



Action Plan for the Arab Water Security Strategy

Strengthening National Capacities to Manage Water Scarcity and
Drought in West Asia and North Africa

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Water Resources Department

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About ACSAD

Established in Damascus, Syria in 1968.
Working within the framework of the League of Arab States

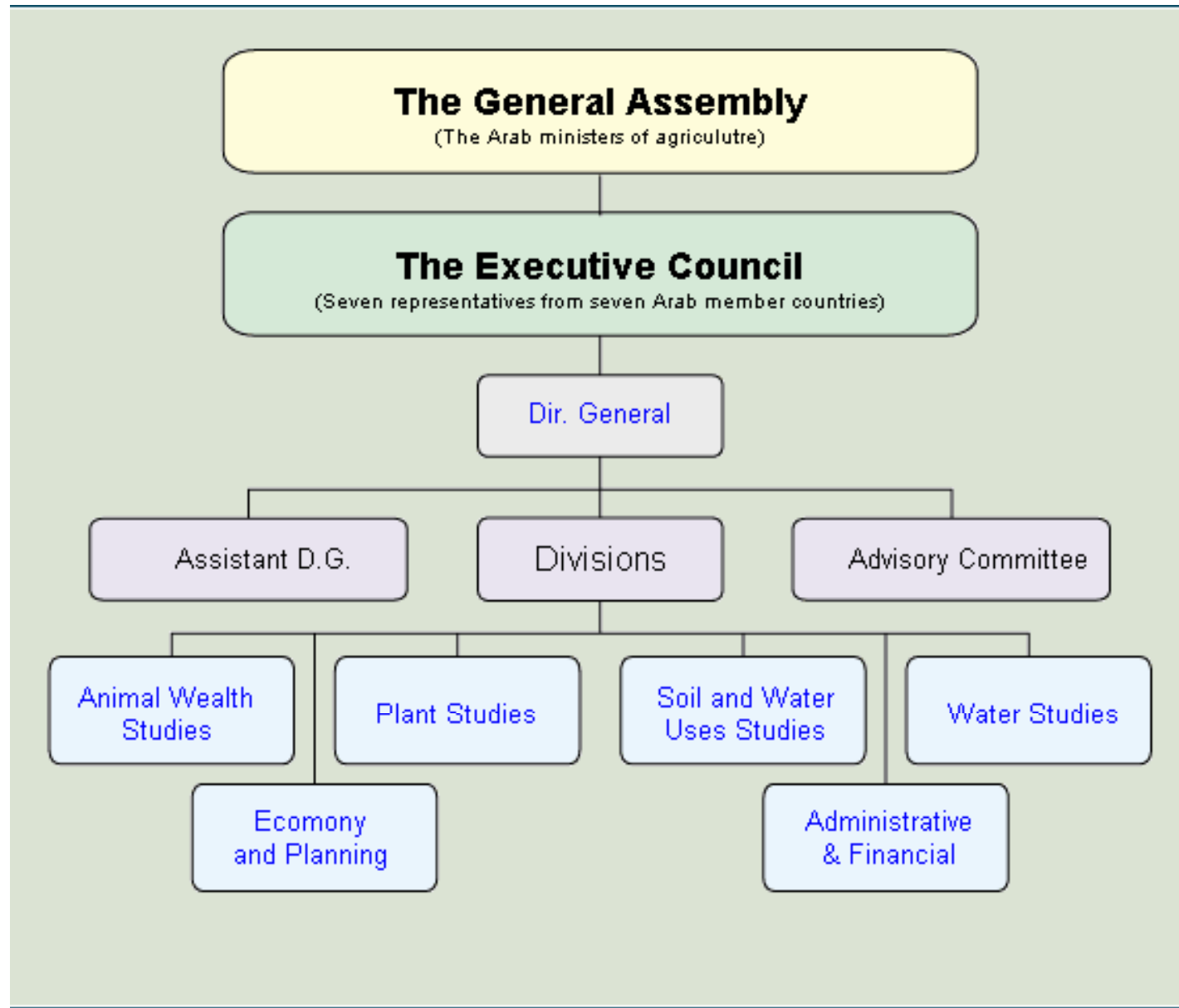
Mani Objectives:

1. To develop and conduct scientific agricultural research in the arid and semi-arid areas,
2. To introduce modern agricultural techniques
3. To support knowledge exchange
4. To enhance sustainable use of natural resources

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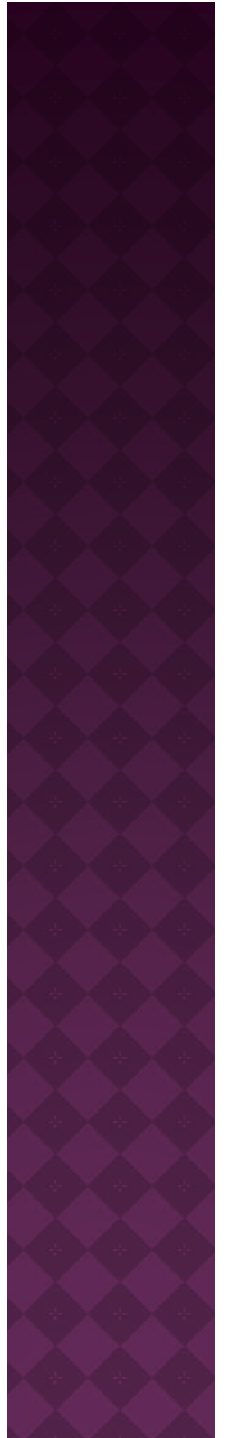
ACSAD Structure



ACSAD Departments

ACSAD consists of six main departments:

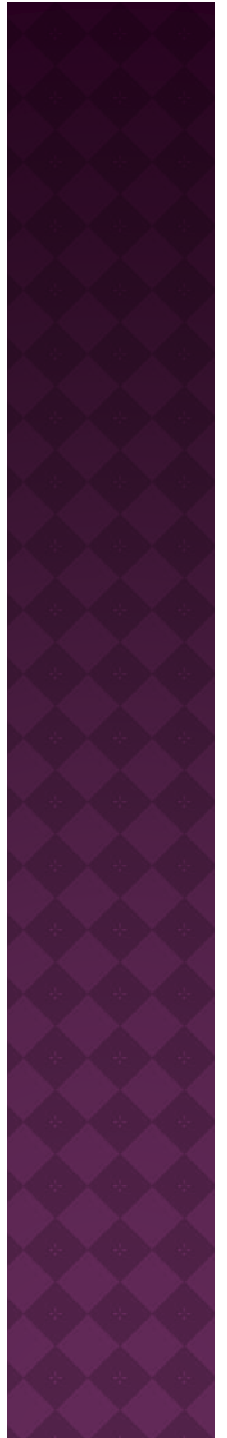
1. Water Resources
2. Soil and Water Uses
3. Plant Resources
4. Animal Wealth
5. Economics & Planning
6. Administrative & Financial Affairs



Water Resources Department

Main Objectives:

- Development
- Protection,
- and management of water resources in the Arab Countries



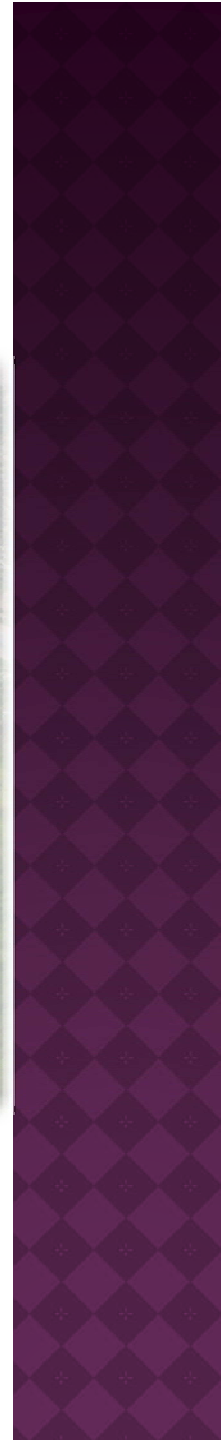
Three units:

1. Water resources
2. Climate
3. Database



Three Programmes:

1. Integrated Water Resources Management
2. Environmental Water Protection
3. Water Resources Development



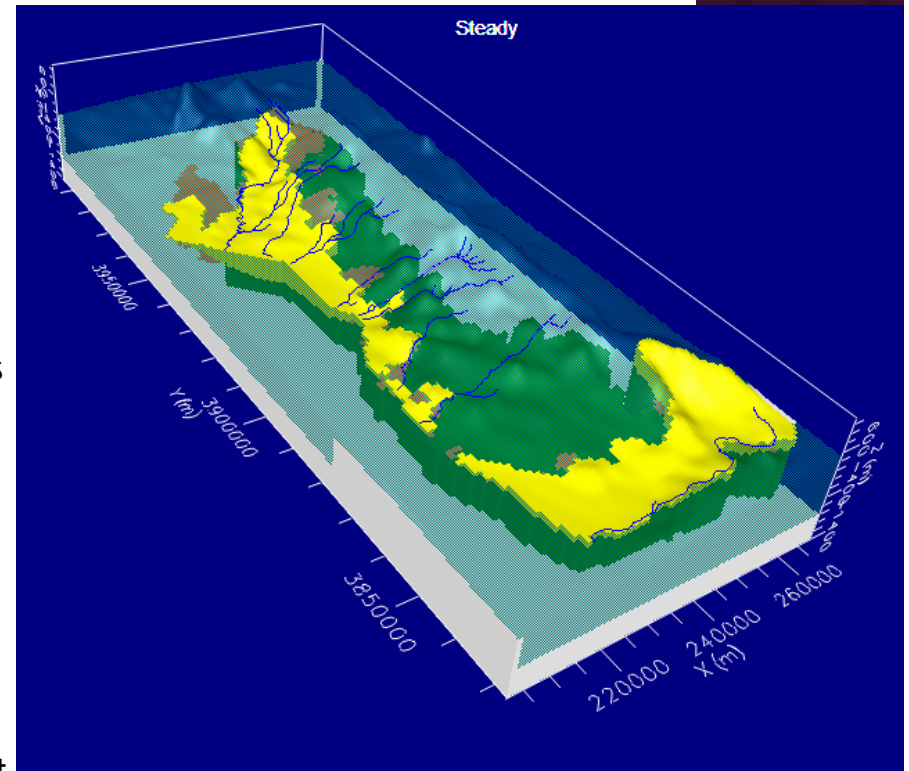
1. Integrated Water Resources Management Programme

Objective:

Applying the IWRM Approach towards sustainable use of water resources

Projects under this programme aim to:

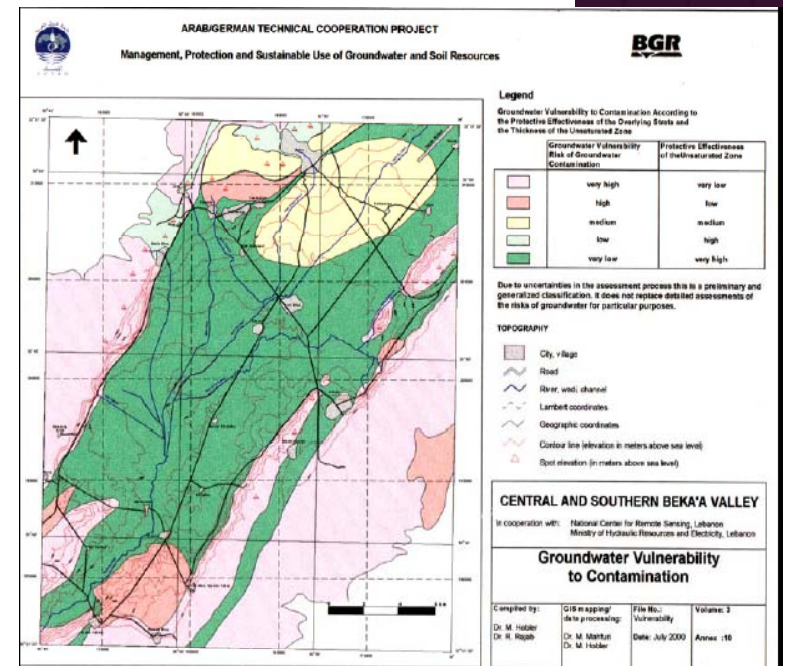
- Apply appropriate technologies and principles to ensure optimum use of available water resources.
- Preserve and protect water resources from contamination and over-exploitation.
- Implement appropriate water policies for improvement of water resources management.



2. Environmental Water Protection

Objectives:

1. To preserve the quality of water resources and protect them from contamination and overexploitation.
2. To provide clean water for various uses.



3. Water Resources Development

Objectives:

Conducting research and studies to:

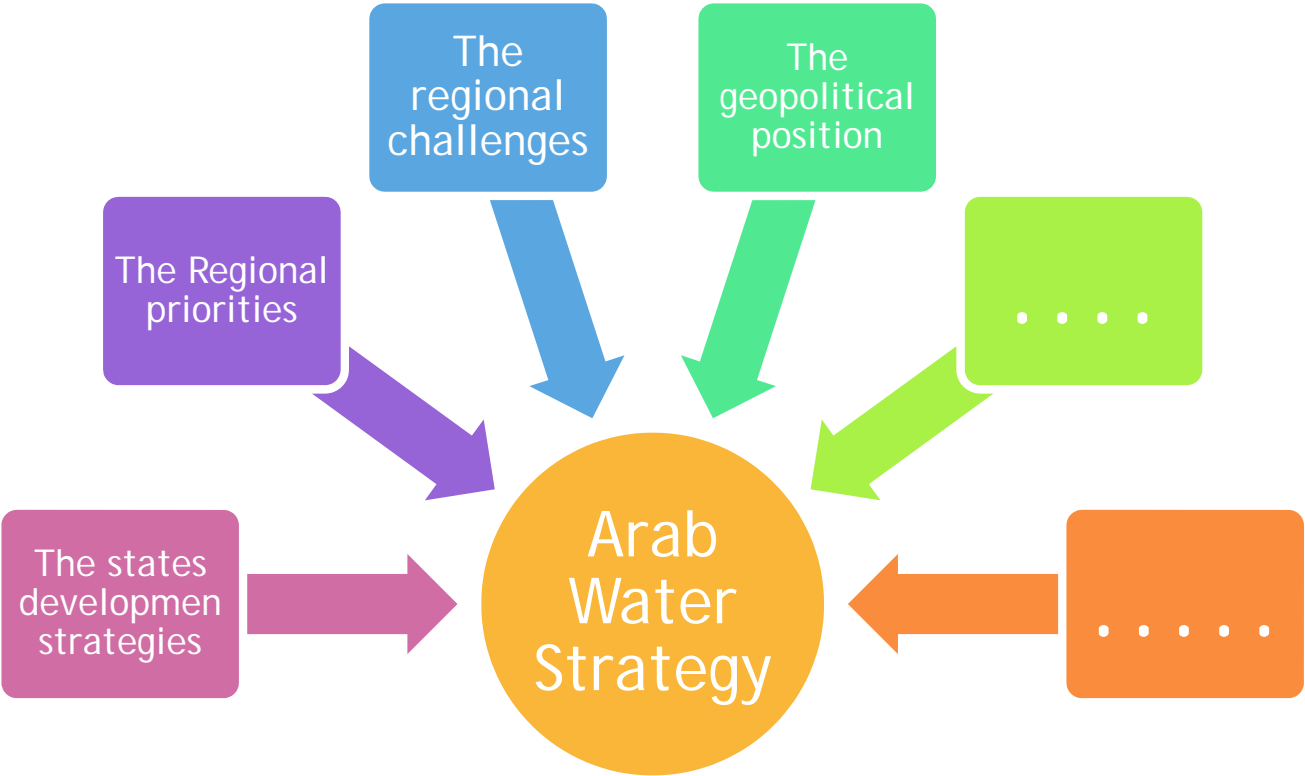
- Evaluate available water resources
- Ensure sustainable use of water resources.
- Control water resources degradation.
- Explore additional water resources.
- Increase available water resources



Addressing Drought in the Action plan



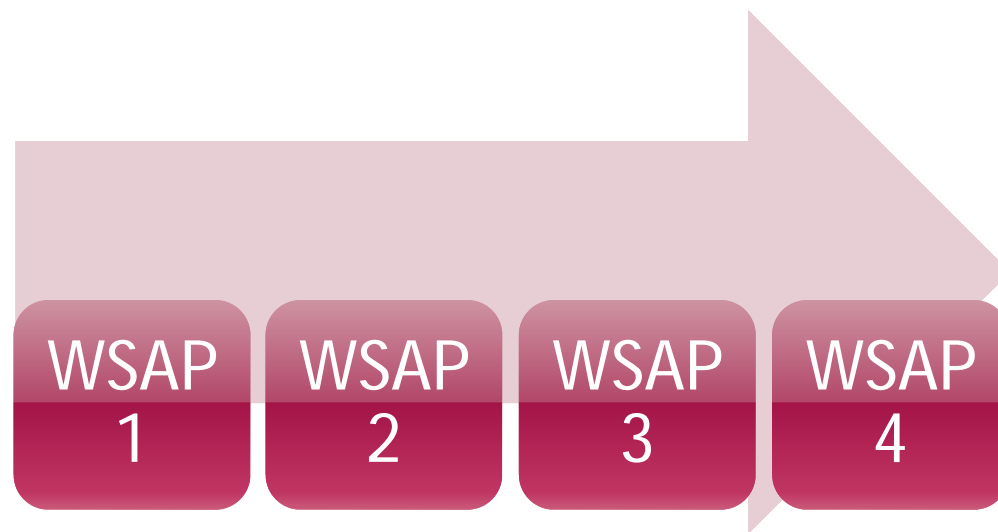
Addressing Drought in the AWSS Action plan



The Strategy:

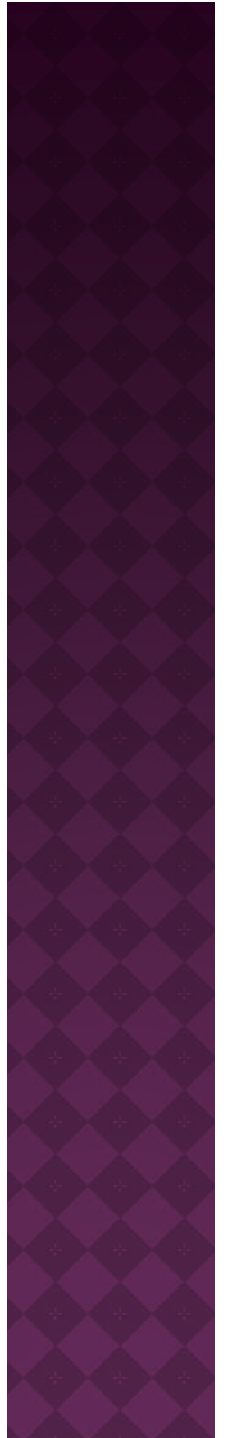
Is a document that establishes goals for regional water security over the next 20 years.

The strategy proposes indicators for evaluation each 5 years.



What is the AWSS action plan?

- Documentation of a concrete timetable for five years of defined activities to be undertaken for the strategy to succeed, with indicators to track progress towards achievement of strategy.
- Focused at the regional level, but prioritised according to common national objectives and inviting national participation.
- Organised by *clusters*.



Partners (Working Group) responsible for the Action Plan:

ACSAD
ESCWA
UNEP/ROWA
AWC
TS of AMWC
CEDARE
GIZ
Arab centre for water studies and security
Iraq
ICBA
FAO/regional office, Cairo



Clusters:

In the action plan table of contents 6 themes are identified.

Under these themes, a number of different activities, outputs, goals, and targets are listed



6 Expected Accomplishments

In reviewing the Arab Water Security Strategy the Working Group proposes clustering these Outputs into 6 Expected Accomplishments to be addressed by the action plan:

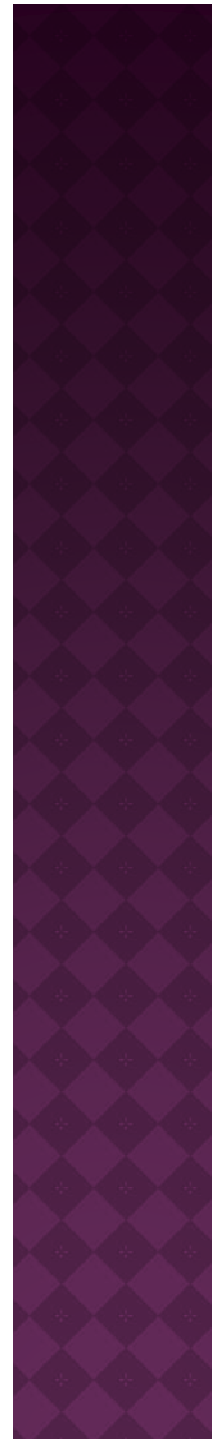
1. Enhanced provision of updated information on the status of water in the Arab Region;
2. Improved implementation of IWRM;
3. Strengthened scientific, technological and industrial base;
4. Improved sanitation and safe water;
5. Enhanced capacity for climate change assessment and adaptation; and
6. Established mechanisms for the protection of Arab water rights in shared water resources.

Principles

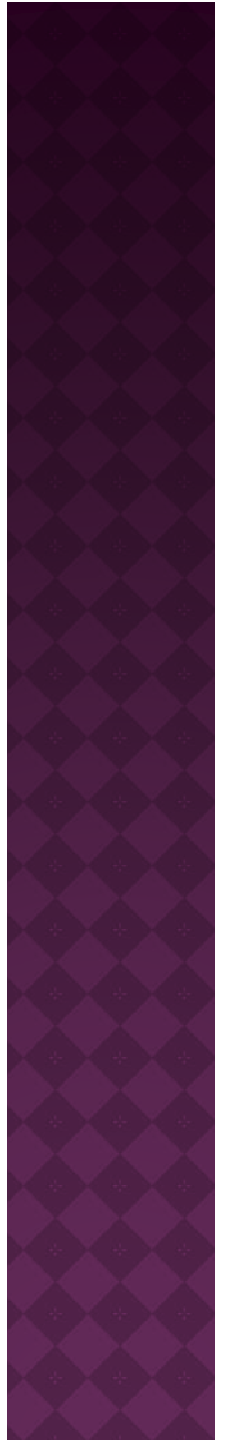
In reviewing the Arab Water Strategy the Working Group identified three implementation principles:

1. Alignment with other Arab strategies
2. Public consultation and participation
3. Partnerships

Each activity proposed under the action plan will demonstrate how it will support each of these principles.



Improved Water Governance

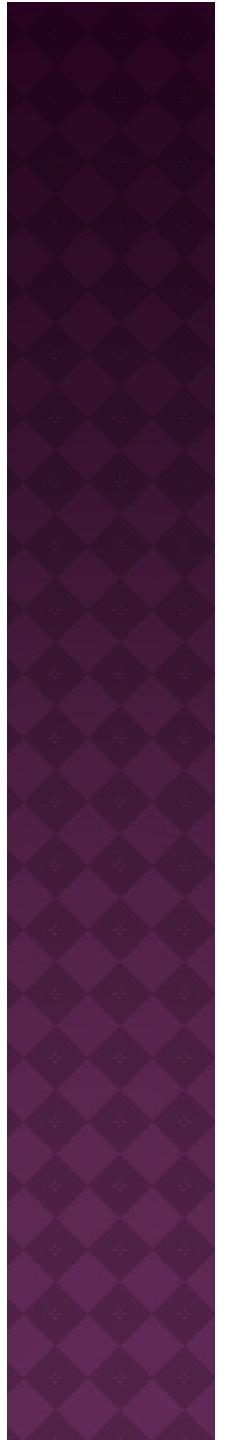


The plan forward is as following:

Ref.	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
All final text are sent to ACSAD (English? and Arabic)							
Compiling, review harmonisation, etc.							
Submission to the TS of AMWC of LAS							
Receiving comments from the Arab Countries							
Preparing the final draft and incorporating comments and adjustments							
Submission to the TS of AMWC							

Overview of the action plan contents and assignments

Overview of the proposed format



Thank you

