

**MATRIX
OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN-LAS COLLABORATION
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OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS	LAS INSTITUTIONS	UN AGENCIE S	DESIRED TIMELINES	REMARKS
ECONOMIC AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT ISSUES					
Economic modernization, trade and investment					
Enhancing Cooperation on the implementation of SDGs- Economic Aspects	Holding workshops and preparing periodic reports on the implemetation of the sustainable development Goals – Economic aspects in the Arab region regarding the following areas: - Water and Sanitation: Goal 6 - Energy: Goal 7 - Economic Growth: Goal 8 - Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure: Goal 9 - Housing: Goal 11 - Sustainable consumption and production: objective 12 - Climate Action: Goal 13 - Biological diversity and desertification: objective 15	Technical secretariats of the following specialized ministerial councils: • Arab Ministerial Council for Tourism • Arab Council of Ministers of Transport • Arab Council of Ministers Responsible for the Environment • Arab Housing Ministers Council • Arab Ministerial	All relevant UN Agencies	2018-2020	

	<p>- Tourism: Goal 17</p> <p>Preparing of the proposal for the executive plan of the Arab strategy for housing and urban development</p>	<p>Council for Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab Ministerail • Council for Electricity • Arab Council of Meteorological Ministers 			
<p>Enhance Cooperation and Regional production</p>	<p>Support creation of intra-Arab value chains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct studies to identify and analyze trade complementarities across Arab countries, and support the development of regional value chains between main productive/exporting sectors among LAS Countries. - Invest in a more efficient infrastructure and transport networks to encourage regional integration and increase the competitiveness of Arab products. - Support a more comprehensive and effective role of Trade Support Institutions to provide coaching and advisory services to SMEs in being more actively involved in regional value chains 	<p>Arabic Economic Integration Dept.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITC • UNIDO • FAO 	<p>2018-2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased total exports from Arab states by 10% and more than double intra Arab trade by 2025. • More than 2 million new jobs created in the LAS' export sectors by 2025. Main beneficiary sectors are food, metals and machinery and electronics sectors. • 2 million new jobs represents an increase of 10% of the workforce in exporting sectors.....and covers 5-10 % of the

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthen the link between trade and investment to ensure sectors that have real potential to increase exports have access to the sources of financing their investment and requirements in terms working capital and cash. 				<p>new jobs needed to absorb the increase of the workforce (as estimated by World Bank and FEMISE)</p>
	<p>Foster Arab trade through enhancing enterprise competitiveness and facilitation</p> <p>Trade :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address NTM-related trade obstacles within the Arab region, particularly with regard to quality requirements, customs procedures and the implementation of trade agreements to reduce the cost of compliance with export, import and transit formalities. - Establishment of a harmonized regional conformity assessment and food safety systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic Economic Integration Dept. • AIDMO • OADA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITC • UNCTAD • ISO 	<p>2018</p> <p>2018-2019</p>	
	<p>Pursue Building technical capacities, and Economic impact studies of the Arab Custom Union (ACU) and the Pan-Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA) to facilitate Arab economic integration.</p>	<p>Arabic Economic Integration Dept.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNDP 	<p>2018</p>	

Protect LAS Economies against illegal trade practices: Counterfeit, imitated products from outside the region, undermine local production, employment opportunities and impact consumer health , security through dangerous quality imported products	Strengthening, developing tools and networking to combat imitation and counterfeit products in the context of liberalization of foreign trade	Arabic Economic Integration Dept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNCTAD • UNIDO • FAO • ISO • CODEX Alimentarius • WCO 	2018-2019	
	Coordinating with the United Nations to Organize training workshops on implementation of the provisions of Trade Remedy Law, the consumer Protection Law, and the completion and Prevention of Monopoly Law	Arabic Economic Integration Dept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP • ESCWA • UNCTAD 	2018-2020	
Integrated, interconnected, internally competitive, inclusive, growth-oriented and sustainable LAS Economies to Foster regional integration and	Pursuing infrastructure development and regional integration projects : - projects adopted by the Arab Economic and Social Development Summits in priority sectors, namely: trade; transport; energy-renewable energies; industrial development; and food security and agricultural development	Arabic Economic Integration Dept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP • UNCTAD • ITC • UNIDO • FAO 	2018-2020	

Investment and private sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holding an Arab Forum on "The Role of the Private Sector in Development" .(Conceptnote attached) • Implementing a series of Arab workshops on supporting and developing small enterprises 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALO • General Union of the Arab Chambers • Arab Institution for the Guarantee of Investment • Department of Economic Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNDP • ESCWA • UNCTAD • ILO 		
Finance for Development					
Enhancing cooperation between the League of Arab States and the United Nations in support of economic stabilization and growth efforts in the Arab Countries, particularly in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.	Providing financial and technical assistance to Arab Countries in transition to complete their transformations and strengthen their Political institution.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMF • Economic Relations depart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORLD Bank • IMF 	2018-2020	

<p>economic growth in LAS member States:</p>	<p>Support of existing initiatives for the region, sub-regions and which are aimed at addressing physical and institutional connectivity among them.</p> <p>Supporting and mobilizing resources for development of necessary physical and institutional infrastructures as well as fostering regional integration and economic in LAS Member States.</p>				
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ICT					
Development of Information Communication Technology	Activating the role of ICT in achieving the goals of sustainable development in the Arab region.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO • ALESCO • AAEA • Technical Secretariat of the Council of • Arab Ministers of Communications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU • ESCWA • TSCAMCI 	2018-2020	
Development of Information Communication Technology	<p>Arab Initiative : e-Trust: Basic pillar for Digital Economy - <i>Towards an Arab-International Cooperation Framework on e-Trust</i>† (Concept paper Attached)</p> <p>Joint awareness actions Seminars, forums for Arab Countries (LDCs)</p> <p>Requested Contribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of High Level Experts • Fellowships funding to LDCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO • ALESCO • AAEA • Technical Secretariat of the Council of • Arab Ministers of Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO • (All interested parties) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU • ESCWA • TSCAMCI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU • UNCITRAL • ESCWA 	2018-2020	2019-2020

<p>Capacity Building : Trainings and Hands-on for Arab Countries ((Namely LDCs) <u>Requested Contribution</u> Provision of number of High Level Trainers <u>Working groups</u> Follow up work and recommendations Recommendation and technical reports Arab countries <u>Requested Contribution</u> Agencies and Organizations providing Experts to working groups <u>Technical Assistance</u> Field Mission to Arab Countries (LDCs) <u>Requested Contribution</u> Provision of High Level Experts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO Technology Academy -ATAC • (All interested parties) • AICTO (Coordination) • (All interested parties) • AICTO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ITU/ ITU Academy • UNCITRAL (Legal) • ESCWA • ITU (Technical issues) • UNCITRAL (on Harmonization of legal frameworks) • ESCWA • UNCITRAL • ITU 	<p>2018-2020</p> <p>2019-2020</p> <p>2019-2020</p>
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	<p>nuclear techniques to environmental protection and climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the use of smart grids, including benefiting from the global expertise. • Integrating sustainable development into all national plans for energy. • Exchanging expertise and coordinating between the joint Arab labor institutions working in the field of energy with the UN Agencies working in the same field. 				
Climate Action	Assessment of the effects of climate change on water resources in the Arab region (2018-2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO • AOAD • ACSAD • Technical Secretariat of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO • FAO • WMO • UNEP • ITU 	2020-2018	

	<p>Technical Studies Reports -Yearly on Arab Countries</p> <p>Requested Contribution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding • Participation to surveys dissemination • Participation to the Collection and data analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AICTO • (All interested parties) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNICITRAL • ITU • ESCWA 	2019-2020	
Energy security, environment and climate action					
<p>Enhancing cooperation in the field of Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing workshops and training courses: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of isotopic techniques in the management of water resources in the Arab countries. 2. The application of radiation techniques for food preservation. 3. The application of radiological 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAEA • Technical Secretariat of Arab Ministerial Council for Electricity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAEA • UN-ESCWA • World Bank 		

		Arab Council of Ministers responsible for Meteorology (TSACMRM)			
Environment Security	Disaster risk reduction and response (DRRR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up and develop cooperation aimed at spreading awareness and mitigating the risks of Tsunami in the Mediterranean basin and preparing for it, support the results of the "Potential Tsunami Risks in the North-East Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea and Related Seas" project (TSUMAPS-NEAM). And the Early Warning and Mitigation System for the Region (NEAMTWS). Organizing a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALECSO AOAD ACSAD AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNEP FAO UNESCO 		

	scientific symposium on the use of space technologies for early warning of natural disasters (floods and earthquakes) and assessing their impacts on the environment.				
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Food security, agriculture and water resources management.

Increased Dialogue on Water Sustainability/Security	Second Arab Water Conference Kuwait 2018 (*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • Arab Economic Studies; • Technical Secretariat AMCE; • AWO; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO, • ESCWA, • UNESCO 	May 2018	
	Technical, programmatic and advisory support to the Permanent Joint High Level Technical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAS; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • FAO 	Medium-term	

	Linking WEF Nexus to SDGs (2-6 and 7) and NDCs (SDG 13) at country level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • Technical Secretariat AMCE; • Technical Secretariat AMCHC; • AWO; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UN Habitat 	Medium-term	
	Develop WEF nexus indicators to be included in the Unified Arab Economic Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • Technical Secretariat AMCE; • Technical Secretariat AMCHC; • AWO; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNESCO 	Annual	
	Capacity development/training on the WEF Nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNESCO, • FAO 	Medium-term	
Accelerating delivery in preservation and management of water resources	Supporting agricultural development as an alternative to irregular migration and for reintegration of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOAD; • Arab Economic Unity Council; • AWO; • AAEA 	IOM	Medium-term	

	Committee for Water and Agriculture (per AMWC Res 151 of July 2017); [Project: Water and Food Security in the Arab Region] (*)				
Promote the adoption of Water-Food-Energy (WFE) Nexus for strategic planning and policies	Regional Conference on WFE Nexus Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • Arab Economic Studies; • Technical Secretariat AMCE; • AWO; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • FAO 	Short term	
	Promoting WEF Nexus Research for Development agenda with the national and regional networks (Science Policy); Nexus database and Information systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; • AOAD; • Arab Economic Studies; • Technical Secretariat AMCE; • AWO; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO • FAO 	Medium-term	

	of water scarcity on child development and wellbeing;				
	Shared water resources management under freshwater scarce conditions: regional and basin-level coordination and cooperation; capacity building on legal frameworks and negotiations, institutional strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • Arab Economic Unity Council; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNESCO, • FAO 	Medium-term	
	Engage the Arab Region in support the implementation, monitoring and reporting of the ADG 6.4.3 indicator on water scarcity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • ACSAD; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO, • ESCWA 	Medium-term	
	Support to the Arab Permanent Committee for Meteorology (APCM) and its sub-committees; Provide input to Arab	Technical Secretariat AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNISDR, • WMO, • UN Environment 	Medium-term	

	returnees; Exploring the most effective ways to leverage migration to promote economic growth such as through expatriate knowledge and investment;				
	Possibly climate-based approach for enhancing rain-fed agriculture; Delivery of climate services through mobile phones;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOAD; • ACSAD; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMO, • FAO 	Medium-term	
	Support to the implementation of the <i>Arab Water Security Strategy</i> and its <i>Action Plan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOAD; • ACSAD; • AAEA 	All UN Agencies	Medium-term	
	Adoption of pro-survival water management policies and strategies; Technical assistance to policy development plans and strategies mitigating the impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat • AMWC; • AWO; • AAEA 	UNICEF	Short-term	

	Capacity Building	AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Environment 		
	RICCAR: Regional Knowledge Hub (*)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat • AMWC; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • FAO 	Medium-term	
	Arab Framework Action Plan on Climate Change (AFAPCC) 2010-2020; Regional Training Workshops on Capacity Development for Climate Change Negotiations for the Arab Countries;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat • CAMRE; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNISDR, • WMO, • UN Environment 	Medium-term	
	Disaster risk reduction with water-related extreme climate events and climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat • CAMRE; • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • UNISDR, • WMO, • IOM 	Medium-term	
	Migration/displacement related to climate change;	Technical Secretariat CAMRE;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IOM, • ESCWA, • UN-Habitat 	Medium-term	

	Strategy for Meteorology and Climate and its implementation;				
	Support to Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF), including collaborative regional climate change assessments.	Technical Secretariat AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • WMO 	Medium-term	
	Capacity building and support through the Global Framework for Climate Services at the regional and national levels	Technical Secretariat AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • WMO 	Medium-term	
	Mitigation of Short-Lived - Climate Pollutants (SLCP)	Technical Secretariat AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN Environment, • WHO 	Medium-term	
	Capacity building to address sand and dust storms	Technical Secretariat AMCMC;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • WMO • UN Environment 	Medium-term	
	RICCAR: Assessment Outputs, Technical Assistance,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat AMWC; • Technical Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • FAO, • UNISDR, • WMO, • UNESCO, 	Medium-term	

	<p>Support to Arab Science and Technology Advisory Group on Disaster Risk Reduction;</p> <p>Support to Arab Countries in developing national strategies for DRR;</p> <p>Regional capacity building on disaster loss databases;</p> <p>Capacity building in nuclear and radiological emergencies</p>				
	<p>Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and knowledge sharing platform;</p> <p>Arab Regional Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat CAMRE; • Arab Center for PSOND • AAEA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNISDR, • ESCWA, • WMO 	Medium-term	
	<p>Climate change, water and food security;</p> <p>Climate Change impact assessment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOAD; • ACSAD; • AWO; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCWA, • FAO 	Medium-term	

	Women, water security and migration				
	Enhancing Actions on Health and Environment in the Arab Region including a biennial Forum and capacity building activities on environment health impact assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat CAMRE; • AWO; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHO, • <u>UN Environment</u> 	Medium-term	
	<p>Arab Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction and Action Plan;</p> <p>Support for regional reporting on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;</p> <p>Support to Arab Science and Technology Advisory Group on Disaster Risk Reduction;</p> <p>Regional Center for Disaster Risk Reduction;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat CAMRE; • Arab Center for PSOND • AAEA 	UNISDR	Medium-term	

	(and modeling);				
	Vulnerability assessments for cities in the region under the Cities and Climate Change Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Secretariat CAMRE; • AAEA 	UN-Habitat	Medium-term	
	Support to implementation of the Arab Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction and its Action Plan 2018-2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arab Academy of Science • AAEA 	UNISDR	Medium-term	

