

MATRIX
OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN-LAS COLLABORATION
Geneva, 17-19 June 2014

OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS	LAS INSTITUTIONS	UN AGENCIES	DESIRED TIMELINES
COOPERATION ON POLITICAL AND OTHER ISSUES				
Follow-up on agreed activities. Specifically, to continue strengthening cooperation, and improve exchange of information.	<p>The UN and LAS will hold regular cooperation meetings in the political, economic and social fields, as well as the administrative area.</p> <p>The Focal Points will seek to meet twice a year, including on the margins of the General Assembly in New York, and in Cairo on the margins of a sectoral meeting.</p>	LAS Secretariat	DPA, all UN bodies participating in UN-LAS collaboration	September 2014 April-May 2015
Formalize operational partnership and enhance the existing collaborative activities particularly in conflict prevention and management.	Consider signing an MOU.	LAS Secretariat	DPA/PMD	2014
Enhance LAS capacities for conflict prevention, management, mediation and negotiations.	<p>To conduct a seminar on mediation (linked to the UN Guidance for Effective Mediation).</p> <p>To conduct two tailored trainings for LAS staff on thematic mediation issues of interest to be identified by LAS.</p> <p>LAS staff invited to participate in mediation-related courses run by DPA/PMD and courses organized by the Folke Bernadotte Academy of Sweden and through the UNITAR Fellowship in Peacemaking and Preventive Diplomacy Programme.</p>	LAS Secretariat	DPA/PMD	2014-2015
Enhance cooperation in crisis	LAS and UNDP to work jointly to finalize a project	LAS Secretariat	UNDP	2014-2016

management and build the capacity of the LAS and Arab countries in that respect, and establish a regional network on crisis management.	document on crisis management and mobilize resources for that project.			
Enhance LAS staff capacity in arms control, disarmament, and non-proliferation.	LAS to assign one of its junior staff to spend one month in the ODA.	LAS Secretariat	ODA	2014-2015
	LAS to send a staff member for one month training and research programme in UNIDIR.		UNIDIR	2014-2015
Strengthen cooperation and intensify consultations on a regular basis between LAS and ODA/UN, and exchange of expertise.	Designate Focal points to speed up the exchange of information and outreach;	LAS Secretariat	ODA	2014-2015
	Hold consultative meetings on the margins of major disarmament events, particularly the NPT Review Conference and its preparatory committees, and on the margins of the GA.	LAS Secretariat	ODA	2014-2015
	Hold a two-day international symposium on issues of interest and agreed upon such as Humanitarian Disarmament, DDR. etc.	LAS Secretariat	ODA, UN	2015
Develop the second phase of the Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform for the Arab states (2016-2020).	Further enhance the cooperation between UNODC and LAS by developing the second phase of the Regional Programme on Drug Control, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform for the Arab States (2016-2020)	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior, Justice and Health, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC, ESCWA (Combating Cybercrime)	2015
Support for criminal justice and law enforcement institutions.	Facilitate cooperation with the Arab countries of the region, and in particular countries that are undergoing social and political transition phases, by supporting the criminal justice and law enforcement institutions in these countries to strengthen their crime prevention efforts through development of policies, strategies, plans and programmes, including in the field of countering illicit	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC, CTED	2014-2015

	trafficking, terrorism, transnational organized crime as well as strengthening the rule of law, criminal justice reforms, integrity and transparency.			
Strengthen regional cooperation on border control.	<p>Facilitate the efforts for strengthening regional cooperation and border control to counter all forms of illicit trafficking into and through the region, including trafficking of drugs, firearms, human beings and other transnational organized crimes as well as terrorism.</p> <p>Develop a regional training curriculum to enhance exchange of information and improve cross-border and regional cooperation on migration and border management, and create a pool of regional trainers.</p>	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	<p>UNODC, CTED, IOM</p> <p>IOM</p>	2014-2015
Strengthen regional cooperation on combating trafficking in human beings.	<p>Further enhancing the implementation of the “Arab Initiative” as well as “Comprehensive Arab Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” through support for the adoption of measures that aim at the prevention and prosecution of human trafficking crime, protection of victims of trafficking and to strengthen regional cooperation for these purposes. This includes the launch of an Arab network for human trafficking information, experience and policy exchange as well as continued support for the Arab Anti Human Trafficking Coordinating Unit.</p> <p>Continue support for the Arab Anti Human Trafficking Coordinating Unit, this includes the launch of an Arab network for human trafficking information, experience and policy exchange.</p> <p>Continue to provide technical assistance to the LAS on counter-trafficking, including through the project ‘Protecting and Assisting Vulnerable and Exploited Migrant Workers’ (PAVE), to which LAS is a partner as well as support the LAS in the</p>	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	<p>UNODC, IOM</p> <p>IOM</p>	2014-2015

	implementation of the Arab Strategy to Combat Human trafficking.			
Strengthen legal and institutional systems for asset recovery.	Continue facilitating support for Arab countries to strengthen their legal and institutional systems for asset recovery, including developing guiding procedures in this regard.	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC, STAR	2014-2015
Strengthen cooperation for combating corruption.	Further enhance regional cooperation under the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network to support Arab states to combat corruption in line with the United Nations Convention against Corruption	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice. LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC, UNDP,	2014-2015
Strengthen regional judicial cooperation.	Further expand the establishment of regional judicial cooperation networks in countering terrorism and organized crime.	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice. Arab Judicial Cooperation Network, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC, CTED	2014-2015
Strengthen cooperation on counter-terrorism matters.	Continue to arrange meetings with LAS Member States in various formats, for the purpose of considering advising, as appropriate, on the development of comprehensive and integrated national counter-terrorism strategies and the mechanism to implement them, in accordance with Security Council resolution 1963 (2010)	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice. Arab Judicial Cooperation Network, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	CTED, other CTITF entities	2014-2016
Strengthen cooperation on tourism security.	Provide joint technical cooperation and expertise, sharing of information, and capacity building.	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Arab Tourism Organization.	UNODC, UNWTO	2014-2016
Strengthen penal, penitentiary reform policies and strategies.	Facilitate the support to the Arab countries to continue developing penal, penitentiary reform policies and strategies, at the national and regional levels, including the use of alternatives to imprisonment programmes and means to deal with prison overcrowding and building the managerial, technical and prison oversight capacities, to ensure	Councils of Arab Ministers of Interior and Justice, LAS Secretariat (Legal Department)	UNODC	2014-2015

	implementation of international human rights standards.			
Strengthen partnership on electoral matters.	Continue providing training on electoral matters, particularly through BRIDGE trainings, including training of the facilitators and BRIDGE accreditors.	LAS Secretariat	DPA and UNDP	2014-2015
	Organize two workshops on comparative experiences for conducting Needs Assessment Missions.	LAS Secretariat	DPA and UNDP	2014-2015
	Finalize the work on the establishment of LAS electoral roster and institutional memory and support the establishment of other electoral databases as necessary and possible.	LAS Secretariat	DPA and UNDP	2014-2015
	Consider exchange of letters on electoral partnership.	LAS Secretariat	DPA	2014-2015
Follow up on the outcomes of activities outlined and implemented in the General Cooperation 2012 Matrix.	Convene a series of workshops to identify the framework of the regional strategy and commission a group of eminent experts from the region to draft a comprehensive regional human rights strategy to be presented to the LAS Ministerial Council and launched during the second regional conference expected to be held in 2016.	LAS Secretariat with the participation of Arab NIHRs, Arab civil society organizations and Arab government officials	OHCHR, UNHCR, UNESCO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNODC, IOM	2014-2016
	Carry out capacity building workshops for the General Secretariat of the LAS on Human Rights as per the outcome and recommendations of the field assessment visit to the League of Arab States in Cairo during the period 17- 21 November conducted by OHCHR and UNDP.	LAS Secretariat	OHCHR, UNDP, United Nations Centre for Training and Documentation in the field of Human Rights for South-West	

			Asia and the Arab Region (Doha), IOM	
Ensure better collaboration between the UN and the LAS in the field of human rights in a more structured and systematic process.	Hold meetings between the focal points of both systems to review and evaluate the implementation of the recommendations of the General Cooperation and Sectoral meetings. Focal points to prepare evaluation reports to be presented at the General Cooperation meetings.	LAS Secretariat	OHCHR	2014-2015
Protect and enhance human rights in the region.	Agreed to hold in principle an international conference on Security and Human Rights	Arab Council of Interior ministers, Human Rights department	OHCHR, Arab network for NIHRs, Qatari National Committee on Human Rights	November 2014
The UN and LAS to develop a cooperation framework for human rights.	Establish a Human Rights Working Group to promote and ensure coherence of cooperation on all joint UN/LAS Human Rights activities.	LAS Secretariat	OHCHR, UN Agencies and programmes	
Enhance the capacity of civil societies in Arab countries in order to work effectively in different fields of development.	LAS and UNDP to work jointly in preparation for the Fourth Arab Civil Society Forum of the Fourth Development Summit (Tunis: January 2015) in order to launch an Arab decade to enhance the capacity of civil society in the different fields of development.	LAS Secretariat	UNDP	2015
The International Year of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.	To undertake a series of advocacy and awareness raising activities throughout 2014 on the impact of occupation on the social and economic conditions in Palestine.	LAS Secretariat	ESCWA	2014
	Follow-up on the high-level meeting held in 2013 to strengthen donor support for UNRWA.	LAS Secretariat	UNRWA	2014-2015

ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT ISSUES

Enhance cooperation on regional trade integration.	Commence implementation of the project on “Aid for Trade Initiative for the Arab States”.	PAFTA Technical Secretariat, AIDMO	UNDP, UNCTAD, ILO, ITC, UNIDO,	2014-2016
	Organize forums and conduct studies related in the following areas: trade facilitation, prospects of Regional Trade Integration, support countries in the accession process to WTO; provide capacity building in trade related issues targeting LDCs, formulate a work plan to enhance the investment climate.	PAFTA Technical Secretariat	UNECA, ESCWA	2014-2016
	Enhance regional trade capacities in food through harmonized regional conformity assessment and food safety systems.	LAS, AIDMO, AOAD	UNIDO, FAO	2015
	Enhance the role of SMEs in economic and social development in the Arab states.	AIDMO	UNIDO, UNECA	2014-2016
Enhance cooperation between LAS and UN in support of economic stabilization and growth efforts in the Arab Countries, particularly in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.	Provide financial and technical assistance to Arab Countries in transition to complete their transformation and strengthen their institutions.	AMF	IMF & World Bank, Other interested UN agencies	2015
Enhance cooperation in the following areas: electricity, renewable energy and energy efficiency.	Organize forums and conduct studies related to the following areas: electricity, renewable energy and energy efficiency.	AMCE	ESCWA, UNIDO, IEA , World Bank	2015-2016
Enhance cooperation in the field of ICT.	4 th Arab Forum: e-transaction Security and the PKI.	AICTO	UNCTAD, ITU	23/9/2014
	International conference: “ICT Applications in Agriculture”.	ACSAD, AICTO, AOAD	FAO, ITU	18 /12/ 2014
Streamline Arab statistics	Prospecting	LAS	ESCWA,	2015-2016

with UN statistics.			UNECA, UN-WTO	
Improve and disseminate Arab Agricultural Statistics	Exchange of data, accessibility to data bases, training and exchange of statistical packages.	AOAD	FAO, UNCTAD, ESCWA, UNECA	2015
Improve data, information and assessment for decision-making.	Establish a knowledge-sharing network between LAS general secretary and specialized organizations and the United Nations System.	LAS, Arab specialized organizations	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, UNU-INWEH, UNIDO, UNESCO, ESCWA, UNISDR, UN-WTO, UNECA	2014-2015
	Support the preparation of the Second Environment Outlook.	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD	UNEP, UNECA, UNIDO	2015-2016
	Develop an Arab Environmental Information Network.	CAMRE	UNEP, ESCWA	2015-2016
Enhance cooperation, in various aspects in the field of intellectual property.	Organize workshops on IP and technology management for universities and R&D institutions	IP Dept. AICTO, ALECSO, AOAD	ESCWA, WIPO, FAO, UNESCO, ITU	October 2014
	Enhance innovation and entrepreneurship for sustainable development.	IP Dept. , AOAD, ACSAD, AIDMO, ALO	ESCWA, WIPO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNHABITAT	2015-2016
	Organize a coordination meeting for the heads of intellectual property offices in Arab countries.	IP Dept. & heads of IP offices in the Arab countries, ALECSO	WIPO	2015-2016

	Annual consultation meeting, specialized workshops and seminars in the different fields of IP are currently being co-organized by our respective organizations for Arab countries.	IP Dept , AOAD, AIDMO, ASBU, ALECSO	WIPO	2014-2016
Enhance sustainable tourism development.	Enhance cooperation on sustainable tourism.	Arab Tourism Board	UNWTO, UNEP, UNDP, ILO, UNIDO, UNESCO, UNHCR	2015
Enhance agricultural approaches and food use for sustainable food security.	Conduct joint training activities on the following related fields, agriculture, trade and investment within the context of the Joint Action Plan on Agricultural Development and food security in Africa and Arab Region (JAP).	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD,	UNCTAD, FAO, UNECA, UNIDO	2014-2016
	Cooperate in the promotion of inclusive and sustainable agricultural investment in the Arab region.	AOAD, ACSAD, Arab related organizations	UNCTAD, FAO, UNIDO	2014-2015
	Cooperate in developing work plans for the reduction of food losses and waste as a means to improving food security.	AOAD, AIDMO, CAMRE	ESCWA, FAO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNESCO, WFP	2014-2015
	Conduct Joint annual meeting on food security in the context of the Arab emergency programme for food security.	AOAD, ALECSO	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, ESCWA, UNISDR, UNECA	2014-2015
Coordinate regional response to Rio +20, post-2015 and the Sustainable Development Goals.	Follow up on the outcomes of Rio +20	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD, AIDMO, AAEA,	UNEP, UNDP, ESCWA, UNISDR, WMO,	2015-2016

			UNHABITAT UNECA, UNESCO, WFP, IOM UN_WTO, UNIDO	
	Use sustainable development indicators for the Arab region (support to national level, as well as regional indicators).	CAMRE, ACSAD, AOAD, JCEDAR,	UNEP, ESCWA, UNDP, UNHABITAT , UNECA, UNESCO, UNIDO	2015-2016
	Prepare the Strategic Framework on Sustainable Development for the Arab Region.	CAMRE	ESCWA, UNEP, UNIDO	2015-2016
	Hold an annual Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD).	CAMRE	ESCWA, UNEP, UNIDO	2015 - 2016
	Sustainable Education experiences, exchange and plan of action.	CAMRE, ALEC SO	UNESCO, UNEP, UNISDR	2015-2016
Enhance sustainable water management.	Cooperate 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 and Regional Climate change initiative (UNU-INWEH).	AMWC, ACSAD, AOAD, ALEC SO	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, WMO, UNESCO, UNISDR, ESCWA, UNHABITAT UNU-INWEH, UNIDO	2015-2016
	Cooperate in the field of Arab Water Security Strategy and Action Plan.	ACSAD, AOAD	FAO, UNEP, UNDP, WMO, ESCWA	2015-2016

	Cooperate in the field of access to and management of water and sanitation services (ESCWA, UNHABITAT).	AMWC	ESCWA, UNHABITAT	2015-2016
Improved data collection, information and assessment for decision-making.	Pilot UNEP Live and SoE (state of Environment) in selected West Asia countries to be extended to the rest of the Arab countries.	CAMRE, ACSAD	UNEP	2015-2016
	Provide capacity building on integrated environmental assessment, and provide training tools and materials.	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD	UNEP	2015
	Follow up the implementation of the initiative of EYE ON EARTH in the Arab Region.	CAMRE, (AGIDI), ACSAD	UNEP, UNISDR	2015
Enhance cooperation in the area of disaster risk reduction and response.	Support the implementation of the Arab strategy for disaster risk reduction through collaborating with LAS on advocacy on mobility and disaster risk reduction in order to build the resilience of communities through improved attention to mobile populations and facilitating mobility as a preventive measure and as a response strategy in line with the Hyogo Framework for Action 2 and the upcoming DRR Arab Conference in September 2014.	CAMRE, Crisis room, ALECSO	UNEP, UNISDR, UNHABITAT IOM	2015-2016
	Celebrate Arab Day for Disaster Risk Reduction on 21 March.	CAMRE	UNISDR , all UN partners	Annual – Every 21 March
Comply with Multilateral Environmental Agreements.	Organize a capacity building program on ABS Protocol on access and benefit sharing arising from their utilization, and support the establishment of an Arab Gene Bank and other related mechanisms to preserve genetic diversity and benefit sharing.	AOAD, ACSAD, ALECSO	UNEP, FAO	2014
	Support the implementation of the MUSCAT Action Plan of RAMSAR convention on the wise use & management of wetlands in the Arab region.	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD	UNEP, UNESCO, RAMSAR Secretariat	2015-2016
	Prepare and present a report on implementation of chemical & waste MEAs in 2013. The report will cover also suggestions for preparing the Work plan.	CAMRE, ALECSO	UNEP, UNIDO, Secretariat of MEAs,	2014
	Support implementation and capacity building activities to enforce compliance with different	CAMRE	UNEP, MEAs	2015-2016

	MEAs in cooperation with relevant LAS Technical Teams.		Secretariats, UNITAR, UNIDO	
Improve region-wide implementation of sustainable consumption and production approaches and the Green Economy.	Implement the 10 YFP on SCP and organize the 4th round-table on SCP.	CAMRE	UNEP, ESCWA, UNIDO	2014-2016
	Promote the introduction of the Green Economy concept through specialized studies and consultative functions.	CAMRE	ESCWA, UNEP, UNIDO, FAO, UNECA	2015-2016
	LAS had joined WIPO Green in its environmental initiative (Technology Sustainable Market).	IP Dept. AOAD, AIDMO , ALECSO	WIPO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNDP,	2014-2015
Enhance support to LAS in the area of climate change negotiations.	Organize training workshops for Arab negotiators (especially the second generation) to develop their negotiating skills and promote their capabilities in coordinating the national and Arab positions.	CAMRE	ESCWA, UNEP	2014 -2015
	Facilitate the implementation of the Arab States Climate Change Plan of Action as the overall framework for the work on climate change in the region. Enhance Energy Efficiency Programmes in Arab countries.	CAMRE, AOAD, ACSAD, ALECSO, Other concerned Arab organizations	UNEP, UNIDO, ESCWA, UNDP, UNISDR, FAO, UNHABITAT, UNU-INWEH, UNECA, UNITAR	last quarter of 2014
	Promote the regional initiative for the assessment of the impact of climate change on water resources and socio-economic vulnerability in the Arab region (RICCAR).	LAS, ACSAD, AOAD, ALECSO	UNDP, ESCWA, UNEP, UNESCO, UNISDR, FAO,	4-16 /9/2014

			WMO, UNECA, UNU-INWEH	
	Support deliberations on the set-up of Regional Climate Outlook Forum for the Arab Region.	Arab PCM	ESCWA WMO UNEP, FAO	2015-2016
	Adapt the climate change in the water sector with MENA region.	AMWC, ACSAD	ESCWA, UNEP, UNDP, UNECA, UNIDO	2015-2016
	Support the Preparation of the Climate Change Summit envisaged in September 2014, and its preparatory meetings	CAMRE	UNEP, ESCWA, UNISDR, UNDP, UNFCCC	2014
Enhance action on Water, Energy and Food linkages	Enhance water Energy Food Nexus in the Arab Region.	CAMRE LAS/RECREE, AOAD, ALECSO	UNEP, ESCWA, FAO	2014-2015
Enhance action on environment and health linkages	Establish a Joint Arab Ministerial Forum on Environment and Health.	LAS	WHO, UNEP	2015 -2016
Monitor and manage drought risk reduction.	Deepen the knowledge to the level of villages and provinces on the agricultural drought hazard. Identify drought management work plans to mitigate the risks to the economic and environmental stability in rural and urban areas. Understand the combined effect of drought and land degradation and their economic risk losses. Understand the impact of drought on community displacement, migration and increased conflicts.	ACSAD, Crisis room	UNDP, UNISDR, IFAD, WMO	2014
Capacity building for improving desertification	Enhance the institutional capacities related to natural resources management.	ACSAD	UNEP , FAO,	2015

monitoring and combat in Arab countries.	Strengthen the capability of the concerned institutions to improve the implementation of UNCCD activities. Facilitate the use of the basic statistical information needed for policy planning purposes pertaining to desertification drought and land degradation. Implement natural resources conservation campaigns.		UNISDR, UNECA	
Monitor and combat dust/sand storms.	Build regional dust/sand storm monitoring system; mitigate dust/sand storm and sand encroachment; encourage related scientific activities; establish related network in the Arab region.	CAMRE, ACSAD, Other concerned Arab Organizations	WMO, UNEP, WHO, UNISDR	2014-2016
COOPERATION ON SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISSUES				
To enhance cooperation to help Arab region to crystallize its developmental priorities within the post 2015 agenda.	Organize expert meetings and regional consultations within the frame work of implementing the recommendations of the Arab conference (Amman 10-11/5/2014) on the priorities of the Arab region for SDGs for the post 2015 Development agenda	Social Policies Dept ALO ALECSO ARADO	<u>ESCWA</u> UNDP, UNISDR, + UNDG Group, RCM	2014 -2015
To enhance cooperation to help Arab Region in all sectors related Social Development.	Organize Conference on social policies.	Social Policies DEPT ARADO	<u>UNDP</u> ESCWA, UNIDO. ECA	
	Capacity building for Social officials in Arab LDCs	Social Policies Dept.	<u>UNDP,</u> <u>UNIDO</u>	
	Organize Symposium on rights of people with disabilities within the post 2015 Development Agenda	Social Policies Dept. ALECSO	<u>ESCWA</u> UNHCR	2016
Update the memorandum of understanding between the LAS and the World Health Organization – EMRO.	LAS and EMRO work together to modify and activate joint cooperation in various health issues, and organize mutual conferences and workshops related to tobacco control, and non-communicable diseases, nursing and midwifery, maternal and child health, in addition to supporting Health sectors in Arab countries.	Health Dept	<u>WHO/ EMRO</u>	2014

Coordinate and cooperate with the Joint UN Programme on AIDS, to implement the Arab strategy to combat AIDS.	LAS will Organize three workshops on the role of the clergy, media and women, in combating AIDS.	Health Dept	<u>UNAIDS,</u> <u>WHO</u>	2014-2016
Provide technical and financial support for the Arab LDCs for updating databases for monitoring the spread of AIDS.	The MOU between LAS and UNAIDS is developed to promote cooperation and coordination in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS, provide material and technical support for the least developed countries.	Health Dept	<u>UNAIDS,</u> <u>WHO</u>	2014
Child and Maternal Health.	Organize an inter-country meeting involving high burden Arab countries to review progress in reducing child and maternal mortality (MDGs 4 & 5).	Health Dept (TBC)	<u>WHO</u>	2015
Non-Communicable Diseases.	Develop the second WHO/LAS Conference to review progress on the implementation of the UNGA political declaration on non-communicable diseases.	Health Dept (TBC)	<u>WHO</u>	2015
Universal Health Coverage.	Develop periodic joint meetings to coordinate work on the universal health coverage	Health Dept (TBC)	<u>WHO,</u> RCM (TBC)	
Provide financial support for the establishment of small projects for people living with HIV.	LAS with UNAIDS work together to involve supporting small project for people living with HIV in the Arab strategy for HIV/AIDS.	Health Dept	<u>UNAIDS</u> UNDP (TBC)	2014
Enhance cooperation on population and social development.	Organize the annual Meeting of National Population Councils and committees (NPCs) in the Arab states, 2014.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept	<u>UNFPA,</u> ESCWA, IOM	10-12 March 2014

	Strengthened national capacities for integrated, sustainable and inclusive population and development policies in the Arab region.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept	<u>ESCWA</u>	2014-2017
	Regional consultation meeting on ICPD Beyond 2014 and the Post 2015 Agenda: A 2 day consultation meeting for the NPCs representatives to inform participants about the status of discussions on the integration of the beyond 2014 conclusions and recommendations into post 2015 agenda, discuss mechanisms that will help enhance coordination at country level, regional and international levels.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept	<u>UNFPA</u> <u>ESCWA. ECA</u>	November 2014
To coordinate the complementary efforts of actors in the Arab region and promote joint research and interventions on international migration.	Migration and Development Capacity-Building Workshop (in the framework of the Working Group on International Migration in the Arab Region) The co-chairs of the working group prepared a concept note on a capacity-building workshop for policymakers from 10 Arab countries of origin, to take place 15-18/9/2014, based on the "International Migration and Development Training Modules" developed by IOM, along with the Arabic translation of "Mainstreaming Migration into Development Planning" produced by the GMG and translated by ESCWA.	Population Policies, Expatriates and Migration Dept.	<u>WG member agencies of the WG on International Migration in the Arab region</u> WG is co-chaired by LAS, IOM and ESCWA. Members include ILO, UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, UNHCR, UNEP, UNODC, UN-Women, UN-Habitat and ECA-North Africa.	September 2014

	<p>International Migration in the Arab Region: Situation Report 2015 (in the framework of the Working Group on International Migration in the Arab Region).</p> <p>Co-chairs of WG developed a concept note to prepare a joint report to address the knowledge deficit on international migration in the region by providing a multi-disciplinary and comprehensive overview of relevant contemporary migration trends and their economic and social consequences in the region for policymakers, researchers and practitioners, drawing on the expertise and mandates of agencies. It will highlight the need for coordinated and holistic responses to international migration challenges. This report will be issued in spring 2015.</p>	Population Policies, Expatriates and Migration Dept.	<u>WG member agencies of the WG on International Migration in the Arab region</u>	Spring 2015
	<p>Second round of the workshop for Government Officials of LAS Member States in areas of International Migration, Refugees, and Human Displacement.</p> <p>A joint training workshop for Government Officials of LAS MS was organized in areas of International Migration, Refugees, and Human Displacement with UNHCR, IOM and department of Human Rights at LAS. It was held at LAS from 9-12/12/2013, starting by 8 countries (Egypt, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan). The 2nd round is planned from 23-26/6/2014 to cover the rest of LAS MS. The participants will represent Ministries of Migration and Arab Expatriates and Human rights national institutions.</p>	Population Policies, Expatriates and Migration Dept., Human Rights Dept., and Training and Developing Work Methods Dept.	<u>UNHCR, IOM</u>	June 2014
	Organize a conference on health of refugees in the Arab world and the impact of population movements and refugees on health systems in the region.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept, Health Dept.	<u>WHO</u>	Dec 2014, Jan 2015

	Facilitate dialogue and cooperation on migration among LAS Member States; support the engagement of the LAS and LAS Member States in global forums and processes relevant to migration; and ensure that the outcomes and recommendations of these forums are translated into follow-up actions within the region, including the outcomes of the 2013 UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration & Development.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept.	<u>IOM</u>	2014-2016
	Improve the perception and protection of migrants, through activities to address xenophobia, discrimination and social exclusion, such as awareness raising, dialogue and capacity-building of governmental and civil society actors (including through the project 'Protecting and Assisting Vulnerable and Exploited Migrant Workers' (PAVE), to which LAS is a partner.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept.; Legal Dept.	<u>IOM</u>	2014-2016
	Support mainstreaming migration into development planning, including through enhanced cooperation with Arab expatriate communities.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept.	<u>IOM</u>	2014-2016
To enhance cooperation on women & gender issues.	Provide technical support to develop the "Arab Women Progress Index.	Arab Women Organization (AWO), Women, Family and Childhood Dept.	<u>UNDP</u> UNIDO, ECA	2015
	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.	Arab Women Organization (AWO)	<u>UNIDO</u>	
	Cooperate in updating the Arab Strategy to Overcome Violence Against Women: 2011- 2020	Arab Women Organization (AWO)	<u>ESCWA, UN Women, UNODC</u>	2014-2015
	Provide technical and financial support to produce educational material aiming to raise political awareness and to promote political education related to women.	Arab Women Organization (AWO)	<u>UNDP, UNDO</u>	2014 -2016

	Arab Women Plan for post 2015 Development agenda, Implementation of the Cairo Declaration for Arab Women.	Women, family and childhood dpt., Arab Women Organization (AWO)	<u>UN Women,</u> <u>ESCWA</u> UNDP, ECA	2014-2016
	Develop a Plan of Action for the Regional Strategy" Protection of Arab Women: Peace and Security" SCR1325.	Women, Family and Childhood Dept Arab Women organization (AWO)	<u>UN Women,</u> <u>ESCWA</u>	2014-2016
	Capacity building for Woman in microfinance institutions.	Women, family and childhood dept, Arab Women Organization (AWO), AICTO	<u>UN Women</u>	
	Provide training of cadres responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of women's literacy.	ALECSO, Women, family and childhood dept.	<u>UNIDO,</u> <u>UNESCO</u> (TBC)	
	Participate in the Conference on Arab Women's Empowerment through ICT.	AICTO, Women, family and childhood dept.	<u>ESCWA</u> (TBC)	
To enhance cooperation on youth issues.	Prepare and issue a regional report on Arab youth In collaboration with UNFPA, LAS has prepared The Arab Youth Report 2013: "From Protest to Citizenship" which requires updates further to the outcomes of the Arab region conference ICPD+20 & Cairo declaration 2. The Report is expected to be launched & issued by the end of 2014.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept Youth Dept.	<u>UNFPA,</u> ECA	2014-2015
	Forum on Population and Youth: A proposal from LAS to organize a forum to discuss youth issues within the framework of the population policies, further discussions are still needed to finalize the concept.	Population Policies, Expatriates, and Migration Dept	<u>UNFPA,</u> <u>ESCWA,</u> ECA	2015-2016

	Establish a data base on market demand for employment and organize a meeting to discuss training needs in the Arab states.	AICTO, ALO	<u>ILO</u> (TBC), UNIDO	2016
	Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion Programme (EDIP) focused on youth.	ALECSO, AICTO, Youth Dept	<u>UNIDO</u>	
	International forum on Empowering Arab Youth through ICT – Job opportunities.	AICTO, ALO, ALECSO	<u>ILO</u> , UNDP UNESCO, ITU, UNIDO, ESCWA, ECA	
To enhance cooperation on human rights & rule of law.	Cooperation on Arab Internet Governance Forum.	LAS	ESCWA	2014-Ongoing
	Cooperation on cyber legislation.	LAS	ESCWA	2014-Ongoing
Rights of children in Peace and Security.	Prepare a strategy and a POA for: Child Protection in Peace & Security.	Women, Family and Childhood Dept.	<u>UNICEF</u> , UNCHR , WHO	2014-2015
	Convene a conference on "Syrian Children...Not to lose a generation (NLG)".	Women, Family and Childhood Dept., ALECSO	<u>UNICEF</u> , UNHCR, WHO, OCHA, IOM	October 2014
	Implement the NLG Strategy to protect Syrian Children from violence, abuse, and exploitation; to provide them with protection, health, and education services.			
Legal and regulatory reform.	Prepare a desk review on the Status & implementation of policies, laws, and legislations pertaining to children's rights in Arab countries, including migrant children.	Women, Family and Childhood Dept.	<u>UNICEF</u> , <u>IOM</u>	2015
	Prepare criteria and indicators for the quality of Early Childhood Programs.	Woman, family and Childhood Department	<u>UNICEF</u>	2014-2016

To promote & coordinate the education sector as to meet prevailing socio-economic needs.	Organize training programs for the trainers from less developed Arab countries on new teaching methods of adult literacy.	Education and Scientific Research Dept + (Serss El Layan center for adult learning) ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u>	
To meet youth un-employability and a changing labour market.	Organize a workshop on new Teaching Skills for work and life. (TVET) ^(*)	Education and Scientific Research dept ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u>	
	Develop language tools and building institutional capacities with respect to the promotion of Arabic language on the Internet.	ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u>	
	Support producing, using and sharing the Open Educational Resources (OER).	ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u> WB	
	Enhance the Accessibility of Persons with Disabilities to ICT and e-content.	ALECSO Development and Social Policies Dept	<u>ITU</u> <u>UNESCO</u> G3ICT	
	Promote Arabic Language Education for non-native speakers through Information and Communication Technologies.	ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u> <u>(TBC)</u>	
To maintain the education of students from conflicts areas.	Support, initiate, and issue the appropriate resolutions and regulations in hosting countries to guarantee education of refugees from neighbouring countries.	Education and Scientific Research ALECSO	<u>UNESCO</u>	
	Plan of Action to implement the Arab Unified Strategy for Intercultural Dialogue, which was ratified by LAS in April 2014, and will be submitted for adoption during the 6 th UNAOC Global Forum, in August 2014 in Indonesia.	Culture and Dialogue of Civilizations Dept, ALECSO	<u>UNAOC</u> , <u>UNWTO</u>	2014

^(*) Technical and Vocational Education and Training

	The Guidebook for History Textbooks Authors: "On a Common Path". Coordination meeting with all stakeholders (UNESCO – ISESCO - Anna Lindh Foundation – Swedish Institute in Alexandria) on 3 December 2013 at LAS premises; and will organize another meeting to discuss the updates and finalize the project.	Culture and Dialogue of Civilizations Dept.	<u>UNESCO</u>	2014
	Develop exchange programs between young people involved in the Alliance of Civilizations and the Arab League in order to enhance their experience and skills. Visit to Egypt planned following successful visits to Morocco, Jordan and Qatar.	Culture and Dialogue of Civilizations Dept.	<u>UNAOC</u>	Q4, 2014
	Develop training programs and workshops on intercultural dialogue, culture, arts, communication skills, civil society, media, etc.	Culture and Dialogue of Civilizations Dept. ALECSO		2014-2015
	Promote scientific research policies in Arab Region (TBC).	ALECSO Education and Scientific Research	<u>UNESCO</u> (TBC)	
Enhance cooperation on humanitarian assistance.	Provide advice and technical support to LAS in the implementation of the Arab Summit resolution calling for the establishment of an Arab mechanism, within LAS's Secretariat, for the coordination of humanitarian and social affairs (ongoing process).	LAS Secretariat	<u>OCHA</u> WHO	
	Provide consultancy and guidelines for LAS about how to develop a framework of a humanitarian strategy to enhance existing capacities and partnership.	Health Dept.	<u>OCHA</u> WHO	
	Enhance the exchange of information relating to the preparing for and responding to humanitarian crises (including reporting on financial/in-kind contributions).	Health Dept.	<u>OCHA</u> . WHO	

	Enhance joint advocacy on humanitarian issues and raise awareness on humanitarian crises through public statements, briefings to key stakeholders and joint missions to humanitarian contexts.	Health Dept	<u>OCHA</u> WHO	
	Through co-chairing the Regional Steering Group, jointly support the World Humanitarian Summit consultation process for the MENA region.	Health Dept	<u>OCHA</u> WHO	
	Support LAS and LAS Member States in preparedness, contingency planning, response and post crisis activities with respect to migration crises, including through the implementation of IOM's Migration Crisis Operational framework (MCOF).		<u>IOM</u>	2014-2016
Providing data needed for upgrading regional family health and population database.	<p>Carry out family health and demographic surveys in some Arab countries.</p> <p>Upgrade national capacities in the areas of data collection, processing, analysis and utilization in policy formulation.</p> <p>Prepare for regional survey on Youth issues.</p>	Social studies and surveys Unit	UNFPA, WHO regional offices and ESCWA ECA	Continued