the Arab region to be presented in a meeting or workshop	AOAD, CAMRE, GS LAS, ACSAD	UNEP, UNDP, ESCWA, WMO, FAO, and UNECA		ESCWA co-convened with LAS and partners (WMO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNU, UNISDR, ACSAD, SMHI) 3 regional workshops/EGMs on climate change assessment in Arab Region during 2012 & 2 working group meeting during 2013/Q1

					<p>UNEP: The UNEP-led Climate Technology Centre and Network will be promoted at the region level and can support this. Also such activities may fall under the Arab Centre for Environmental Research and Development proposed by Egypt.</p> <p>ECA (ACPC) to explore potential of partnership on this activity.</p>
To streamline Arab statistics with UN statistics	prospecting	LAS	ESCWA, UNECA		<p>ESCWA/SD could participate with LAS to achieve this activity.</p> <p>ECA (ACS) to explore potential of partnership on this activity.</p>
<b>Newly included activity based on LAS update</b>					
	Regional initiative for the assessment of the impact of climate change on water resources		UNECA		<p>On going in cooperation with ESCWA &amp; GIZ ECA (ACPC) to explore potential of partnership on this activity. FAO joined the regional initiative on climate change impact assessment related to the water sector and socio-economic vulnerability in the Arab region (RICCAR) led by ESCWA.</p>
	Adaptation to the climate change in the water sector with MENA region		UNECA		<p>On going in cooperation with ESCWA &amp; GIZ ECA (ACPC) to explore potential of partnership on this activity.</p>
<b>Newly included activity proposed by UNIDO</b>					
	Project on Support for the Implementation of the Regional Arab Standardization Strategy with Focus on the Regional Coordination on Accreditation.	SIDA AIDMO,	<u>UNIDO</u> ,		<p>In July 2011, the Arab Organization for Industrial Development and Mining (AIDMO) launched the Arab Coordination for Accreditation (ARAC), a system of regional accreditation to promote bilateral trade and economic cooperation.</p>
<b>Proposed new activities based on the decisions of the CAMRE Council Session of December 2012.#</b>					
	Implementation of the 10 YFP on SCP including organization of the 4th round-table on SCP	CAMRE	UNEP, ESCWA		<p>UNEP: Focal Points have been identified from the member states and the 4<sup>th</sup> Round Table on SCP was held on 17-18 June 2013</p>
	Follow-up on the outcomes of Eye on Earth Summit and its special initiatives	CAMRE, (AGEDI)	UNEP		<p>UNEP continues its close engagement as part of the Eye on Earth Secretariat</p>
	Follow-up on implementation of CAMRE and UNEP-GC decisions concerning special environment situation in some Arab countries	CAMRE	UNEP		<p>UNEP: Bilateral discussions are underway with relevant countries to elaborate support needed (Palestine, Libya).</p>
	Promote the introduction of the Green Economy concept through specialized studies and consultation functions	CAMRE	ESCWA, UNEP, FAO and UNECA	2013	<p>UNEP: Ongoing work on Green Economy including its promotion through the use of case studies and some national level interventions (Jordan, Egypt) and the Green Investment opportunities work.</p> <p>FAO (RNE Office):</p> <p>- NEFRC decided that “sustainable management of</p>

					forests and rangelands towards Green Economy in the Near East” will be the overall theme of the 21 <sup>st</sup> NEFRC session and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Near East Forest Week (26-30 January 2014 in Amman, Jordan). Preparation of a study on the state of progress on the valuation of forests and rangelands goods and services and required institutional arrangements to integrate Green Economy context in the NENA region.  ECA to explore potential of partnership on this activity based on ongoing work in the area by SRO-NA
	Support the implementation and capacity building activities to enforce the compliance with different MEAs in cooperation with relevant LAS Technical Teams	CAMRE	UNEP, MEAs Secretariats, UNITAR		UNEP: Ongoing technical support to the Arab Technical Teams related to climate change, chemicals & wastes and desertification & biodiversity.
	Sustainable Education – experiences, exchange and plan of action	CAMRE, LAS, ALECSO	UNESCO, UNEP		UNEP: This can use actions under the global work on sustainable education being implemented by UNESCO and UNEP under UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).

### COOPERATION ON SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

To enhance cooperation on international migration, refugees & human displacement	Prepare a report on the developments of migratory flows taking place in the Arab countries for 2013.	<u>Arab Expatriate Dept.</u>	<u>UNHCR, UNFPA, UNICEF</u> (in consultation with IOM), UNECA	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013	LAS- Currently preparing the Report in consultation with Arab member states, IOM, Experts. Migration is a major concern for the North African countries (as receiving, transiting and sending countries).
	Hold a meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development at the Secretariat of the League of Arab States. (this has to be agreed upon between LAS and Mauritius)	<u>Arab Expatriate Dept.</u>	<u>Chairman of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)</u> and UNGA, UNECA	2013	LAS- Currently organizing a regional Consultative meeting in Preparation of the 2nd High Level dialogue on Migration and development in partnership with ESCWA, IOM
	Promote the rights of migrants, refugees and IDPs, and organize joint training courses for LAS member states in the area of capacity building.	<u>Arab Expatriate Dept., HR Dept.</u>	<u>UNHCR, OHCHR, UNODC</u> , (in collaboration with IOM)	2013	
	Organize a regional conference on "The roles of immigrant health skills in the promotion of the health sectors in Arab countries"	<u>Arab Expatriate Dept. Health Dept.</u>	<u>WHO, UNFPA</u> , (in collaboration with IOM)	2013	LAS Organized the first workshop on "the implications of the brain drain of health determinants and their possible roles in supporting the health sector in the Arab countries", during the period from 18-20/12/2012 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, in cooperation with IOM, to

					<p>discuss the challenges and needs of health systems in the Arab world and the role of competencies health Arab immigrant, flows intra-qualified health in the Arab countries, the role of unions, associations and institutions and associations of doctors abroad in support of health sectors in the Arab countries, participation of migrants in development projects.</p> <p>The participation was from regional office for the WHO (EMRO), Minister of Expatriates Republic of Sudan, representatives from the ministries of health in the Arab countries (Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Algeria, Kuwait,), and a number of Arab experts in addition to the presence of a group of scientists and competencies of health Arab countries of destination in Europe and the United Kingdom and North America.</p>
To enhance cooperation on social integration	Organize the Regional Conference on Population and Development, 2013.	<u>Arab Expatriate Dept.</u>	<u>UNFPA, ESCWA, UNECA</u>	24-26 June 2013	<p>ESCWA confirms its availability to provide substantive input to the organization of this conference and its documents / outputs</p> <p>LAS- Conference will be held in Cairo- 24-26 June 2013 at LAS.</p> <p>Invitation letters will be sent to the delegations through the GS office and PPMD will follow up with partners, NPC's and local offices of UNFPA in the region/ NPC's Meeting will be held in parallel with the ICPD in June and will decide depending on the output of the Conference the next NPC's date and venue</p> <p>LAS participated in the preparation for ICPD conference and participated in 5 steering committee meetings and one technical committee meeting and preparing to hold the 6th SCM at LAS in April 2013</p>
To enhance cooperation on MDGS, SDGs and Post -2015 Development Agenda (Rio +20)	Continue coordination with the United Nations specialized agencies operating in the Arab region to follow up the implementation of the MDGs for the preparation of LAS-UN fourth report on the MDGs implementation in the Arab States.	<u>Social Polices &amp; Development Dept.</u> Environ-ment Dept.	<u>ESCWA, UNDG, UNHABITAT, UNECA</u>	2013 - 2015	<p>ESCWA/ICTD participated in the RC joint report of ESCWA for post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>LAS- On 4/12/2012 the Arab Social Ministerial Council issued resolution no. 700 "contributing with 30000\$ in the preparation process of the report".</p> <p>19-20/11/2012- LAS organized the first TWG meeting in Cairo.</p> <p>11/12/2012 -Coordinating meeting between Social Polices Dept and Economic Development and Globalization Dept in ESCWA</p> <p>8-9/5/2013- LAS will host the 1st EGM meeting</p> <p>UNHABITAT is mandated with MDG T7C and T7D</p>

					ECA is working with the African countries (regional mandate)
	Provide technical and financial support for the least developed Arab countries to help them in the implementation of the MDGs by 2015.	<u>Social Policies &amp; Development Dept.</u>	<u>UNDESA, UNDP, UNESCO, UNDG, ESCWA, UNHABITAT, UNIDO, UNECA</u>	2015	LAS- 4/12/2012 Arab Social Ministerial Council Issued resolution No 689 to finance member states, specially LDC,s to implement MDGs. June 2013 LAS and ESCWA will organize work shop on Measurement of human and physical poverty  UNHABITAT is mandated with MDG T7C and T7D UNIDO mandated with MDG 7 and MDG 1.
	Organize training courses for LAS member states on the preparation of national reports in the areas of development in accordance with the UN statistics standards	<u>Social Policies &amp; Development Dept.</u>	<u>UNDP, UNDG</u>	2015	LAS-23-25/4/2013 in coordination with UNDP – ESCWA organizing work shop on Poverty Mapping in Beirut.
	Organize a number of activities on the implementation of Rio+20 SDGs to start with a brain storm session.	<u>Social Policies &amp; Development Dept.</u>	<u>UNDP, ESCWA UNDG, and UNHABITAT, UNIDO, UNECA</u>	First quarter of 2013	ESCWA is coordinating RIM , and SDGs Consultative Dialogues under CAMRE LAS- October 2013, in coordination with UNDP organizing Brain Storming on the implementation of Rio+20 SDGs. UNHABITAT should be involved with these brainstorming sessions. UNHABITAT is organizing the GLTN workshop in Cairo planned in May as contribution to this.  UNIDO has been involved in all meetings, follow up, and implementation of recommendations of RIO+20.
To enhance cooperation on Dialogue of Civilizations	Develop plans to activate UNGA Resolution 66/167 on Combating intolerance, negative stereotyping, stigmatization, discrimination, incitement to violence, based on religion or belief (adopted on 19 December 2011).	<u>Dialogue of Civilizations Dept.</u>	<u>UNOAC, UNESCO</u>	First quarter of 2013	LAS requested during the Focal Points' Meeting of the Fifth UNAOc Global Forum which took place in Vienna from 27th – 28th February 2013 the UNAOc Secretariat to integrate a paragraph regarding the support of the a.m resolution within the final Vienna Declaration. As some of the delegations opposed this request, it has been agreed upon placing the mentioned request (support of the UNGA Resolution 66/167) on the agenda of the upcoming Sixth UNAOc Global Forum to be held in Indonesia in 2014.
	Review and possibly update the 2008 Memorandum of Understanding, starting in 2012 as required by the current MOU.	<u>Dialogue of Civilizations Dept.</u>	<u>UNOAC</u>	February 2013 (on the occasion of the 5th global forum of the Alliance in Vienna)	
	Develop training programs and workshops on	<u>Dialogue of</u>	<u>UNOAC,</u>	2013-2014	The LAS contacted the UNAOc Secretariat to be

	communication skills and intercultural dialogue to civil society, media, and opinion leaders	<u>Civilization s Dept.</u>	UNESCO		provided with all its training programs. Furthermore. 13/3/2013 LAS held a meeting with the UNESCO's regional office in Cairo (Cultural Department) at the premises of the LAS, to discuss further details regarding the training programs.
	Develop exchange programs between young people involved in the Alliance of Civilizations and the Arab League in order to enhance their experience and skills.	<u>Dialogue of Civilization s Dept.</u>	<u>UNOAC,</u> UNESCO	2013-2014	LAS is contacting the head of the UNAoC Fellowship program to be provided with the upcoming program to be conducted during 2013.
	Search for new channels to fully implement the objectives of the Alliance of Civilizations specifically with regard to the "Mediterranean strategy" through cooperation with various partners in the region.	<u>Dialogue of Civilization s Dept.</u>	<u>UNOAC,</u> UNESCO	2013-2014	LAS Intends to develop its own regional strategy in terms of Intercultural Dialogue to be submitted to the upcoming UNAoC Sixth Global Forum to be held in Indonesia in 2014.
To enhance cooperation on human rights & rule of law	Provision of technical support to LAS General Secretariat to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- review and revise the Arab Charter on Human Rights</li> <li>- review and improve the mechanism on human rights in place at the General Secretariat</li> </ul>	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>OHCHR, ILO</u>	2013-2014	ILO: Review and improve economic and social rights with focus on labour rights.
	Organize a joint regional high level conference every two years on the protection and promotion of human rights to identify priorities and develop projects on the regional level.	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>OHCHR, UNDP,</u> <u>UNICEF,</u> <u>NODC,</u> <u>UNESCO, ILO,</u> <u>UNAIDS</u>	First quarter of 2013	
	Establish a bilateral cooperation and exchange of expertise in the field of Human rights between the General Secretariat of the Arab Ministers of Interior to cover training and capacity building programs on Human Rights for law enforcement officers in Arab member states.	<u>General Secretariat of the Arab Ministers of Interior Council</u>	<u>OHCHR,</u> <u>UNHCR</u> <u>UNDP, UNODC</u>	2013-2014	
	Provide training and capacity building to the Secretariat and various departments of LAS in the field of human rights. In this regard OHCHR and UNDP will provide LAS with a joint UN project document regarding UN LAS cooperation on Human Rights especially in the area of training and capacity building.	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u> Elections Monitoring Division at Arab Affairs dept, Civil Society Dept	<u>OHCHR ,</u> <u>UNDP,</u> <u>UNESCO,</u> <u>UNODC</u>	First quarter of 2013	

To enhance cooperation on human rights & rule of law	Develop a strategy for improving human rights in the region with specialized organizations.	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>OHCHR, UNHCR, UNESCO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNODC, ILO</u>	2013-2014	
	Cooperate with the United Nations Center for Training and Documentation in the field of Human Rights for South-West Asia and the Arab Region (Doha) on training programs and workshop.	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>OHCHR</u>	2013-2014	
	Cooperate in drafting an Arab Convention on Regulating Refugee Status.	<u>Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>UNHCR</u>	2013	
	Coordinate on the issue of persons with disabilities through the work on a regional project entitled "Strengthening knowledge and policy infrastructure for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Arab region", which will include a regional conference.	<u>Social Policies &amp; Development Dept., Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>ESCWA</u>	2013-2014	LAS- 4/12/2012 Arab Social Ministerial Council adopted the Project by resolution No704. 2/2/2013 LAS send Memo to the social development division in ESCWA to inform it about the ministerial council resolution and contributing 30000\$ for the project, also to get feedback from ESCWA about steps needed to start the Project.
	Organize a training course for LAS member states on reporting on the implementation of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to be held in the United Arab Emirates.	<u>Social Policies &amp; Development Dept., Human Rights Dept.</u>	<u>ESCWA WHO, UNIDO</u>	9-11 October 2012	LAS- Done with ESCWA. UNIDO has special focus on Human Rights & gender issues.
	Develop Workshops on Security Sector Reform dedicated to countries undergoing democratic transition or political reform	ARADO	ESCWA,	December 2013	ESCWA/ECRI
	Develop Workshop on Enhancing Citizen Engagement with the Public Sector	ARADO	ESCWA and DESA/DPAM	2014	ESCWA/ECRI
	Develop Workshops on Governance indicators	ARADO and LAS secretariat	ESCWA	2014	ESCWA/ECRI
To enhance cooperation on Youth issues	Cooperate on the preparation of programs for the empowerment and capacity building of young Arabs, especially in the least developed Arab countries.	<u>Youth and Sport Dept.</u>	<u>UNFPA, UNODC, UNICEF, UNDP, ESCWA, UNDG UNESCO, UNHABITAT, UNIDO, ECA</u>	2013	ESCWA/ICTD is launching an initiative on Digital Arabic Content for young entrepreneurs. UNIDO organized several programmes for youth employment with special focus on green growth and job creation.
	Cooperate on mobilizing funds and technical	<u>ALO</u>	<u>ILO, UNDP,</u>	2013-2014	



	assistance in support of the Arab programme for the reduction of unemployment endorsed by the Arab Economic and Social Development Summit (Kuwait 2009)		UNICEF, UNDG, UNHABITAT		
	Cooperate in capacity building of Arab youth sports in the least developed Arab countries.	<u>Youth and Sport Dept.</u>	UNFPA, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDG	2013	
	Launch a permanent mechanism for consultation between senior officials from the sectors of youth and sports between the two organizations.	<u>Youth and Sport Dept.</u> , ALO	UNFPA, UNODC, UNICEF, UNDG	2013	
	Organize an Arab - European conference on "participation of young people to promote peace, human rights and fundamental freedoms"	<u>Youth and Sport Dept.</u> , Human Rights Dept.	UNFPA, UNODC, UNICEF, OHCHR	2014	
	Preparing and issuing a regional report on Arab youth.	<u>Youth and Sport Dept.</u>	UNFPA, UNODC, UNICEF, UNDG, ESCWA, ILO, UNHABITAT, UNECA	By 2014	ESCWA is preparing a study on the impact of ICT on Arab youth, taking into account Gender issues  UNHABITAT will prepare a regional report on Youth urban challenges in Arab cities  ECA could be a potential partner in the preparation of this report based on the African Youth Report, which covers some of the LAS countries.
To enhance cooperation on child issues	Organize seminars and regional workshops to promote the Child Rights Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto, focusing on the Optional Protocol III on the procedure for communications, as well as activating the "zero under 18", and encourage member states to ratify the Optional Protocols to the Child Rights Convention and to lift their reservations to the Convention and its protocols by 2014.	<u>Child and Family Dept</u>	UNICEF	By 2014	LAS organized a technical workshop on "the Optional Protocols to the Child Rights Convention and Ombuds' Mechanism", in collaboration with the Supreme Council for Family Affairs in Qatar, UNICEF Regional Office, UN Special Representative for Violence Against Children, and Save the Children on June, 3rd & 4th 2012, in Doha.
To enhance cooperation on child	Issue an introductory guide (handbook) containing information on the third optional protocol to the Child Rights Convention, and translate into Arabic the explanatory guidelines previously issued on the First and Second Optional Protocols to the Convention .	<u>Child and Family Dept</u>	UNICEF, OHCHR, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on violence against children	By 2014	LAS- The Advocacy Tool on CRC 3rd OP, has been issued, in collaboration with UNICEF Regional Office, UN Special Representative for Violence Against Children, and Save the Children containing information regarding this OP, and highlighting the importance of the ratification on it, as well as the Ombuds' Mechanism, the Advocacy Tool was presented n the 18th session of the Arab Childhood Committee, convened in LAS Premises, 20-22 Nov., 2012.

issues	Publish the guideline manual on the rights of children in emergency situations," currently being developed by the LAS in cooperation with Save the Children,.	Child & Family Dept	UNICEF	2013	LAS-The "Child Rights in Emergencies" Document has been developed in collaboration with UNICEF Regional Office and Save the Children, and has been presented in the 18 th session of the Arab Childhood Committee, currently a "Comprehensive Arab Plan to guarantee Children's rights in emergencies " is being developed in collaboration with the previously mentioned partners  ESCWA/ICTD could participate in activities regarding online children protection
	Cooperate to organize the first session of the Arab Parliament for children.	<u>Child and Family Dept</u>	<u>UNICEF</u>	2012	LAS- Due to the unstable conditions in the region during the last period, the Department could not convene the first session of the Arab Parliament for children. The Arab Childhood Committee adopted a recommendation in its 18th session (Nov., 2012) stating that the first session of the Arab Parliament for children will convene in Beirut during 2013
To enhance cooperation on women & gender issues	Sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the LAS and the UN on the advancement of the status of Arab women.	<u>Women Dept</u>	<u>UN Women</u>	2013	UN Women: On track  LAS- MOU was drafted by UN-Women and is being shared with WFC Department
	Organize an international conference at the General Secretariat of LAS to launch the regional strategy, entitled "Protection of Arab Women: Peace and Security".	<u>Women Dept, AWO</u>	<u>UN Women, OHCHR, UNHCR, UNIDO, UNECA</u>	May 2013	UN Women-LAS: Originally planned for Feb. 2013, but postponed due to security. New date: May 2013 Future social cohesion programmes/post recovery intervention in selected countries.
	Prepare a training program to help develop national action plans for the protection and participation of Arab women in social life.	<u>Women Dept.</u>	<u>UN-Women UNFPA UNICEF, ESCWA</u>	2014	UN Women: Planning to begin in last part of 2013
	Prepare training programs on the empowerment of Arab women's political participation in the process of democratic transformation.	<u>Women Dept.</u>	<u>UN-Women, ESCWA</u>	Q4, 2013	UN Women: Discussions have begun with LAS LAS- WFC Department has agreed with UN Women to add this activity in the regional program on "political participation and economic empowerment" which is funded by the EU, and to be implemented by 2014.  ESCWA is prepared to contribute to these programs with technical support and development of training modules
	Prepare a study on "Elections in the Arab region from a gender perspective.	<u>Women Dept.</u>	<u>UN-Women UNDP, ESCWA</u>	2013	UN Women is updating the LAS database, and specifically the data pertaining to constitutions.  LAS- WFC Department has agreed with UN Women to assign an expert to prepare a A Report on the political rights of women in the constitutions, covering all of the Arab states, with
To enhance cooperation on					

women & gender issues					<p>particular focus on the countries that are currently drafting new constitutions, this Report will tackle women's participation in electoral process. WFC Department in collaboration with UN Women will organize a workshop to discuss and finalize the report.</p> <p>ESCWA is prepared to review and provide input to this study</p>
	Provide technical support to develop the “Arab Women Progress Index.	<u>Arab Women Organization (AWO)</u>	<u>UNDP/UNIDO, UNECA</u>	2012-2013	<p>AWO completed a critical analysis of a sample of the mostly referred to international women/gender development indices.</p> <p>The critical analysis is to act as a guide study towards the development of the “Arab Women Progress Index”. AWO is in the process of preparing a draft document of the indicators to be included in the “Arab Women Progress Index”.</p> <p>As agreed upon with UNDP, AWO will inform UNDP about the workshop in which the draft document of the indicators will be discussed, 6 weeks before its scheduled time.</p> <p>ECA could be a potential partner based on its work on the African Gender Development Index (AGDI) and the its coverage of North African countries, members of the LAS.</p>
	Cooperate in the execution of a training program targeting Arab women mechanisms to help them develop national action plans of women protection taking into consideration the Regional Strategy: Protection of Arab Women, Peace and Security:	<u>Arab Women Organization (AWO)</u> Women Dept. LAS	<u>UN-WOMEN, UNIDO</u>	TBD	<p>UN Women: Upon request from the relevant department in LAS the training shall be postponed until further notice</p> <p>LAS- To be decided after the launch of the regional strategy: (1) AWO is in the process of preparing the training programme related to the Regional Strategy: Protection of Arab Women, Peace and Security (2) A brainstorming workshop to discuss the framework of this programme is scheduled on 25-26 March 2013. (3) Completion of the development of the training programme is expected in Autumn 2013. (4) AWO will then contact the UN partner agencies to cooperate in the execution of the programme</p> <p>ESCWA is in communication with the Women’s and Family Dept to take part in the related conference for the dissemination of the Strategy (postponed till April), and is prepared to contribute to the development and execution of the training programs</p>

					UNIDO-LAS Future social cohesion programmes/post recovery intervention in selected countries.
	Women's role in the current social mobility in the Arab region (with Global Women's Organization).	<u>ALESCO</u>	<u>UN-Women</u>	2013-2014	
	Provide technical and financial support to produce educational material aiming to raise political awareness and to promote political education related to women.	<u>Arab Women Organization (AWO)</u> Women Dept.	<u>UN-Women</u> ESCWA	2013	UN Women: regional interventions on political participation has taken a different direction by which an electronic knowledge hub is being internally established  LAS- This activity will be included in the regional program on "political participation and economic empowerment" which is funded by the EU.  ESCWA/ ECW is prepared to provide technical support for the preparation of the educational materials
	Cooperate in executing one of the projects included in the Arab Strategy to Overcome Violence Against Women: 2011- 2020:	<u>Arab Women Organization (AWO)</u>	<u>UNODC, ESCWA, in coordination with UN Women</u>	2013	ESCWA/ ECW is already involved with UN-Women in the implementation of a regional study on services for support in the area of violence against women, and will be prepared to build on this work (and its other GBV related activities) to cooperate on the execution of one (or more) of these projects
To enhance cooperation on Health, reproductive Health & HIV/AIDS Issues	Activate the memorandum of understanding between the LAS and the World Health Organization - EMRO	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>WHO/EMRO</u>	2013	LAS and EMRO work together to activate joint cooperation in various health issues, and organize mutual conferences and workshops:  1 Collaboration with LAS on technical committee meetings, ministerial meetings and Arab Summit meetings to move forward with the Tobacco Free Initiative under the umbrella of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)  2. Collaboration with LAS on non-communicable Diseases on issues related to advocacy, capacity-building and partnership; in addition to collaboration with other UN partners to ensure the presence of NCDs in the post-2015 development agenda.  3. Supporting nursing and midwifery, maternal and child health  4. Supporting Health sectors in Yemen, Syria and Somalia by:  -Upgrading emergency room, operating theatres, ICU in

To enhance cooperation on Health, reproductive Health & HIV/AIDS Issues					key hospitals where is active conflict and limited access in Abyan, South YEM, in Rural Damascus, Homs, Idleb -Providing drugs and medical supplies for management of NCD , renal dialysis for IDPs inside SYR. -WHO/EMRO delivering training courses for LAS staff on the humanitarian structure and reform. Revision of the Arab strategy for emergency preparedness and response : as a UN inter-agency support activities
	Coordinate and cooperate with the Joint UN Programme on AIDS, to develop an Arab strategy to combat AIDS	<u>Health Dept.</u> EMRO, HAS	<u>UNAIDS/WHO</u>	2013-2015	UNAIDS (not WHO) is mentioned in relation to the development of an “Arab Strategy to Combat HIV/AIDS”. However, EMRO/HAS provided technical inputs throughout the process of strategy development. Input was provided to: •Road map for the strategy development •Report on the regional situation oh HIV response in EMR and MENA countries •Preparation of the regional workshop to present the regional situation and to set priority directions for the strategy •Facilitation of the regional workshop •Draft strategy •Draft accountability and monitoring and evaluation framework for the strategy •Roles and responsibilities for the implementation of the Arab Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS HAS will continue working with UNAIDS to support LAS in the finalization of the strategy.
	Organize Workshops in collaboration with the Joint UN Programme on AIDS on "the role of the clergy and the media and young people in the fight against AIDS.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNDP,</u> <u>UNAIDS</u>	2013	UNAIDS: Workshops in collaboration with the Joint UN Programme on AIDS and UN specialized agencies on "the role of the religious leaders, the media and young people in the Regional and National AIDS Responses. Due to its limited budget, UNDP is unable to pursue workshop on AIDS and the role of media in 2013. LAS will organize a workshop on the second half 2013
	Provide technical and financial support for the Arab LDCs for updating databases for monitoring the spread of AIDS.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNAIDS</u>	2014	UNAIDS: Provide technical support to Arab countries and financial support to Arab LDCs to update their AIDS monitoring and evaluation system in line with the global reporting guidelines  The <b>MOU between LAS and UNAIDS</b> is developed to promote cooperation and coordination in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS, provide material and technical support for the least developed countries.

	Provide financial support for the establishment of small projects for people living with HIV.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNAIDS,</u> <u>UNDP</u>	2014	LAS with UNAIDS work together to involve supporting small project for people living with HIV in the Arab strategy for HIV/AIDS. In 2013, nine NGOs in 5 countries have received grants from UNDP to support the implementation of income generation activities for PLWA and vulnerable groups through micro credit loans , vocational training and job creation.
	Within the framework of the UNODC LAS regional programme on drug control, crime prevention, and criminal justice reform in the Arab States 2011-2015, provision of technical assistance to collect and use data on drug use and consequences on health	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNODC</u>	For further discussion	UNDP will seek to work with LAS to support the engagement of private sector and national/regional economic support entities in this initiative.e.g Social fund for Dev
	Within the framework of UNODC LAS regional programme develop a regional advocacy strategy to promote evidence based drug prevention and the access of people using drugs and people in prisons to evidence based drug dependence treatment and to HIV prevention treatment and care services.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNODC, WHO,</u> <u>UNICEF,</u> <u>UNAIDS, ILO</u>		With regard to the “drug prevention” strategy, UNODC is the lead agency. WHO is included together with other UN agencies. HAS consulted with colleagues from MNH. Neither HAS nor MNH have been involved in collaboration with LAS on this strategy. HAS is ready to provide technical inputs in future if EMRO decides to get involved in this activity
To enhance cooperation on education	Launch of the Arabic version of the Global Monitoring Report on Education for All in (2012).	<u>Education Dept</u> ALECSO	<u>UNESCO,</u> <u>UNICEF</u>	2013	LAS- A Memo no. 4500/5 dated 30/7/2012, was sent to UNESCO, informing them with the willingness of LAS to host the launch of the Arabic version of the GMR on Education for all, entitled "youth, skills: putting education to work" at its headquarters in the first quarter of 2013, and requested to provide it with a contact person at UNESCO and any suggestions concerning holding this event and the necessary actions. Accordingly, UNESCO office in Cairo was selected as a focal point, and it was decided to hold the event on 4/2/2013 at LAS headquarters, but due to the circumstances that took place at Tahrir square, the event was postponed to 1st April 2013- LAS prepared a concept note to the event and was sent to UNESCO, Several coordination meetings took place approving the concept note, the list of invitees, the agenda and invitations, with selecting the suggested speakers. LAS assigned an expert to conduct a working paper on the first theme of the GMR "youth"- event should have been held by now, any news from LAS?
To enhance cooperation on education	Provide technical support to implement the scientific and technical research strategy in Arab countries.	<u>ALECSO</u> Education Dept	<u>UNESCO</u>	2014	LAS- A memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation of the mentioned projects as well as the planned procedures for the implementation.

	Train the leaders on eradicating illiteracy among Arab women and designing programs and curricula for adult education.	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNESCO, ESCWA</u>	2013	LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
	Develop training programme for adult on the use of information and communication technologies.	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNESCO</u>	2013	ESCWA: Potential partnership could be explored with ALECSO to implement AIGLE project, that will be launched by ESCWA/ICTD LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
	Improve school health in Arab public schools	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNESCO UNICEF, WHO</u>	2014	LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
	Support professional development of the personnel working in the Arab public education sector to move towards a knowledge society.	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNESCO</u>	2013	LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
	Develop programs for the people with special needs.	<u>ALECSO Social Policy Department</u>	<u>UNICEF</u>	2014	LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
	Develop standards for Arab children.	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNICEF</u>	2013	LAS- memo no. 5/4461 dated 28/7/2012, was sent to ALECSO in order to follow up the implementation
To enhance cooperation on Arab expatriates	A revised Plan of Action to be co-signed by both DGs during the course of 2013. Based on it a joint programme is planned for biennium 2014/5 to cover projects in the field of education, culture & protection of heritage, sciences, water & youth.	<u>ALECSO</u>	<u>UNESCO</u>	2013	UNESCO: on-going, they are also considering projects in the field of freedom of expression as UNESCO now has a Tunis antennae where ALECSO HQs is based.
To enhance cooperation on Arab expatriates	Organize a workshop on immigrant Arab women in the countries of Europe.	<u>Arab Expat Dept</u>	<u>UN-Women</u>	2014	LAS- In preparation phase
	Prepare a field study on the situation of immigrants and Arab expatriates in the countries of South America	<u>Arab Expat Dept</u>	<u>ESCWA ECLAC</u>	2013-2014	LAS- In preparation phase
	Train the staff of the General-Secretariat of the LAS on international humanitarian response tools, services and mechanisms;	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA, RUNDG</u>	2013	OCHA conducted a training workshop on the international humanitarian system for LAS personnel in July 2012, in collaboration with other UN agencies. LAS and OCHA are finalizing the preparation of a plan of action to implement the MOU between both organizations. The plan of action includes capacity-building activities for the staff of the General-Secretariat of the LAS. OCHA and UNDP are planning to collaborate in the provision of training under the Regional Crisis Response Center and Early warning System project. Training activities under this project are expected to take place in

					the second quarter of 2013. A training course on “International Humanitarian system” will be held in July 2013.
To enhance cooperation on humanitarian issues	Enhance the capacities of the Arab humanitarian organizations in areas of information management, needs assessment, response planning, coordination and resource mobilization.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u> , RUNDG	2013-2014	OCHA organized a workshop for NGOs from the Arab region in December 2012 with participation of the LAS. The above-mentioned plan of action includes further capacity-building activities for Arab humanitarian organizations.
	Host the annual launch of the United Nations Consolidated Appeal at LAS HQs every year;	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u>	2013-2014	LAS hosted the annual launch of the United Nations consolidated appeal (CAP) at LAS head quarter on 21/2/2013. LAS and OCHA will consider organizing a launch of the Consolidated Appeals’ Mid-Term Review in July or August 2013.
	Organize a workshop of NGOs from the Arab region in late 2012 to develop a network that helps build NGO capacity and enhance collaboration on information exchange, preparedness and response	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u> , RUNDG	Oct. 2012	LAS organized OCHA the forum of “Civil Society Organizations working in the field of Social Development, Relief Operations and Humanitarian Assistance” on 9/10 January 2013, Cairo. OCHA also provided technical assistance to the organization of and participated in a meeting of the Civil Society Forum in preparation for the Arab ECOSOC.
	Facilitate the participation of Arab humanitarian actors in the international humanitarian coordination and response mechanisms in the region and beyond	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u> , RUNDG	2013-2014	One of the objectives of the workshop for NGOs from the Arab region in December 2012 was to encourage their participation in international humanitarian coordination mechanisms.
	Advocate and cooperate in mobilising resources for responding to humanitarian emergencies in the region	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u>	2013-2014	The above-mentioned plan of action between LAS and OCHA includes activities to ensure better funding of humanitarian response in the region.
	Improve exchange of information on cross border population movement and organize joint workshops targeting Arab institutions and NGOs on the right of refugees, IDP, protection of civilians in armed conflict, protection of women and children, etc.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNHCR</u> , RUNDG	2013-2014	LAS-Sharing the information and reports with UNHCR such as “mission Report of LAS to Arab States to determine the conditions of displaced Syrians to neighboring countries (Iraq – Jordan – Lebanon) during the period from 24 to 27 January 2013.
To enhance cooperation on humanitarian issues	Enhance emergency preparedness in the region through contingency planning, monitoring early warning indicators and the implementation of a minimum preparedness package at the country level;	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>OCHA</u> , UNISDR UNDP	2013-2014	UNDP is helping LAS establish the Regional Crisis Response Center and Early warning System. The project aims to develop LAS capacities to analyze emerging crises and organize timely warning and response LAS- Within the framework of implementation of the signed MoU between LAS and OCHA which signed on 7 November 2010, LAS and OCHA will sign an action of plan during the next period.
	Support the implementation of the “Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction.	<u>Health Dept</u>	<u>UNISDR</u> , UNDP RUNDG, UNHABITAT	2013-2014	ESCWA/ICTD may participate developing this strategy, by emphasizing on the role of ICT applications in disaster risk reduction. UNHABITAT is in partnership



**New initiatives identified by WHO**

To enhance cooperation in the field of information generation /evidence	Collaboration on the household survey for gathering population, family and reproductive health information in the Arab countries POPFAM	LAS	<u>WHO</u>		
To enhance cooperation on the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	Joint efforts to continue to develop the Health Matrix/Civil Registration and Vital Statistics	LAS, EMRO, IER	<u>WHO</u> , UNECA		
To enhance cooperation on Health and Human Rights in line with international agreements and ethical practices, and regional commitments	<p>1) To follow-up the initiated discussions and collaboration with the LAS technical health legislation Committee to promote a standardized WHO approach and develop legal models and tools in support of priority health systems and programmatic areas for work.</p> <p>2) To strengthen regional data base on public health law applying WHO's regional assessment tool.</p> <p>3) To strengthen collaboration with LAS to promote regional dialogue and forums to put universal health coverage on the post-2015 SDG agenda.</p> <p>4) To invite the LAS to the planned: "First Regional Experts' Consultation on Public Health law", planned in 2013 to share their regional experiences and to strengthen partnership and collaboration with respective focal points and identified national experts.</p> <p>5) Capacity building adopting WHO Health and Human rights course (under development).</p>	LAS	<u>WHO</u>		
To enhance collaboration on Health Diplomacy and inter-ministerial action.	<p>1) To strengthen collaboration with LAS humanitarian Committee and other health committees to promote inter-ministerial collaboration in support of universal health coverage and regional priority areas for work.</p> <p>2) Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Health Diplomacy Seminar organized in February 2013, LAS has expressed interest to follow-up on the recommendations and jointly organize a regional inter-ministerial session (MOH- MOFA and suggest to add MOFA). 3) Other areas for collaboration are advocacy, humanitarian diplomacy, trade negotiations, and capacity building.</p>	LAS	<u>WHO</u>		

