

ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT



ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

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Foreword

It is with great pleasure that we bring to press this important document that sets forth Egypt's National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations (AoC).

We are confident that Egypt's people as well as the whole world will benefit from the rejection of the thesis that advocates the clash of civilizations, and the adoption of a Culture of Peace. The Alliance of Civilizations that wants to translate dialogue and learning into action programs and results on the ground is the proper framework to bring together many disparate programs and projects and actions in a manner that makes the whole more than the sum of the parts.

The Plan highlights the relationships between these various programs and projects, many of which are public-private partnerships and all represent collaboration between government and civil society. We have kept the four main themes presented in the AoC report, namely youth, education, media and migration; and have included others: women, and the culture of peace.

Our National Plan, which covers the period 2007–2012, shows that Egypt immediately adopted this coherent approach as soon as the Final Report of the High Level Group of the AoC delivered its report to former Secretary-General of the UN, Kofi Anan, in November 2006. Subsequently, after UNSG Ban Ki Moon adopted the report, we welcomed the appointment of HE President Jorge Sampaio as UN High Commissioner for the AoC, and have supported his activities and those of his colleagues and remain committed to the noble goals of the AoC.

We look forward to closer cooperation with other countries in the implementation of the initiative consonant with our Plan. I have asked Dr. Ismail Serageldin, Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (the New Library of Alexandria), and UN Ambassador for the AoC, and Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Institute of Peace Studies, to oversee the implementation of that Plan in close cooperation with the National Council for Women and the Higher Council of Motherhood and Children's Affairs and the organizers of the Reading for All campaign. Annual monitoring and careful evaluation of our work will ensure that the National Plan's lofty ambitions are translated into results on the ground.

Suzanne Mubarak
Chair
Egyptian National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations

THE ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS

EGYPTIAN NATIONAL PLAN

The Plan (2007–2012)

Egypt is deeply committed to the promotion of a Culture of Peace, founded on appreciation of cultural and religious diversity, of mutual respect, and the dissemination of the values necessary for the promotion of the Culture of Peace (CoP). A network of institutions is active in a multitude of programs and projects, each of which provides a necessary part of the edifice we are creating. This National Plan articulates the relationships between these various programs and projects, many of which are public-private partnerships and all represent a collaboration between government and civil society. One of the concerned institutions, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina; the new Library of Alexandria, has undertaken the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of this Plan of Action and reporting to the participating institutions periodically.

The overall concept of CoP is served by some programs that aim particularly to facilitate the adoption of such a culture, and to confront the prevailing issues of violence and war. The other programs and projects have been grouped under five headings, which correspond to the four headings highlighted in the report of the AoC High Level Group (Media, Youth, Education, and Migration) plus a fifth topic on the empowerment of women. In addition to these six chapters, a seventh chapter has been added, covering monitoring and evaluation of the activities under the umbrella of the Plan.

The overall thread that runs through much of this program sees Peace as much more than the absence of war and violence. It sees Peace as a condition of social felicity that allows each individual to flourish and to contribute, and recognizes that there can be:

- No Security without Peace;
- No Peace without Justice;
- No Justice without Equity; and
- No Equity without Inclusion.

Summary of Programs

I PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PEACE

To promote the Culture of Peace, we are functioning in multiple spheres.

- I.1 COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE CONTENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULA
- I.2 SUMMER SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (A PEACE JOURNEY)
- I.3 TV PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE RATIONALITY AND DIALOGUE OVER COMPLEX ISSUES (SALON AL-QAHIRA)
- I.4 JAPAN-ARAB CONFERENCE “A NEW DAWN: ARABS LOOKING EAST”
- I.5 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “YOUTH AND THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN REALIZING A CULTURE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT”
- I.6 ROUNDTABLE “BRITISH AND MUSLIM: A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS?”
- I.7 SYMPOSIUM “HUMANISM IN ISLAM”
- I.8 SEMINAR “POLICIES FOR STUDYING THE DIALOGUE OF CIVILIZATIONS: TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO DIALOGUE”, 6 AUGUST 2009
- I.9 LAUNCHING AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BAN THE USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS

- 1.10 BOOKS OR BOMBS: SUSTAINABLE DISARMAMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- 1.11 CONFERENCE AND CULTURAL WORKSHOPS ON THE DIALOGUE AMONG PEOPLES AND CULTURES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND GULF AREAS
- 1.12 INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CELEBRATION
- 1.13 THE NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE SECURITY
- 1.14 WORKSHOP “KNOWLEDGE MAP”, DECEMBER 2008
- 1.15 VIOLENCE IN EGYPTIAN SOCIETY WORKSHOP
- 1.16 WORKSHOP “COGNITIVE MAP AND FOUNDING THE CULTURE OF PEACE”
- 1.17 SEMINAR “THE IMAM AND THE PASTOR”
- 1.18 EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT ACTIVITIES
- 1.19 ACCESS TO JUSTICE
- 1.20 CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP: NILE WATER MANAGEMENT CASE STUDY
- 1.21 PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACEMAKING: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
- 1.22 FROM VIOLENCE TO PEACE: A SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADDRESSING VIOLENCE CONTROL AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SEMINAR
- 1.23 EXPERT MEETING ON THE HUMAN RIGHT TO PEACE
- 1.24 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
 - 1.24.1 PEACE MATTERS LECTURE SERIES, 2004–2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
 - 1.24.2 ACTIVATING THE POWER OF UNSC RESOLUTION 1325 ON “WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY”, 2004–2012 (ONGOING PROGRAM)

- I.24.3 CULTURE OF PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM, 2008–2012 AND BEYOND (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
- I.24.4 ROUNDTABLE WITH AFS BOARD MEMBERS “SHARING PERSPECTIVES – THE POWER OF PEACE BUILDING”
- I.24.5 THE STRATEGY OF PEACE BUILDING - PRESENTATION
- I.24.6 ONE WORLD PEACE FESTIVAL, MAY 2008–2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
- I.24.7 WOMEN AS ARCHITECTS OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY
- I.24.8 PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL 18TH WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE: SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE AND CONFLICT
- I.24.9 TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE
- I.24.10 GIRLS’ EDUCATION INITIATIVE, TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CULTURE OF PEACE
- I.24.11 NGOS CULTURE OF PEACE WORKSHOP - TRAINING OF WOMEN LEADERS OF “KHEIR AND BARAKA”
- I.24.12 FIRST LADIES SUMMIT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WOMEN IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT
- I.24.13 CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM IN YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS IN ABOU-KIR
- I.24.14 SMWIPM EXTENDS THE CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM THROUGH PARTNERS
- I.24.15 MEETING WITH DELEGATION FROM PEACE LINKS JAPAN

2 EDUCATION

The Education Program of our National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations has several important components:

- 2.1 FORMAL COURSES ON PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
 - 2.1.1 IPS ACADEMIC COURSES DURING JULY–AUGUST 2007, 2008, 2009
 - 2.1.1.1 Human Rights and Introduction to International Law
 - 2.1.1.2 Culture of Peace
 - 2.1.1.3 Conflict Resolution
 - 2.1.1.4 Mediation and Negotiation in a Cultural Context
 - 2.1.2 MASTERS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, 14–17 APRIL 2008

- 2.1.3 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON “PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE”, 6 MAY 2009
- 2.1.4 DIALOGUE FORUM LECTURES
- 2.1.5 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS ART EXHIBITION AND AWARDS

- 2.2 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CONTACT THROUGH PEACE CAMPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
 - 2.2.1 PEACE CAMP
 - 2.2.2 VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

- 2.3 GENERAL READING PROMOTION THROUGH A RANGE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
 - 2.3.1 READING FOR ALL NATIONAL PROGRAM
 - 2.3.2 THE FAMILY LIBRARY PROGRAM
 - 2.3.3 BIG READ (EGYPT/USA)
 - 2.3.4 LIFELONG LEARNING
 - 2.3.5 SUZANNE MUBARAK FAMILY PARK (SMFP)

- 2.4 SCIENCE PROGRAM
 - 2.4.1 LAMAP
 - 2.4.2 BA SCIENCE SUPER COURSE
 - 2.4.3 TV SCIENCE SERIES
 - 2.4.4 PC FOR EVERY HOME
 - 2.4.5 RESEARCH FOR ALL PROGRAM
 - 2.4.6 SCIENCE FESTIVITY PROGRAM

- 2.5 EMPHASIS ON DIALOGUE (NOT DEBATE) TO TEACH OPENNESS TO THE OTHER AND ACTIVE LISTENING
 - 2.5.1 DIALOGUE FORUM LECTURES

- 2.6 PROGRAMS OF THE ARAB REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD (TWAS-ARO)

3 YOUTH

Youth programs fall under five categories as follows:

- 3.1 PROMOTING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH
 - 3.1.1 WORKSHOP “NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY”
 - 3.1.2 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “YOUTH AND THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN REALIZING A CULTURE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT”
 - 3.1.3 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “ARAB YOUTH AND IDENTITY IN THE ERA OF GLOBALIZATION”
 - 3.1.4 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE (IANYS) CONFERENCE
 - 3.1.5 THE 9th CONFERENCE FOR THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION FOR YOUTH
 - 3.1.6 TRAINING THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT YOUTH ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE FOR DISASTER SURVIVORS

- 3.2 SPECIAL OUTREACH IN ART AND SCIENCE
 - 3.2.1 CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND CULTURAL DIALOGUE
 - 3.2.2 BA ARTS SCHOOL
 - 3.2.3 ALEXPLORATORIUM
 - 3.2.4 HOLE IN THE WALL
 - 3.2.5 CSSP RESEARCH GRANTS
 - 3.2.6 EMBASSIES OF KNOWLEDGE (MINYA, GOUNA)
 - 3.2.7 ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF EGYPTIAN YOUTH IN PUBLIC LIFE
 - 3.2.8 DEVELOPMENT OF UPPER EGYPT VILLAGES

- 3.3 NETWORKING AND ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIC ACTION
 - 3.3.1 INFO MALL
 - 3.3.2 WORKSHOP “DEFINING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES”
 - 3.3.3 EXCHANGE OF YOUTH VISITS BETWEEN THE RED CRESCENT AND RED CROSS SOCIETIES
 - 3.3.4 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, THE SUZANNE MUBARAK COMPOUND

- 3.4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS
 - 3.4.1 EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF YOUTH
 - 3.4.1.1 Summer Programs for Youth and Children
 - 3.4.1.2 Outreach Programs for Children and Youth
 - 3.4.1.3 Society Development and Public Awareness
 - 3.4.2 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT (YES)
 - 3.4.3 YOUTH FOR CHANGE PROJECT
 - 3.4.4 YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING (YESBU)
 - 3.4.5 PROMOTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
 - 3.4.5.1 Alexandria International Model United Nations (AIMUN)
 - 3.4.5.2 JEF Europe's Exhibition, Europeانبibes at the BA (for the Young European Federalists)
 - 3.4.6 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, RECYCLING PROJECT
 - 3.4.7 SCHOOL CHILDREN TRAINING PROJECT

- 3.5 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
 - 3.5.1 SMWIPM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NETWORK, 2007–2012 AND BEYOND (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
 - 3.5.2 "THE POWER OF YOUTH FOR PEACE" INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM
 - 3.5.3 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS, EXCHANGES AND INTERNSHIPS, 2008-2012 (ONGOING)
 - 3.5.3.1 Atlantic Wilton Park Youth Forum, 4–8 August 2008, United Kingdom
 - 3.5.3.2 4th World Youth Congress, 10–21 August 2008, Canada
 - 3.5.4 SAFER INTERNET DAY BLOGATHON
 - 3.5.5 ITU TELECOM AFRICA YOUTH FORUM, CYBER PEACE CAMP
 - 3.5.6 GET-IT GUIDANCE COURSE
 - 3.5.7 CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM IN YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS IN ABOU-KIR
 - 3.5.8 WHERE THERE IS PEACE THERE IS HOPE INITIATIVE
 - 3.5.9 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH HE PRESIDENT JORGE SAMPAIO
 - 3.5.10 ONLINE RADIO TRAINING INITIATIVE - SMWIPM YOUTH NETWORK (ONGOING PROGRAM)

4 MEDIA

Five sets of activities are interconnected:

- 4.1 REACHING THE PUBLIC
 - 4.1.1 RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS PERTAINING TO HUMAN RIGHTS. ANNUAL EVENTS INCLUDE:
 - 4.1.1.1 Sailing the Nile 2008 and Stand Up against Poverty Campaigns
 - 4.1.1.2 International Human Rights Day
 - 4.1.1.3 White Cane Day and People with Disabilities Day
 - 4.1.1.4 Annual International Peace Pals Art Exhibition and Awards
 - 4.1.2 ORGANIZING SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS FOR THE PUBLIC
 - 4.1.2.1 The North Africa and Middle East Regional Consultation on Sustainable Security
 - 4.1.2.2 Violence in Egyptian Society Workshop
 - 4.1.2.3 Annual Arab Reform Conference “Media, Democracy and Social Responsibility”
 - 4.1.2.4 Annual Arab Youth Forum “Youth and the Role of the Media in Realizing a Culture of Peace, Security and Development”
 - 4.1.3 ESTABLISHING A FUTURE STRATEGY FOR ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE
- 4.2 HELPING MEDIA PROFESSIONALS
 - 4.2.1 HOW THE MEDIA SHAPES OUR VIEWS (TRANSPARENT MEDIA)
 - 4.2.2 TRAINING MEDIA PROFESSIONALS (THE BA, PRESS SYNDICATE, FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS PROGRAM)
 - 4.2.3 INFORMATIVE MEDIA (SALON AL-QAHIRA, BA TV SCIENCE SERIES)
 - 4.2.4 SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES
 - 4.2.4.1 Freedom and Responsibilities of the Press (Ongoing Seminars)
 - 4.2.4.2 Conference “Beacon for Freedom of Expression”
 - 4.2.4.3 Conference “The Role of Libraries in Freedom of Expression, Tolerance, and Access to Information”
 - 4.2.4.4 Annual Arab Reform Conference “Media, Democracy and Social Responsibility”

- 4.2.5 FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA—INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
- 4.2.6 MEDIA WATCH UNIT
- 4.2.7 SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAM “THINK TWICE”

- 4.3 HARNESING THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION
 - 4.3.1 WIKIMANIA AND THE ARABIC WIKIPEDIA
 - 4.3.2 MILLION BOOK PROJECT
 - 4.3.3 DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY
 - 4.3.4 UNIVERSAL NETWORKING LANGUAGE (UNL)

- 4.4 PROMOTING SELF-ESTEEM AT HOME AND NEW UNDERSTANDING ABROAD
 - 4.4.1 CULTNAT DIGITAL PROJECTS FOR DOCUMENTING EGYPT’S HERITAGE
 - 4.4.2 MEMORY OF MODERN EGYPT
 - 4.4.3 ARAB INFO MALL
 - 4.4.4 ISIS DIGITAL PROJECTS (DESCRIPTION DE L’EGYPTE, EGYPT PRESIDENTS’ ARCHIVAL COLLECTION)
 - 4.4.5 DIGITAL MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY
 - 4.4.6 EXCHANGES OF PROGRAMS ON MANUSCRIPTS
 - 4.4.7 ALEXANDRIA BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS (ALEX MED)

- 4.5 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
 - 4.5.1 CYBER PEACE INITIATIVE, 2007–2011 WITH POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (ONGOING PROGRAM)
 - 4.5.2 TRAINING ON INTERNET SAFETY, JANUARY 2008–DECEMBER 2011
 - 4.5.3 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE INTERNET AND MOBILE AGE: SAFE AND EMPOWERED!”
 - 4.5.4 CYBER PEACE INITIATIVE FAMILY TOOL KIT
 - 4.5.5 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 - 4.5.6 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH UNICEF GOODWILL AMBASSADOR ACTRESS LUCY LIU - END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW! CAMPAIGN

- 4.5.7 ONLINE RADIO TRAINING INITIATIVE - SMWIPM YOUTH NETWORK (ONGOING PROGRAM)

5 WOMEN

- 5.1 THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
 - 5.1.1 FEMALE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS PROJECT
 - 5.1.2 MULTIFACETED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MINYA
 - 5.1.3 WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER
 - 5.1.4 SMALL GRANTS PROJECT
 - 5.1.5 WORKING WOMEN PROGRAM
 - 5.1.6 RURAL WOMEN PROGRAM
 - 5.1.7 DEVELOPMENT OF UPPER EGYPT VILLAGES
 - 5.1.8 DEVELOPMENT OF ZEINHOM AREA
 - 5.1.9 HANDCRAFTS AS AN ECONOMICAL GATEWAY TO DEVELOPMENT
- 5.2 THE SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
 - 5.2.1 HEALTH CARE PROGRAM
 - 5.2.1.1 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Egypt
 - 5.2.1.2 Race for the Cure at the Great Pyramids of Egypt
 - 5.2.2 LITERACY PROGRAM
 - 5.2.3 THE NATIONAL DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM
 - 5.2.4 THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE
 - 5.2.5 SUPPORTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, 2002–2007
 - 5.2.6 THE SHŌKEN PROJECT FOR TRAINING FEMALE HEALTH AWARENESS GUIDES, 2006–2007
 - 5.2.7 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, WOMEN CLUBS, SINCE 2005
 - 5.2.8 GIRLS' EDUCATION NATIONAL INITIATIVE
 - 5.2.9 LITERACY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM
- 5.3 THE POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
 - 5.3.1 WOMEN'S POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER
 - 5.3.2 EGYPTIAN WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIAN PROGRAM

- 5.3.3 ESTABLISHING A FUTURE STRATEGY FOR ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE
- 5.4 SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS
 - 5.4.1 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN
 - 5.4.2 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO INTEGRATE GENDER INTO DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 - 5.4.2.1 Gender Mainstreaming in the National Socio-Economic Development Plan
 - 5.4.2.2 Gender-Sensitive Budgeting Project
 - 5.4.2.3 Measuring Gender Equality through Disaggregated Statistics
 - 5.4.2.4 Gender-Sensitive Economic Policies Project
 - 5.4.3 WORKING GIRLS PROJECT IN HELWAN, 1995–2008
 - 5.4.4 MEDIA WATCH UNIT
- 5.5 RAISING WOMEN'S AWARENESS OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS
 - 5.5.1 NCW'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF LEGISLATIONS
 - 5.5.2 FOLLOWING UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CEDAW
 - 5.5.3 EGYPTIAN WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS PROJECT (IN ELECTRONIC FORM)
 - 5.5.4 FOLLOWING UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION 1995
- 5.6 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE CAPACITY BUILDING OF NCW
 - 5.6.1 RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT PROJECT (RBM)
 - 5.6.2 NCW INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
 - 5.6.3 THE ELECTRONIC PORTAL PROJECT
 - 5.6.4 THE INTERNSHIP PROJECT
 - 5.6.5 WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH COALITION BUILDING WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY
- 5.7 PROGRAMS OF THE SMWIPM AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 - 5.7.1 THE MIDDLE EAST WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM - HOT TOPIC: HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR LABOR EXPLOITATION
 - 5.7.2 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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- 5.7.3 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON MIGRATION (IOM) REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON RIGHTS-BASED ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 - 5.7.4 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH UNICEF GOODWILL AMBASSADOR ACTRESS LUCY LIU - END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW! CAMPAIGN
 - 5.8 WOMEN IN SCIENCE (WIS)
 - 5.9 PROJECTS & PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD
 - 5.10 SEMINAR “WOMEN CHANGING THE WORLD”-1,000 PEACE WOMEN ACROSS THE GLOBE
 - 5.11 ARAB REFORM CONFERENCE “HUMAN RIGHTS, WOMEN, AND DEVELOPMENT”
 - 5.12 CONFERENCE “QASSEM AMIN AND WOMEN’S LIBERATION”, 18 DECEMBER 2008
 - 5.13 BA PUBLISHING THE WORKS OF MOHAMED ABDOU
 - 5.14 CONFERENCE “ARAB WOMEN FACING THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION”, 13–15 JANUARY 2009
 - 5.15 ARAB WOMEN ORGANIZATION (AWO)
 - 5.16 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
 - 5.16.1 PEACE MATTERS LECTURE SERIES, 2004–2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
 - 5.16.2 12TH AFRICAN WOMEN’S AFRICAN UNION PRE-SUMMIT CONSULTATION
 - 5.16.3 WOMEN AS ARCHITECTS OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY
 - 5.16.4 GIRLS’ EDUCATION INITIATIVE, TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CULTURE OF PEACE

- 5.16.5 NGOS CULTURE OF PEACE WORKSHOP - TRAINING OF WOMEN LEADERS OF "KHEIR AND BARAKA"
- 5.16.6 FIRST LADIES SUMMIT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WOMEN IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT

6 **MIGRATION**

- 6.1 NORTH-SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE
- 6.2 REISSUING THE CLASSICS (IMPLEMENTED BY THE BA)

7 **ONGOING MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

Description of Programs

1 PROMOTING A CULTURE OF PEACE

To promote the Culture of Peace, the Egyptian Plan is designed to work in multiple spheres. These include:

- I.1 COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS MEETINGS TO REVIEW THE CONTENT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULA
The meetings are currently being prepared for.
- I.2 SUMMER SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (A PEACE JOURNEY)
During July 2008, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) launched its pilot project "Summer School Program" entitled "A Peace Journey" in six schools in five different governorates in Egypt. The new Summer School Program is based on a "Peer 2 Peer" (P2P) model that enables leaders from the Youth Network of the Peace Movement to train younger Egyptian students on the Culture of Peace. The program aims to reinforce and strengthen the concepts of peace-building and protecting the environment through arts, IT, environmental, and sports activities. Network members used teaching and learning methods that encourage participation, cooperation, problem-solving, and tolerance. The P2P model aims at bridging the age-gap between trainers and trainees allowing equal exchange of ideas and beliefs in an inclusive platform of communication. It also seeks to create a network of peace-builders who will help spread the Culture of Peace not only in their schools but also in their homes and communities.

- 1.3 TV PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE RATIONALITY AND DIALOGUE OVER COMPLEX ISSUES (SALON AL-QAHIRA)
The BA has been contributing in the weekly cultural program “Salon Al-Qahira” (Cairo Salon), screened on Egyptian Television. It tackled a variety of topics such as Egyptian history, Napoleon Bonaparte, environmental sustainability, Biodiversity, American presidents, to mention a few.
- 1.4 JAPAN-ARAB CONFERENCE “A NEW DAWN: ARABS LOOKING EAST”
The Arab world has always looked towards the West in search of scientific collaborations and business opportunities, unaware of the enormous possibilities that lie in Japan and the eastern part of the world. To this effect, the BA Dialog Forum held the Japan-Arab Conference with the aim of bringing together intellectuals and media people interested in the promotion of Japan-Arab partnerships. The conference managed to cover various topics such as politics, diplomacy, economics, culture, science and technology, R&D, and environment and water.
- 1.5 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “YOUTH AND THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN REALIZING A CULTURE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT”
The Arab Reform Forum organized the Arab Youth Forum under the title of “Youth and the Role of the Media in Achieving a Culture of Peace, Security and Development”. The Forum gathered a large number of Arab youth and experts from different institutions and organizations in Egypt and Arab countries to discuss and exchange views on the best approach to engage Arab youth to address these issues, from various aspects, including the perception of oneself and acceptance of others, citizenship and social peace and human security.
- 1.6 ROUNDTABLE “BRITISH AND MUSLIM: A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS?”
Is being British and Muslim a contradiction in terms? The Dialogue Forum hosted a delegation of British Muslims, in cooperation with the British Consulate in Alexandria, to tackle that issue. A delegation of British

Muslims, either first or second generation Muslims in the UK as well as British converts to Islam, discussed with more than 30 intellectuals and representatives from the Ministry of Al-Awqaf as well as other institutions, how Islam, and in turn British Muslims, are perceived in the West (in particular the UK). The topic also covered the opposite view of how Muslims perceive their counterparts who live in the West.

I.7 SYMPOSIUM “HUMANISM IN ISLAM”

The BA Dialogue Forum held a symposium entitled “Humanism in Islam”. It was held in cooperation with the Goethe–Institute in Egypt, and the project on “Humanism in the Era of Globalization-an Intercultural Dialogue on Humanity, Culture and Values” of the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, KWI, Essen. The symposium aimed to create a human understanding that embraces all civilizations, highlighting their common values and traditions and at the same time recognizes their particularity and diversity. It also aimed to revive different traditional humanisms highlighting the role Arab and Islamic traditions can play in this new intercultural approach.

I.8 SEMINAR “POLICIES FOR STUDYING THE DIALOGUE OF CIVILIZATIONS: TOWARDS THE REALIZATION OF AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO DIALOGUE”, 6 AUGUST 2009

The Dialogue Forum organized a roundtable discussion entitled “Policies of Dialogue Among Civilizations: Towards a Better Dialogue” in collaboration with “The Platform of Freedom” Project affiliated to the Atlas Institution and the Cato Institute, Washington DC, with the participation of a group of scholars and intellectuals. The roundtable brought together scholars, experts, media specialists, and academics to discuss and exchange knowledge with the aim of enriching dialogue and sharing ideas on the concept of dialogue among civilizations.

Furthermore, the Institute for Peace Studies (IPS), affiliated to the Suzanne Mubarak Women for Peace Movement (SMWPM), is actively studying the causes of violence and the means of promoting peace. IPS has been holding a number of workshops, meetings, seminars and conferences on Peace-related issues.

- 1.9 LAUNCHING AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BAN THE USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS
The Institute for Peace Studies (IPS) launched a campaign on banning cluster bombs in 2007. Different authorities were engaged in planning for the campaign, including governments, parliaments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the Media.
- 1.10 BOOKS OR BOMBS: SUSTAINABLE DISARMAMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
A seminar in collaboration with the International Peace Bureau which gave voice to many important concerns such as the increase in military spending at the expense of development projects, the effects of weapons on development, and the need for efforts in 'smart peacemaking' which could avoid the need for recourse to arms in the first place.
- 1.11 CONFERENCE AND CULTURAL WORKSHOPS ON THE DIALOGUE AMONG PEOPLES AND CULTURES IN THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND GULF AREAS
This was the third in a series of conferences aiming to find ways and means to ensure a continuous and fruitful dialogue between different cultures and peoples based on a better knowledge of the other, and inspired by a refusal of the concept of the clash of civilizations.
- 1.12 INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY CELEBRATION
IPS organized a public event in the Bibliotheca Alexandrina to celebrate the International Peace Day. An Egyptian movie star joined the public for the celebration and the evening included songs about peace and co-existence in three languages: Arabic, English and French.
- 1.13 THE NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE SECURITY
This regional consultation was held in collaboration with the Oxford Research Group. The consultation brought together security experts, academics, government officials, and civil society leaders from across the Middle East and North Africa, and explored the implications of the sustainable security framework for the region.

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- I.14 **WORKSHOP “KNOWLEDGE MAP”, DECEMBER 2008**
A workshop on the Knowledge Map (KM) to reinforce the Culture of Peace was conducted. This was a closed workshop with participants representing intellectuals, academics, scholars, politicians, and journalists. Four concept papers were presented and discussed during the workshop.
- I.15 **VIOLENCE IN EGYPTIAN SOCIETY WORKSHOP**
IPS held a workshop on “Violence in Egyptian Society” on 28 December 2008. Twenty-seven participants attended the workshop and discussed the forms, sources, and manifestations of violence in Egyptian society.
- I.16 **WORKSHOP “COGNITIVE MAP AND FOUNDING THE CULTURE OF PEACE”**
A group of prominent intellectuals participated in this workshop and tackled two important themes; namely, the “cognitive map of peace” concepts as well as that of “Islamic groups”. A number of questions were raised for discussion, some of which were: the Culture of Peace concept, the UNESCO Culture of Peace Program, peace models in the Middle East, and the vision adopted by Islamic movements in Egypt with regard to Israel.
- I.17 **SEMINAR “THE IMAM AND THE PASTOR”**
The Dialogue Forum, the Arab Society for Reform and Development, the Institute for Peace Studies and El-Tasalouh El Kholeqi Organization organized an open discussion on the award-winning documentary “The Imam and the Pastor” produced by Love of Tomorrow Films. This documentary presents a realistic experience of reconciliation and co-existence in Nigeria; both Imam Muhammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye were able to end ethnic and religious conflict, overcome inter-religious violence and become instigators of peace. The film traces their remarkable story, depicts the dynamics of personal forgiveness, and highlights some of the difficulties that arise in a Christian-Muslim relationship. The documentary is a case study of a successful grassroots initiative to rebuild communities torn apart by conflict.

- 1.18 **EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT ACTIVITIES**
The activities of the ERC address cultural awareness, openness to others, public and social welfare, and disseminating the concepts of International Humanitarian Law among the different classes of the society, in accordance with the seven Fundamental Principles that guarantee the continuity of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and its humanitarian work. These are humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality.
- 1.19 **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**
The Access to Justice Workshop was held from 18 to 19 March 2009, as a collaborative effort between IPS and the Dialogue Forum. The meeting examined the chances of disadvantaged people to obtain legal assistance, participate effectively in the legal system through access to courts, tribunals and alternative dispute resolution.
- 1.20 **CONFLICT RESOLUTION WORKSHOP: NILE WATER MANAGEMENT CASE STUDY**
IPS hosted a five-day workshop, from 18 to 22 October 2009, in collaboration with the University of Maryland Center for International Development and Conflict Management. The workshop used Nile Water Management as a case study for the workshop on Conflict Resolution. Participants were mainly young learners and specialists.
- 1.21 **PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY AND PEACEMAKING: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**
IPS co-hosted this conference, 4–5 November 2009, in collaboration with the Swedish Institute in Alexandria, the Folke Bernadotte Academy and Gothenberg University. The conference brought together a group of scholars and practitioners from the Nordic countries and the Arab world. The conference had several mutually reinforcing goals. One was to promote policy relevant and solid empirical research. Another was to create an opportunity for a mutually beneficial learning and research promoting exchange of knowledge among scholars and practitioners. A final goal was to collect and disseminate lessons learned from practitioners and research insights from scholars.

- 1.22 FROM VIOLENCE TO PEACE: A SCHOOL-BASED INTERVENTION PROGRAM ADDRESSING VIOLENCE CONTROL AMONG CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS SEMINAR
The Institute for Peace Studies and the Child Mental Health Association (CMHA) held a one-day seminar on 3 December 2009 on violence among children and adolescents globally and nationally. Panelists and professionals in the field of child psychiatry and mental health discussed different forms of violence management and prevention.
- 1.23 EXPERT MEETING ON THE HUMAN RIGHT TO PEACE
The Spanish Society for International Human Rights Law (SSIHRL, Oviedo, Spain) in collaboration with the Institute for Peace Studies (IPS) organized an “Expert Meeting on the Human Right to Peace” on 7 December 2009 at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina. The meeting resulted in the Declaration of Alexandria.
- 1.24 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
- 1.24.1 PEACE MATTERS LECTURE SERIES, 2004–2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
The Peace Matters lecture series engages inspiring speakers to stimulate public discussions on the role of women in peace and human security issues. In addition, the lectures aim to encourage the active participation of civil society members in the promotion and advancement of the principles of the Culture of Peace.
- 1.24.2 ACTIVATING THE POWER OF UNSC RESOLUTION 1325 ON “WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY”, 2004–2012 (ONGOING PROGRAM)
The Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) is working in partnership with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to introduce a new awareness-raising initiative for universities on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security.
- 1.24.3 CULTURE OF PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM, 2008–2012 AND BEYOND (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
Building on the success of the Summer School Program (refer to 1.2), the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM)

has launched a holistic Culture of Peace Education Program. In line with this program, a new manual has been developed to train youth volunteers, students, educators and community leaders to disseminate effectively peace values and principles in their communities. Throughout summer 2009, the SMWIPM has worked hard to extend its efforts in fostering a Culture of Peace by creating new Youth Network groups across different governorates in Egypt, including Alexandria, Behera, Dakahliya, Damietta, Kafr El Sheikh, Ismailiya, Menoufia and Sharkeya. Each group was composed of around 15 young people aged 18–25, revealing a wide range of interests and academic backgrounds.

I.2.4.4 ROUNDTABLE WITH AFS BOARD MEMBERS “SHARING PERSPECTIVES – THE POWER OF PEACE BUILDING”

On 27 January 2008, the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized a roundtable discussion between SMWIPM Board of Directors, the Board of Trustees of AFS International and the Board of AFS Egypt. Under the banner “Sharing Perspectives – The Power of Peace Building”, the roundtable was designed to explore a dynamic collaboration between AFS and SMWIPM and to build programs that will promote peace.

I.2.4.5 THE STRATEGY OF PEACE BUILDING - PRESENTATION

On 9 February 2008, the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) invited Dr. Hans Lavender, Chairperson of Life-Link Friendship-Schools Program, to guide Youth Network members on the “Strategy of Peace Promotion”. The presentation broadened the understanding of participants on how to use project management skills to build peace, as well as apply strategic communication techniques to educate, motivate and mobilize communities, decision makers and institutions. Life-Link Friendship-Schools is an independent non-governmental organization which promotes contact and cooperation between young people around the world and their schools, through active participation in shared projects on environment, human rights, conflict resolution and constructive collaboration.

I.2.4.6 ONE WORLD PEACE FESTIVAL, MAY 2008–2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)

Under the banner “One World”, the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM), in collaboration with the

Heliopolis Association, organized a one-day peace festival to celebrate the rich diversity of world cultures. Several members of the Youth Network participated in the planning, organization and running of this festival, which was attended by over 30,000 people. Network members worked hard to promote the concept of peace in its holistic sense through interactive activities, creative displays and entertaining acts.

I.2.4.7 WOMEN AS ARCHITECTS OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY

In line with the African Union Summit, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized a roundtable discussion between the African First Ladies, entitled "Women as Architects of Peace and Human Security". The event took place on 1 July 2008 and presented African First Ladies of the AU countries with an invaluable platform to share recent initiatives, success stories and future programs on women's empowerment and participation in the fields of peace and security. The discussion was centered on finding new ways of advancing the implementation of tools and protocols for gender empowerment, as well as strengthening the work of African women networks and groups. The event highlighted the work of the African First Ladies Peace Mission, which aims to invigorate the participation of women in the decision-making spheres, and enhance their human security as a vital cornerstone to peace in the African region.

I.2.4.8 PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL 18TH WORLDWIDE CONFERENCE: SYMPOSIUM ON PEACE AND CONFLICT

Several members of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) attended the symposium organized by People-to-People International on Peace and Conflict, from 8 to 13 September 2008. The event provided educational and interactive sessions for participants, as well as the opportunity to participate in hands-on humanitarian activity.

I.2.4.9 TOWARDS A CULTURE OF PEACE

The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized an event entitled "Towards a Culture of Peace", on 1 December 2008, in cooperation with Federico Mayor's Foundation for a Culture of Peace. The aim of the event was to inaugurate the launch of the Foundation's "Aldea Project", as well as promote an on-going initiative led by Dr. Mohamed Kazem entitled "In Search of Understanding".

I.24.IO GIRLS' EDUCATION INITIATIVE, TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CULTURE OF PEACE

From 13 to 15 May 2009, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) joined hands with the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM)'s "Girls Education Initiative", to promote the Culture of Peace in girl-friendly schools across Egypt. The SMWIPM and NCCM have collaborated in the past, highlighting the fact that the education of women and girls is the most effective way of empowerment to foster peaceful, prosperous and developed societies.

I.24.II NGOS CULTURE OF PEACE WORKSHOP - TRAINING OF WOMEN LEADERS OF "KHEIR AND BARAKA"

The SMWIPM organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) for women leaders working in six NGOs in the area of Ezbet Kheirallah located in Old Cairo, under the umbrella of the "Kheir and Baraka" NGO in Ezbet kheirallah during the summer of 2009, from 31 May to 11 June 2009. This training workshop on the Peace Movement's Culture of Peace Manual was organized in the framework of women leadership and empowerment and the importance of integrating women, mothers and girls in the decision-making process and highlighting and increasing their productive efforts in their community.

I.24.I2 FIRST LADIES SUMMIT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WOMEN IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT

The First Ladies two-day summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) was held from 15 to 16 July 2009 in Sharm El-Sheikh, on the fringe of the NAM. Chaired by HE Suzanne Mubarak, this landmark event focused on the role of women in crises management. As an outcome of the event, the ideas, concerns and recommendations of the participants were framed in the Sharm El Sheikh Declaration. In addition, a proposal by the Malaysian Leadership to establish regional representations for the NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women (NIEW) in Guatemala and Egypt was unanimously approved by all present. Mrs. Mubarak also invited the First Ladies of the NAM to become "Friends of the Movement", with the hope of furthering opportunities for dialogue and developing new initiatives together based on their common aspirations for peace and development.

- I.2.4.13 **CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM IN YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS IN ABOU-KIR**
Upon the invitation of the Egyptian National Council for Youth, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized seven sessions throughout the months of July and August 2009, focusing on the themes of diversity and cooperation. Through this initiative, the SMWIPM was able to reach hundreds of young people from all over Egypt.
- I.2.4.14 **SMWIPM EXTENDS THE CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM THROUGH PARTNERS**
The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement's efforts over summer 2009 to foster peace building values and skills across Egypt were extended through local and international partnerships. One of the highlights of summer 2009, for instance, has been the training of 60 community school supervisors and the Ministry of Education (MOE) inspectors from Assiut and Sohag governorates. Funded by UNICEF, this 5-day training aimed to build the capacity of the participants to promote a Culture of Peace in all UNICEF Community Schools in Upper Egypt. The SMWIPM also joined hands with the "Kheir and Baraka" NGO to deliver a Training of Trainers for 25 women leaders of 7 NGOs active in Ezbet Khairalla in Old Cairo. Another partner is the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM). A ToT was given to 35 trainers and supervisors of NCCM's Girls' Education Initiative, which will in turn seek to implement this program in their 1,067 schools in 9 different governorates. The SMWIPM also carried out Training of Trainers for supervisors and staff of the Egyptian Red Crescent.
- I.2.4.15 **MEETING WITH DELEGATION FROM PEACE LINKS JAPAN**
On 11 October 2009, HE Suzanne Mubarak met with a delegation from Peace Links Japan led by HE Kumiko Hashimoto, President of Peace Links Japan and Wife of the late HE Ryutaro Hashimoto, former Prime Minister of Japan to exchange ideas and perspectives on their shared mission to build more peaceful and secure societies. Peace Links was established in 1982 by former First Lady of Arkansas Betty Bumpers, wife of former Governor of Arkansas Dale Bumpers, with the aim of building human networks dedicated to fostering peace and forging peaceful relationships based on shared values and a respect for cultural diversity. In 1997, an

exchange program between Japan and the USA was organized to discuss the important role of women in development, in enhancing the labor force, the prevention of crime and the promotion of life-long education. As an outcome of this event, HE Kumiko Hashimoto founded Peace Links Japan as an international, nonpartisan activist network composed of 100 members, including congressional and gubernatorial members, working together to create a better tomorrow.

The outputs of these workshops may on occasion serve in the future as inputs into broader educational programs.

2 EDUCATION

The Education Program of the National Plan for the Alliance of Civilizations has several components:

2.1 FORMAL COURSES ON PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

2.1.1 IPS ACADEMIC COURSES DURING JULY–AUGUST 2007, 2008, 2009

2.1.1.1 Human Rights and Introduction to International Law

This is an introductory course in the area of Human Rights, which includes an in-depth study, and analysis of all relevant UN documents on Human Rights, and an introduction to International Law. The main objective of the course is to ground students in this area and enable them to understand the basic tenets and limitations of human right laws.

2.1.1.2 Culture of Peace

This course focuses on how to promote the Culture of Peace through education. Introducing the students to the value of peace education and the important role it plays towards achieving social transformation. The course implements pedagogical theories as well as course design techniques to incorporate materials about peace in the curricula.

2.1.1.3 Conflict Resolution

This course focuses on understanding the causes of conflict and the theory, concepts and techniques of contemporary conflict resolution. It also explores the role of culture in creating and resolving conflicts. The course trains the learners to analyze conflicts and use the techniques they have learned to resolve them. The study offers sample analysis of interpersonal conflicts, community conflicts and international conflicts.

- 2.1.1.4 **Mediation and Negotiation in a Cultural Context**
The main objective of this course is to familiarize students with approaches to reaching agreements and resolving disputes. Focusing on the academic negotiation and mediation theories and techniques, the students engage in problem solving activities with the aim of learning to arrive at agreements and creating solutions for disputes, taking into consideration the cultural component which dictates the framework of dispute, methods of negotiation and style of mediation.
- 2.1.2 **MASTERS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP, 14–17 APRIL 2008**
IPS and UPEACE hosted a workshop to develop a curriculum for a Masters program in Peace and Conflict Studies administered by UPEACE. This workshop brought together four universities from the region to discuss the regional Masters program. Following the meeting, IPS was chosen as the regional coordinator, and became a partner institution like the other four universities.
- 2.1.3 **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON “PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE”, 6 MAY 2009**
The roundtable discussion, which took place at the BA, featured students from both the University of North Florida and the University of Alexandria. Issues such as the misunderstanding between the East and the West were discussed.
- 2.1.4 **DIALOGUE FORUM LECTURES**
As of 2007, the Dialogue Forum conducted over 30 lectures, discussing topics such as “Human Rights Between the State and the Society”, “Freedom and Islam”, “the Culture of Peace”, “Women and Public Life”, “Dimensions of Migration”, and “Media and the Culture of Dialogue”, to name a few.
- 2.1.5 **ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL PEACE PALS ART EXHIBITION AND AWARDS**
In 2007, the Young People’s Library (YP) participated in the 10th Annual International Peace Pals Art Exhibition and Awards. The program aimed to raise young people’s awareness of peace principles, and encourage them to read on the topic. The theme of this year’s competition was “using media and technology as a tool to establish a peaceful world”. All contributions were sent to the Peace Pals Art Exhibition, and the BA

young members were among the top 100 winners in the outstanding international gathering.

2.2 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE CONTACT THROUGH PEACE CAMPS AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

2.2.1 PEACE CAMP

The Peace Camp is an annual event that started as an initiative of the People to People International Organization (PTPI), a non-profit, non-political, and non-religious organization. The seeds of Peace Camp were sown in 2002, in association with the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement. PTPI is dedicated to enhancing international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities in which they exchange of ideas and experiences among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures.

2.2.2 VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Scholars are invited to visit the BA to exchange knowledge with other scholars, researchers and students working in the same field. In addition, there is the participation of the scholar in scientific events taking place in the Library and providing lectures, workshops or seminars where the participation of an external scholar can provide a cross-cultural or international perspective.

2.3 GENERAL READING PROMOTION THROUGH A RANGE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

2.3.1 READING FOR ALL NATIONAL PROGRAM

The "Reading for All" program was launched in 1992 with the aim of promoting reading among the general Egyptian public. The program is fully designed and implemented by the Integrated Care Society (ICS); an NGO established by HE Suzanne Mubarak. It aims to publish books and to spread public library outlets.

Within the program's framework, the ICS has provided existing public libraries nationwide with new collections of books, and has spread a large number of mobile and portable libraries in public parks and in the least advantaged areas to encourage the largest number of people to read.

- 2.3.2 **THE FAMILY LIBRARY PROGRAM**
The Family Library is a publishing house established by the Integrated Care Society (ICS). It reprints books in economic editions, making them affordable to the greater public. The books published comprise classical Arabic and translated works from world literature, as well as complete works by eminent and contemporary Egyptian authors. The books also cover a variety of subjects. The national campaign has succeeded in promoting reading and has encouraged many families to start their own home libraries.
- 2.3.3 **BIG READ (EGYPT/USA)**
The Big Read Egypt/USA is a cultural exchange program between Egypt and the USA. It aims at introducing the various cultural and historical aspects of each country through literature. While the Americans began their international reading program with *The Thief and the Dogs* by Naguib Mahfouz, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina began its program with two books; *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, and *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Both books were translated into Arabic and distributed to the public free of charge. The BA program design includes many activities such as reading together, film showings, lectures as well as writing and artistic competitions.
- 2.3.4 **LIFELONG LEARNING**
In pursuit of learning and making informal education available to Egyptians from all walks of life, the Library of Alexandria offers educational opportunities of the 21st century skills. The daily sessions are offered to promote the development of competencies that enable each citizen to adapt to the knowledge-based society, and actively participate in all spheres of social and economic life, taking more control of his or her future. Sessions are grouped by topics and special sessions are held for housewives and retirees who wish to learn about the Internet and other new technologies.
- 2.3.5 **SUZANNE MUBARAK FAMILY PARK (SMFP)**
The Suzanne Mubarak Family Park (SMFP) project was initiated by the Heliopolis Association (an Egyptian NGO chaired by HE Suzanne Mubarak). The SMFP brings families together using programs designed to spark creativity, nourish curious minds and inspire discovery and

learning through play. The Family Park will be opened for the public by early 2010.

The BA was enlisted to manage 4 children's cultural centers in the SMFP. The four centers are: the Science Center which brings science to life through hands-on-activities; the Natural Center which aims to raise children's environmental awareness; the Artistic Workshops Center that aims to teach children handcrafts and encourage them to be both creative and productive even at playtime, and last but not least, the Arts and Technology Center created to nurture children's artistic talents using the latest technology.

2.4 SCIENCE PROGRAM

Emphasis is on science teaching, which in turn promotes healthy skepticism, evidence-based approaches and rational discussion. The BA specifically assists teachers to teach science better through:

2.4.1 LAMAP

La Main à la Pâte (LAMAP) was initiated in 1996 by Georges Charpak, Nobel laureate of physics in 1992, and managed by the French Academy of Sciences. In 1998, LAMAP project website (www.lamap.fr) was launched, to provide essential resources necessary for the development of science teaching.

The BA has partnered with the French Academy of Sciences to build a mirror website of LAMAP in Arabic called "Ektashef Benafsak" which was launched in April 2006 to be continuously developed by users. The significance of the Arabic mirror site lies in the fact that it is one of the very few Arabic websites that reach out for primary school teachers. The BA has given primary schools teachers training sessions on IT essential skills in order to benefit from and enrich this resource.

2.4.2 BA SCIENCE SUPER COURSE

The Science Super Course project intends to build a knowledge network in four main scientific domains, namely medicine, engineering, environment and agriculture. This is to be achieved through a collection of 100,000 golden PowerPoint lectures from scientists worldwide and making them accessible via the Internet, to allow the exchange of an international portal of organized coherent knowledge and networking communities from all around the globe.

- 2.4.3 **TV SCIENCE SERIES**
The BA is in the process of preparing and producing the TV science program, “Horizons”, which will focus on the most influential scientists throughout history and their main scientific achievements. It will also trace the development of different fields of science throughout the years. The material for the TV Science Series has been compiled and the database constructed. Some of the scripts are already available in both English and Arabic.
- 2.4.4 **PC FOR EVERY HOME**
“A PC for Every Household” is an initiative launched in 2002. It aims to minimize the digital divide between the upper and lower socioeconomic classes, and prepare for the integration of ICT into the country’s infrastructure.
The initiative also plans to develop cooperative agreements between the government and the private sector in order to make available low-cost locally-assembled computers to households with easy payment plans. To promote access to the Internet, the government has also reduced the cost of Internet access to the price of a local call, and has cooperated with NGOs and other stakeholders to create IT clubs to serve as community access points as well as training centers for the most vulnerable population.
- 2.4.5 **RESEARCH FOR ALL PROGRAM**
The Library Services Sector at the BA holds the Research for All Program, which aims at teaching people how to carry out a research, by showing them the different ways to lookup printed information in magazines, reference books, or books, and non-printed information such as multimedia material and e-resources (websites and databases). The Research for All program introduces concepts of information literacy and helps in developing lifelong learners.
- 2.4.6 **SCIENCE FESTIVITY PROGRAM**
In 2007, the BA organized the first annual Science Festivity (SF). Each year, the festivity takes on a different theme relevant to the scientific issues raised nationally and internationally. The SF is one of the highlights of the BA outreach programs, and has successfully attracted more than 25,000 visitors in 2009. School and university students prepare the

workshops and activities displayed in the Science Village—built in the BA plaza—under the supervision of their teachers. The event aims to teach children at an early age the values of science, team-work and honoring the contribution of others. It also helps youth learn presentation skills and interpersonal skills.

2.5 EMPHASIS ON DIALOGUE (NOT DEBATE) TO TEACH OPENNESS TO THE OTHER AND ACTIVE LISTENING

2.5.1 DIALOGUE FORUM LECTURES

The BA established the Dialogue Forum as a medium for liberal thought and cultural exchange, and as a means to promote the values of cultural diversity, tolerance, and freedom of expression. The Dialogue Forum organizes bimonthly lectures on current cultural, scientific, economic, political and development issues. Following the lectures, participants freely exchange their different points of view and discuss diverse topics. All lectures are recorded and published in individual booklets, which are available at the Library of Alexandria bookshop, and on the Arab Reform Forum website. In July 2008, the Dialogue Forum celebrated its 100th forum and will have held 122 lectures by the end of 2009.

2.6 PROGRAMS OF THE ARAB REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD (Twas-ARO)

The Academy of Sciences for the Developing World's Arab Regional Office (Twas-ARO) is hosted by the Center for Special Studies and Programs (CSSP), BA. TwAS-ARO aims to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the region. TwAS Arab members include 58 distinguished scientists residing in 15 different Arab countries and abroad. The overall objective of the TwAS-ARO is to promote the activities of TwAS and its affiliated organizations in the region.

3 YOUTH

Youth are the future and it is essential that special attention to their needs and their aspirations be the focus of much of what we do. The National Plan in Egypt has deployed a number of programs to address these needs from public awareness to employment creation, and from promoting public participation to reaching out to the poorest and most deprived members of our society to allow them to express themselves through art and to discover their talents in science. These programs fall under five categories as follows:

3.1 PROMOTING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OF YOUTH

3.1.1 WORKSHOP “NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY”

In cooperation with the National Council for Youth, the BA Arab Reform Forum organized this workshop with the aim of discussing the priorities and the interests of young people in Egypt. Participants conferred on the Council’s vision and discussed other national policies practiced in a number of Arab countries. Types of networking between civil society and government institutions, as regards national youth policies, were also a topic for discussion.

3.1.2 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “YOUTH AND THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN REALIZING A CULTURE OF PEACE, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT” (Refer to 1.5).

3.1.3 ANNUAL ARAB YOUTH FORUM “ARAB YOUTH AND IDENTITY IN THE ERA OF GLOBALIZATION”

The Arab Youth Forum entitled “Arab Youth Culture and Identity in the Era of Globalization” was organized in cooperation with the Egyptian National Council for Youth to address pertinent issues for Arab youth, in accordance with the ongoing efforts of the Arab Reform Forum at

the Bibliotheca Alexandrina to empower youth, stress the important role they play in the development of their societies, provide a platform for youth initiatives and support youth-led development through many of its various projects.

3.1.4 THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE (IANYS) CONFERENCE

All around the world, the national youth service programs, under different names involve young people in serving their communities and their environment. Areas of service include health, education, environmental conservation, and care for the very old and the very young.

The International Association for National Youth Service will collaborate with the Arab Reform Forum at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, to hold an international conference to discover and explore the opportunities and challenges facing National Youth Service Programs in the Arab region, and to offer a means to facilitate exchanges of national youth service participants and officials, and to mobilize multinational teams of young people.

3.1.5 THE 9TH CONFERENCE FOR THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION FOR YOUTH

The conference was held in May 2004 and focused on the role of youth in the international movement via three main themes: “Youth and Relief”, “Youth and Violence” and “Youth and Drugs”.

3.1.6 TRAINING THE EGYPTIAN RED CRESCENT YOUTH ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE FOR DISASTER SURVIVORS

The program started in 2003 by providing training courses for youth, especially in areas that regularly face natural disasters, such as Sinai. The trained youth teams played a major role in alleviating human suffering in the Sharm El Sheikh plane crash, torrential rains in Halayeb and Shalatin, the rockslide of Dowaika, and the subsequent events in Ghaza.

3.2 SPECIAL OUTREACH IN ART AND SCIENCE

3.2.1 CULTURAL EXPRESSION AND CULTURAL DIALOGUE

The BA Dialogue Forum organized a seminar in 2008, entitled “Media and the Culture of Dialogue”. The seminar discussed the cultural concept of societies and the absence of the culture of dialogue and the

prevalence of power, violence, and suppression. The seminar shed light on the factors influencing the culture of dialogue including education, family upbringing, meetings, cultural activities, and media.

3.2.2 BA ARTS SCHOOL

To promote the study and appreciation of art, the BA Arts School caters for children above age 6 and youth, with the aim of helping them develop their interests and skills in different artistic forms and instruments. By liberating their imagination, children's innate talents are developed, rather than being stilled by backward and extremist ideas.

3.2.3 ALEXPLORATORIUM

The Planetarium Science Center was founded in 2002 with the belief that curiosity, knowledge and the appreciation of science are essential to the health and survival of both man and the planet he lives on.

The ALEXploratorium is the focal point of the PSC as it is a hands-on science facility that makes science accessible and interesting to the public through innovative and interactive activities. It is designed to transform theoretical scientific concepts into feasible and practical applications. The ALEXploratorium is an innovative learning resource for lifelong exploration of the universe, of man, and of sciences and technology.

3.2.4 HOLE IN THE WALL

The idea was initiated in India by Hole in the Wall Education Limited (HIWEL), where free Internet street kiosks were provided in rural areas for children who were unfamiliar with computers and the Internet. Following this lead, through ISIS, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina intends to bring children of the community of Alexandria in direct contact with the electronic world and its infinite possibilities for education and learning. The project also aims to identify how the project will interlink with civil society organizations and other local organizations interested in children's affairs.

3.2.5 CSSP RESEARCH GRANTS

Every year, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) offers research grants to young Egyptian postdoctoral researchers, below 35 years of age, who received their PhD degrees within the past 5 years, or are expecting to complete them within the year of the grant announcement. The

grants cover research in all fields of natural sciences, mathematics and information technology.

To this date, a total of 31 researchers have been accepted and subsequently granted the BA Research Grants. The whole application procedure for the research grants takes place online. A blind review process follows to evaluate each proposal. The Reviewing Committee currently comprises 90 international reviewers, representing all areas of research.

3.2.6 EMBASSIES OF KNOWLEDGE (MINYA, GOUNA)

Owing to the advanced technology deployed by ISIS, it became possible to extend the services of the Library to geographically remote locations throughout Egypt, thus allowing many more users to take advantage of the Library's different facilities. El-Gouna Library, which is the product of a private sector initiative and El-Minya Library, which has been established within El Minya University are the two embassies of knowledge created so far, to host a wide selection of the BA's digital output and to replicate the full functionalities of the BA including the speed of access, multimedia resources, and in addition to having a privilege in utilizing the Supercomputer as part of the BA network.

3.2.7 ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF EGYPTIAN YOUTH IN PUBLIC LIFE

The project, implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), generally aims to include youth in public life, to disseminate, support and enhance the culture of social responsibility and motivate them to positively lead the process of social change for a better future. This was done via workshops, youth camps, sport encounters, and cultural encounters, using non-traditional methods to allow for democracy, teamwork, and tolerance of others' views.

3.2.8 DEVELOPMENT OF UPPER EGYPT VILLAGES

Resource Development Programs for Youth have been implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) since 1998. The programs provide new job opportunities for youth within or outside of the programs, in addition to the establishment of 22 youth clubs.

3.3 NETWORKING AND ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIC ACTION

3.3.1 INFO MALL

The Arab Info Mall (<http://arabinfomall.bibalex.org>), is a website established by the Arab Reform Forum to enable NGOs and Civil

Society Organizations (CSOs) to present their activities and observe the achievements of others at national, regional and international levels.

The Arab Info Mall hosts organizations from all over the world and classifies them based on more than 15 themes, including community services, cross-cultural dialogue, education, health awareness, human rights, political participation, sustainable development, youth employment, micro-credit, population, and housing, to mention only a few.

3.3.2 WORKSHOP “DEFINING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES”

Following the “University Governance” Conference (March 2007), the Arab Reform Forum and the Ford Foundation held a series of workshops to study university governance in Egypt.

This workshop discussed the rules and regulations that governed educational institutions. It highlighted the role the private sector plays in the educational process and stressed the importance of defining the rules that best fit the spirit of the 21st century university education.

3.3.3 EXCHANGE OF YOUTH VISITS BETWEEN THE RED CRESCENT AND RED CROSS SOCIETIES

Throughout the years 2004–2009, visits were exchanged creating an environment of cooperation, mutual understanding, and alleviation of barriers and boundaries. During these visits, youth attended many meetings, training sessions, leadership camps, and workshops held by the Red Crescent and Red Cross Societies at international level.

3.3.4 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, THE SUZANNE MUBARAK COMPOUND

In 2005, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) established a section of the compound dedicated to awareness and youth activities.

3.4 ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

3.4.I EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF YOUTH

3.4.I.I Summer Programs for Youth and Children

Every year from June until the end of August, the YP and CH Libraries hold many motivating summer activities, programs and competitions. The summer program includes story-telling events, puppet shows, reading

competitions, computer classes, as well as workshops developing arts, crafts and animation skills. Some workshops focused on disseminating knowledge like the Arabic calligraphy and hieroglyphics workshops. One of the featured programs held at the YP Library is “The Youth Parliament” which is a simulation parliament where youth can openly voice their beliefs, opinions, suggestions and comments on current issues like education, reading, drugs, environmental issues and so on in a democratic and pluralistic mode. This aims to foster critical thinking, observation skills, and the ability to express opinions freely and to listen to others’ ideas within a viable framework.

3.4.1.2 Outreach Programs for Children and Youth

To cater to the learning needs of younger people, the Bibliotheca Alexandria held the CH and YP 2007–2008 school programs in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and with the cooperation of numerous language schools, as well as elementary and secondary schools in Alexandria and Cairo. School programs included a variety of activities such as research skills courses, computer classes, fun-with-science workshops, book talks, quizzes and reading competitions.

3.4.1.3 Society Development and Public Awareness

“Celebrate with the World” is one of the featured programs at the Children’s (CH), Young People’s (YP) Libraries as well as the Taha Hussein Library for the visually impaired. The program is a series of organized events and activities for children, youth, and families with different disabilities or unprivileged children to celebrate together international holidays, in an attempt to promote social inclusion among children with disabilities and underprivileged children, to raise public awareness of their rights and to recognize the achievements of persons with disabilities and their contributions to society.

3.4.2 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT (YES)

YES-Egypt network is established, managed, and developed by youth. It offers volunteering services, scholarships, workshops, educating sessions and conferences. All YES programs are based on the values of free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity. The YES campaign works to ensure two essential goals: to build the capacity of young people to create sustainable livelihoods, and to establish an entrepreneurial culture where

young people work towards self-employment. The YES conference took place in Alexandria in 2007, and in Azerbaijan in 2008. It is planned to take place in Sweden in 2010.

3.4.3 YOUTH FOR CHANGE PROJECT

The “Youth for Change” project was established by the Arab Reform Forum in direct cooperation with Taking IT Global, to help youth from all over the world to interconnect with their counterparts in the MENA region, and to become inspired, informed and involved in issues that mutually affect them.

A pilot project was set up in 2008 focusing on 10 priority countries in the MENA region. 15 young Arabs were chosen to receive grants of approximately US\$600 to assist them in carrying out their projects. They were also offered e-courses, along with discussion forums and live chats with active youth who have had experience in implementing community action projects.

Five of the winners were chosen to attend the 4th World Youth Congress “Regeneration 2008” in Quebec, Canada, to provide them with more exposure. All project participants were invited to the Arab Youth Forum in 2009 at the BA. They presented what they achieved through the Youth for Change project, and discussed their successes, challenges and hopes for the region and the world.

Following the success of the pilot project in 2008, the project is now being implemented at the BA as an annual event, a core initiative provided to the Arab youth by the BA and Taking IT Global.

3.4.4 YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING (YESBU)

Youth for Environmental Sustainability and Better Understanding (YESBU) started with a program introduced by Lund University in Sweden aimed at young people between 14 and 17 years old. In Egypt, it took off from the Youth and Environment Conference with about 50 students from Alexandria. This number has now reached several thousands.

YESBU is an internet-based, interactive distant-learning course in different projects, involving basic knowledge of environmental problems and sustainable development. It is held in cooperation with the Ministry of Education.

At the age of 18, YESBU members join the League of Young Masters (LYM).

In 2008, enthusiastic LYM members (who are all university students) decided, with the support of the University of Alexandria, to create “Safwa” (distinguished) groups in each faculty, and the BA has helped furnish small computer centers for each established Safwa group.

3.4.5 PROMOTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In order to be a center of excellence in the production and dissemination of knowledge and to be a place of dialogue, learning and understanding among nations and cultures, the BA puts forward the necessity of opening windows for younger generations to knowledge and learning. Such a mission is achieved by the cooperative efforts of the Children’s (CH) and the Young People’s (YP) libraries, on the one hand, and the Depository Library, on the other. Numerous activities have been delivered to create an inspiring environment for younger generations to access knowledge.

3.4.5.1 Alexandria International Model United Nations (AIMUN)

The BA has been holding the AIMUN program for the past four years. It is a non-formal educational method that represents the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (UNPC). The activity is an outstanding opportunity for young adults to focus on international issues of concern. AIMUN participants are usually given intensive training where they discuss issues related to international law, international organizations, the UN mission statement, international economics, sustainable development, diplomatic arts, communication skills and strategic planning.

3.4.5.2 JEF Europe’s Exhibition, Europeanvibes at the BA (for the Young European Federalists)

JEF Europe is a European Youth NGO with an estimated 35,000 members across 30 countries. Europeanvibes is JEF Europe’s main contribution to this project. It is an online multimedia competition that utilizes an online sharing platform to display and communicate the contributions of individuals throughout Europe.

Sharing in innovative global e-communication paradigms, “Europeanvibes”, JEF Europe’s exhibition was hosted by the BA’s Young People’s Library on 18 November 2007. The BA hosted an exhibition of the winning

entries of this competition introducing our children and youth to other cultures around the globe.

- 3.4.6 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, RECYCLING PROJECT
In 2005, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), in cooperation with the Sawiris Foundation, established a plant for recycling garbage. Many youth from El Nahda community were trained and hired to run the plant.
- 3.4.7 SCHOOL CHILDREN TRAINING PROJECT
Implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) during 2008–2009, the project aims to increase the awareness of school children on issues related to health and safety, and developing the basic skills that help them protect themselves and others. The children were trained on first aid, facing emergencies, traffic safety, and correct health habits, via training courses, publications and edutainment.
- 3.5 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN’S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
- 3.5.1 SMWIPM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH NETWORK, 2007–2012 AND BEYOND (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
A key dimension of the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) is dedicated to amplifying the energy, ingenuity and imagination of young people, and enabling them to participate as active partners in peace-building efforts. The Youth Network, launched as an outcome of the SMWIPM International Youth Forum, works to support and empower youth network members by creating platforms for dialogue and exchange, as well as organizing workshops and providing training opportunities to enhance their capacity to build peace by mainstreaming values such as justice, tolerance, cooperation and equality in the pattern of behavior, communication and perception of their societies.
- 3.5.2 “THE POWER OF YOUTH FOR PEACE” INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FORUM
The Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized a three-day International Youth Forum in Sharm El Sheikh, 1–3 September 2007, under the banner “Youth Speak, We Listen!” This event, which was inspired, organized and run by youth, highlighted the visions, energy, wisdom and the determination of over

800 incredible young leaders from 100 different countries. Through frank dialogues and debates, young people connected and shared experiences and ideas on ways to eliminate violence and build a more peaceful and sustainable world. As an outcome of this event, the SMWIPM launched its International Youth Network and the Cyber Peace Initiative with various international partners.

3.5.3 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS, EXCHANGES AND INTERNSHIPS, 2008–2012 (ONGOING)

3.5.3.1 Atlantic Wilton Park Youth Forum, 4–8 August 2008, United Kingdom

As a strong incentive to its Youth Network members, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) provides them with opportunities for dialogue, fellowships and exposure at international fora. The SMWIPM selected Sara Sherif, a member of its Youth Network, to participate in the Atlantic Wilton Park Youth Forum in the UK, from 4 to 8 August 2008. The event brought together over 40 participants, aged 18–24 years, to exchange perspectives on timely topics. Discussion themes ranged from using sports as an effective agent of social change to the importance of enhancing intercultural dialogue in today's increasingly globalized world.

3.5.3.2 4th World Youth Congress, 10–21 August 2008, Canada

The Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) selected two Youth Network members, Kholoud Hussein and Ahmed Ragab El Kotby, to participate in the World Youth Congress (WYC) in Quebec, Canada, from 10 to 21 August 2008. The WYC is known for providing an excellent platform of communication for today's dynamic youth leaders working in all fields of development. It also helps to shape international policy by documenting and showing governments what young people are doing to achieve the Millennium development goals. One of the most beneficial aspects of this congress is that it gives participants the opportunity to join forces to undertake hands-on community action projects in the host country.

3.5.4 SAFER INTERNET DAY BLOGATHON

On the occasion of the Safer Internet Day, members of the Cyber Peace Initiative (CPI) Youth Internet Safety Focus Group (Net-Aman)

participated in an international Blogathon on 12 February 2008, stimulating discussions on the impact of ICT tools on young people's lives and the need to ensure their safety online.

- 3.5.5 ITU TELECOM AFRICA YOUTH FORUM, CYBER PEACE CAMP
On the occasion of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecom Africa Youth Forum, a Cyber Peace Camp was organized for over 30 youth network members in Cairo, Egypt, from 7 to 15 May 2008. The Camp featured dynamic, educational and fun based activities designed to promote cross-cultural learning and peace-building skills. Participants received training on conflict management, leadership skills, entrepreneurship and learned about the status of information and communication technology in Africa and joined their African peers in the ITU youth forum sessions.
- 3.5.6 GET-IT GUIDANCE COURSE
Under the umbrella of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Hewlett-Packard International signed a strategic partnership agreement with the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) to work together on the HP "Graduate Entrepreneurship Training through IT" (GET-IT) program in Egypt. The GET-IT Guidance Course was conducted from 26 to 30 October 2009. This initiative focuses on providing young people with ICT training to help them to increase their career opportunities and start their own businesses. To date, eleven members of the SMWIPM Youth Network have received training.
- 3.5.7 CULTURE OF PEACE PROGRAM IN YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS IN ABOU-KIR
(Refer to 1.24.13).
- 3.5.8 WHERE THERE IS PEACE THERE IS HOPE INITIATIVE
From August to September 2009, during the Muslim Holy month of Ramadan, Youth Network members initiated the Culture of Peace Education Program in two orphanages in Cairo, Egypt. Twice a week, forty young people from Dar El Fustat and Dar El Amal orphanages were given a two-hour session full of fun and capacity building activities designed to enhance their confidence and self-esteem, as well as their communication and cooperation skills.

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- 3.5.9 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH HE PRESIDENT JORGE SAMPAIO
- On 26 October 2009, the League of Arab States hosted a roundtable discussion with HE Jorge Sampaio, former President of Portugal and UN High Commissioner of the Alliance of Civilizations (AoC) and staff and Youth Network members of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM). The aim of event was to exchange information on the Alliance of Civilizations and SMWIPM initiatives and activities, as well as to find cooperation opportunities between the two associations. During this event, presentations were made by the Youth Network members on the SMWIPM Culture of Peace Education Program, the Cyber Peace Initiative and the SMWIPM focus on youth participation.
- 3.5.10 ONLINE RADIO TRAINING INITIATIVE - SMWIPM YOUTH NETWORK (ONGOING PROGRAM)
- The Youth Network members of the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) are currently working on developing an online radio program with the mission to inspire young people to work for peace and development in their communities. In preparation for this initiative, Youth Network members are working with experts in the field to gain a better understanding of how a successful radio show is created and run using the latest technology.

4 MEDIA

Five sets of activities are interconnected:

- 4.I REACHING THE PUBLIC
To use the existing conventional media to disseminate the values of Human Rights and more generally of the CoP and thereby serve the long-term interests of the AoC.
- 4.I.I RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS THROUGH THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS PERTAINING TO HUMAN RIGHTS. ANNUAL EVENTS INCLUDE:
 - 4.I.I.I Sailing the Nile 2008 and Stand Up against Poverty Campaigns
The United Nations in Egypt and the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood in collaboration with the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Depository Library launch their annual campaign of “Sailing the Nile for the Millennium Development Goals” at the BA. The 2008 edition of Sailing the Nile had two main objectives: to raise awareness on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) eight years after the Millennium Declaration; and to enhance civil society participation in efforts to achieve the MDGs through volunteerism.
Stand up against Poverty is another event that takes place at the BA where about 1,000 participants come together and physically stand up to remind their governments that promises to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and help the billions living in extreme poverty by 2015, must be kept.
 - 4.I.I.2 International Human Rights Day
Each year, the BA celebrates the International Human Rights day, marking the issuance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by

the UN General Assembly in December 1948. The celebration includes workshops identifying the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and discussing its items.

- 4.I.I.3 **White Cane Day and People with Disabilities Day**
The BA Taha Hussein Library for the Blind and Visually Impaired organized a celebration entitled “The International White Cane Day” in 2008. The aim of the celebration was to raise public awareness towards the rights of blind individuals and the challenges facing them. The “International Day for People with Disabilities” was also celebrated. This is an event which aims at promoting awareness of the needs of physically and mentally challenged children, and the important proactive role of a society seeking equal rights and social inclusion for them.
- 4.I.I.4 **Annual International Peace Pals Art Exhibition and Awards**
In 2007, the Young people’s Library (YP) participated in the 10th Annual International Peace Pals Art Exhibition and Awards. With the aid of librarians, participants searched for information on specific themes and expressed their understanding through works of art. The theme in 2007 was using media and technology as a tool to establish a peaceful world. Thousands of children from many countries participated in the exhibition, and our young Library members were among the top 100 winners in this outstanding international gathering. (Refer to 2.1.5).
- 4.I.2 **ORGANIZING SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS FOR THE PUBLIC**
These are webcast and some are broadcast through regular television. Recent events include:
- 4.I.2.1 **The North Africa and Middle East Regional Consultation on Sustainable Security**
The Institute for Peace Studies (IPS), affiliated to Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement, hosted by the BA, and in collaboration with the Oxford Research Group, held a roundtable discussion entitled “Regional Consultation on Sustainable Security in the Middle East and North Africa” in 2008, to study the threats to the region in the political, economic, social and environmental areas.
- 4.I.2.2 **Violence in Egyptian Society Workshop**
On 28 December 2008, the Institute for Peace Studies (IPS) held a workshop on “Violence in Egyptian Society”. Twenty-seven participants

attended the workshop and discussed the forms, sources and manifestations of violence in Egyptian society.

4.1.2.3 Annual Arab Youth Conference “Media, Democracy and Social Responsibility”

The Arab Reform Forum organized the Annual Arab Reform Conference in the BA, during March 2008 entitled “Media, Democracy and Social Responsibility”. The Conference addressed themes such as the limits to freedom of expression, protecting individuals and protecting religious beliefs, the relation between democracy and freedom of press, citizenship rights, community rights of minorities, disadvantaged and vulnerable groups within society, and development of media techniques, civil society participation, and democratic practices.

4.1.2.4 Annual Arab Youth Forum “Youth and the Role of the Media in Realizing a Culture of Peace, Security and Development”
(Refer to 1.5).

4.1.3 ESTABLISHING A FUTURE STRATEGY FOR ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE

A future strategy for activating the role of the Media in the participation of women in political life was established till 2010. Accordingly, the National Council for Women initiated a program entitled “Towards an Active and Effective Woman” to be implemented in cooperation with the Cultural Palaces and Nile Centers for Media. The program includes a number of public encounters covering the Egyptian governorates, aiming to achieve a connection between the National Council for Women and all society levels, identify the challenges facing the political participation of women in reality and ways of overcoming these challenges, and prepare female cadres capable of undergoing elections.

4.2 HELPING MEDIA PROFESSIONALS

To improve the ability of the Media to perform its desired role as guarantor of transparency and accountability and as a reliable source of information on other cultures.

4.2.1 HOW THE MEDIA SHAPES OUR VIEWS (TRANSPARENT MEDIA)

The BA Media Department has been planning to portray several points of views currently presented in the Media. After analyzing how cultures

are presented, the department will release articles and contact television stations to discuss how revealing cultures can be improved, thus making our media a reliable source of information.

4.2.2 TRAINING MEDIA PROFESSIONALS (THE BA, PRESS SYNDICATE, FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS PROGRAM)

In a joint program, the BA and the Press Syndicate have developed a course aimed at training young correspondents. The trainees have been receiving training on the fundamentals of journalism and Media ethics. Such training programs are designed to prepare future Media leaders and improve their abilities by granting them the opportunity to gain hands-on experience, and, eventually, be able to abolish the term “clash of civilizations”.

4.2.3 INFORMATIVE MEDIA (SALON AL-QAHIRA, BA TV SCIENCE SERIES)

The BA has been providing media that aims to be open and not debatable, presenting concepts in a rational and reliable manner. The BA has been working on reaching this goal through sponsoring a weekly TV program broadcasted on national television entitled “Salon Al Qahira” which presents composite issues in a cultural dialogue based on reason.

4.2.4 SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

The Media Department has been planning seminars covering the topics of “Freedom and Responsibilities of the Press” and “Freedom of Expression and Speech in Egypt”. These seminars will discuss several types of newspapers and different TV programs in relation to freedom of speech in terms of limitations and rights. Additionally, the new forms of Media including Internet websites and common sources of communication like Facebook need to be included. The Department is also in the process of establishing an FM station broadcast from the BA which will play a vital role in portraying the concept of freedom of the press and expression in Egypt.

4.2.4.1 Freedom and Responsibilities of the Press (Ongoing Seminars)

With the increase of newspapers nowadays, the BA Media Department will be discussing the concept of freedom of the Media. The Department will make use of its powerful relationship with the press to review the advantages and disadvantages of the concept. In a joint venture with independent newspapers, including El Masry Elyom and El Sherouk, a

planned debate will be carried out to discuss the limitations and rights of the media.

- 4.2.4.2 Conference “Beacon for Freedom of Expression”
Committed to be a forum for free debate and dialogue, the BA Dialogue Forum organizes conferences and seminars on topics of relevance to Egypt, the Arab region and the world.
The Beacon for Freedom of Expression conference raised awareness of issues and challenges surrounding freedom of expression, including the law and access to information.
- 4.2.4.3 Conference “The Role of Libraries in Freedom of Expression, Tolerance, and Access to Information”
The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), in association with the Egyptian Library Association (ELA), the Arab Federation for Libraries and Information (AFLI) and IFLA’s Center for Arabic Speaking Libraries and Information Institutions at the BA, organized its Regional Conference on “The Role of Libraries in Freedom of Expression, Tolerance, and Access to Information” at the BA during October 2008. The Conference analyzed the role libraries play in promoting freedom of expression and tolerance, and created a wider awareness of the activities undertaken by libraries to safeguard human rights and promote tolerance for the ‘other’.
- 4.2.4.4 Annual Arab Reform Conference “Media, Democracy and Social Responsibility”
(Refer to 4.1.2.3).
- 4.2.5 FREEDOM OF THE MEDIA—INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
The BA Dialogue Forum organized a seminar in 2008, entitled “Dilemmas of the Contemporary Opposition Press”. The presentations were on the limits of freedom of press, freedom of expression and criticism, and how journalists exploit the authority of press to express their opinions. How the opposition press can serve as a tool for dialogue, criticism and guidance was also discussed.
- 4.2.6 MEDIA WATCH UNIT
The National Council for Women (NCW) inaugurated the Media Observatory Project on 27 April 2004, based on the agreement of

cooperation signed with the UNICEF on 12 February 2004, according to which a “media observatory” was established. The project aims to observe and analyze everything that is published on women via the different Media, whether negatively or positively, in order to reach comprehensive results that can be used to change wrong cultural heritage related to women in the society, which negatively affect them. These results can also manifest the positive image of women which would eventually enable them to perform their social, cultural, economic and political roles. The project observed periodical and quarterly reports on the evolution of the image of women in the different Media (radio, television, and press), and the “Media Watch Unit at the National Council for Women” strategy, which focused on establishing an intellectual and programmatic pattern through which the efforts of the NCW, together with the different Media, are coordinated to reach a positive media protocol in dealing with women issues that would help them overcome the challenges preventing them from total positive participation in development. As of July 2008 and until now, the second phase of the project continues to implement training programs.

4.2.7 SOCIAL MEDIA PROGRAM “THINK TWICE”

The program was implemented from 2003 to 2007 via the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program and the Italian Government, and with the participation of a number of civil society organizations. The program aimed to improve the social environment for Egyptian children, develop their decision making capabilities, and enable them to make use of the opportunities available via direct and indirect Media.

The work plan of the program had several components. The first component was the Media campaigns that focused on specific issues, such as children with special needs, child labor, street children, early marriage, female circumcision, drug addiction, AIDS, family communication, the participation of youth in decision making, and the political empowerment of girls. The second component was social initiatives, via partnerships with groups of young volunteers from nine participating non-governmental organizations from seven Egyptian governorates, to create and disseminate awareness of children’s rights issues at the local level, through photography, graffiti, puppets, and animations. In addition, local awareness campaigns were implemented

at schools, universities, youth centers, and cultural palaces. The third component was institutional building and support of capabilities. This was manifested in the first national level survey to determine youth aspirations and views in different fields, in addition to the institutional support for the Media Unit within the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, via a plan to upgrade the efficiency of those in the Media field at the Council, establishing a website for the Council in both Arabic and English, and covering the important events and conferences adopted by the Council, Media-wise. The program also conducted a series of seminars and workshops for those in the Media specializing in the production of children's program for the Egyptian Television.

4.3 HARNESING THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION

The program initiative is to engage Egyptians in using the new media (Internet and digital challenge).

4.3.1 WIKIMANIA AND THE ARABIC WIKIPEDIA

In July 2008, the Bibliotheca Alexandrina co-organized and hosted the Fourth Annual Wikimedia Conference, Wikimania 2008; a joint endeavor between the Wikimedia Foundation and the BA. The conference acted as a gathering place of wiki-interested parties from different parts of the world to discuss various wiki projects, their possible evolution as well as free educational content. After the conference, the BA hosted the Arabic Wikipedia Day. Both events gave a good boost to the Arabic Wikipedia and encouraged many users to share and edit which yielded a notable increase in the number of Arabic articles online from 70,000 articles in July 2008 up to more than 100,000 Arabic articles to date.

4.3.2 MILLION BOOK PROJECT

Initiated by Carnegie Mellon University with around 22 other partners worldwide, the primary long-term objective of this project is to transfer all books into digital format in partnerships with other scanning centers internationally, in order to create a Universal Digital Library (UDL) which will foster creativity and free access to human knowledge. By November 2008, the 1.6 million mark was already passed and the collection published and made available at www.ulib.org. Within the framework of the Million Book Project, the BA is taking the lead in scanning and digitizing Arabic books, and the Arabic collection has now reached

over 130,000 digital searchable Arabic books, consequently rendering the BA the creator of the largest Arabic Digital Library worldwide. It is worth mentioning that the BA is continuously increasing the number of digitized books to include the whole Library collection.

4.3.3 DEVELOPMENT GATEWAY

The BA, in partnership with the World Bank, has created the Arabic Development Gateway to promote development by building partnerships and information systems that provide access to knowledge for development. The Gateway offers users access to the most comprehensive database of development projects, an international procurement marketplace and knowledge sharing on key development topics. The project is set on three phases, two of which have been executed and the third phase is in progress.

4.3.4 UNIVERSAL NETWORKING LANGUAGE (UNL)

The mission of the UNL program, initiated within the United Nations and devised by the Universal Networking Digital Language (UNDL) Foundation, is to enable all people to generate information and have access to cultural knowledge in their native languages. To date, 15 languages have been involved and a number of institutions have started to work on their respective native languages. The BA has signed an agreement with UNDL foundation to host the Ibrahim Shihata Arabic-UNL Center (ISAUC). The Center is funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD). ISAUC will play the major role in designing and implementing the Arabic component in the development of this language and will act as an active language center for Arabic.

4.4 PROMOTING SELF-ESTEEM AT HOME AND NEW UNDERSTANDING ABROAD

The aim is to use the best media to enhance self-esteem at home and promote better inter-cultural understanding. Self-esteem is particularly important to avoid social pathologies and to mobilize feelings of belonging and solidarity in society.

4.4.I CULTNAT DIGITAL PROJECTS FOR DOCUMENTING EGYPT'S HERITAGE

The Center for Documentation of Cultural and Natural Heritage (CULTNAT) and IBM have been working on a project known as

Eternal Egypt. The centerpiece of Eternal Egypt is a trilingual website (English, French and Arabic) that offers the most robust repository of information and media on Egyptian cultural history available on the web today using the best multimedia technology available. The website has recently started the second phase translating the whole content to Spanish and Italian.

The Eternal Egypt project has been recognized around the world for its contributions to the fields of cultural heritage management, Egyptology, web design, and technology. The website was chosen as the “World’s Best E-content” by the World Summit Award (WSA).

4.4.2 MEMORY OF MODERN EGYPT

Memory of Modern Egypt digital archive is a vast digital repository containing more than 60,000 items of various digitized material documenting the last 200 years of Egypt’s modern history. The collection spans 14 different media types representing a remarkable reference for specialized historians, students and common users. The repository is designed to be open-ended in order to accommodate the continuous expansion of data.

4.4.3 ARAB INFO MALL

The Arab Info Mall (<http://arabinfomall.bibalex.org>), is a tri-lingual website (Arabic, English and French) established by the Arab Reform Forum to reinforce democracy, freedom, peace and dialogue by giving registered Arab and international organizations a chance to present their projects and activities, allowing them to widely disseminate information on their activities and paving the way for the creation of stronger and more fruitful partnerships. (Refer to 3.3.1).

4.4.4 ISIS DIGITAL PROJECTS (DESCRIPTION DE L’EGYPTE, EGYPT PRESIDENTS’ ARCHIVAL COLLECTION)

The BA strives to participate in the world-wide efforts to develop and promote strategies and standards for creating and maintaining sustainable and scalable digital collections. Hence, the International School of Information Science (ISIS) developed a valuable digital collection to be a solid reference for students and researchers everywhere. It has created digital archives that document the lives and achievements of the late presidents; Abdel Nasser and El-Sadat, and digitized all issues

of Al-Helal magazine; the oldest cultural journal in the Arab world, and the only regular journal that has been issued for more than a hundred years. Now, the collection is available on 12 DVDs with the required search tools and browsing facilities. The BA has also made available the history of the Suez Canal using the documents and records donated by the Friends of Ferdinand De Lesseps Association. Similarly, "Description de l'Egypte" is now available in a digital searchable format representing a precious addition to the World Digital Library that was launched in April 2007.

4.4.5 DIGITAL MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY

The project aims at publishing the rarest and most precious manuscript treasures of Arabic heritage in a digital form. Through this library, viewers can read the entire manuscripts page by page, with the aid of state-of-the-art browsing. The large collection includes seven rare manuscripts selected from the Alexandria Municipal Library manuscript collection (currently held by the BA); six rare codices held by Uppsala University Library in Sweden; manuscripts selected from St. Catherine Monastery in Sinai, as well as seven rarities from the Royal Swedish Library's collection.

4.4.6 EXCHANGES OF PROGRAMS ON MANUSCRIPTS

This ambitious project aims to enable the BA to acquire the largest number of microfilmed and digital copies of Arabic manuscript collections worldwide.

The project was initiated with a primary target of 100,000 manuscripts. To date, the Manuscript Center has fulfilled 48% of the set target. The British Library presented the BA with a comprehensive collection of 14,000 manuscript copies of its Arabic, Persian, and Turkish manuscripts. It is the biggest collection in Europe, and this is the largest manuscript donation to the BA to date. The Escorial Library has also donated copies of its entire Arabic manuscript collection. This was donated by HM Queen Sofia of Spain. A paper catalog was released with descriptive records of 3,084 manuscripts, instead of the 1,954 manuscripts indicated in the original Escorial Catalog. The Center is currently working on the release of a comprehensive electronic database of the collection to facilitate its accessibility, and to present a copy to the Escorial Library within the cooperation framework of the two institutions.

- 4.4.7 ALEXANDRIA BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS (ALEX MED)
 The Alexandria and Mediterranean Research Center (Alex Med) researches the tangible and intangible heritage of Alexandria and the Mediterranean, in order to document the city's multicultural past and revive its spirit of tolerance. Its Monograph Series focuses on subjects related to Alexandria, its history, society and culture. The monographs also include memoirs and autobiographies of personalities linked to the city.
- OMAR TOUSSOUN: Prince of Alexandria, the first in the Alex Med Monograph Series, is devoted to Prince Omar Toussoun, who acquired a legendary status as a nationalist, scholar, man of action, patron of many of Alexandria's societies, agricultural reformer and archeologist.
- THE ZOGHEBS: An Alexandrian saga portraying the lifestyles of the aristocratic foreign communities of Alexandria from the nineteenth to the middle of the twentieth century. A French speaking Catholic family of Syrian origins, the Zoghebs moved for generations in the wealthy circles of cosmopolitan Alexandria, until the day came when their world was changed forever.
- MY ALEXANDRIA: Poems and Prose by the Irish poet and professor Desmond O'Grady (1935–) moved to Alexandria in the late 1970s to teach and write. He followed Callimachus, Cavafy and Durrell through the streets of the city, and wrote poems and memoirs about his own impressions of the Alexandria immortalized by writers.
- FROM CAMP CAESAR TO CLEOPATRA'S POOL: A Swiss Childhood in Alexandria 1934–1950, brings Esther Zimmerli Hardman's memoirs to the English-reading public. The monograph evokes the life of a Swiss family and community with its traditions, blending into the cosmopolitan Alexandria of the early twentieth century.
- 4.5 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
- 4.5.1 CYBER PEACE INITIATIVE, 2007–2011 WITH POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (ONGOING PROGRAM)
 Recognizing the development potential of Information and Communication Technology and its great appeal to young people, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) launched the Cyber Peace Initiative (CPI) as an outcome of its 2007 Youth Forum

in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt with various international partners. CPI rests on a “Culture of Shared Responsibility”, complementing other ICT-driven initiatives, such as ICT for Development, ICT for Health, and ICT for Education. It works to enable young people to tap into the infinite power of information and communications technology in fostering peace. An integral part of the initiative is focused on the topic of Internet Safety.

- 4.5.2 TRAINING ON INTERNET SAFETY, JANUARY 2008–DECEMBER 2011
Since the launch of the Cyber Peace Initiative, the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) has engaged experts from Childnet International to empower the youth internet safety focus group, also known as Net-Aman, and the parent focus group to become effective agents for the promotion of e-safety. To ground their work in reality, members of Net-Aman were encouraged to identify the risks associated with the use of the internet in Egypt, by conducting a survey applied to approximately 800 young people. They were also encouraged to develop an awareness raising program to be implemented in various NGOs, schools, libraries and mobile tele-centers. Similarly, the parent focus group has been actively disseminating tips and information on internet safety.
- 4.5.3 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE “YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE INTERNET AND MOBILE AGE: SAFE AND EMPOWERED!”
The Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized an ICT safety conference entitled “Young People in the Internet and Mobile Age: Safe and Empowered!” in March 2008. The event helped launch a serious dialogue between multiple stakeholders about the positive and negative features of Internet and mobile technologies. It also served to showcase best practices, tools and legal mechanisms that are being used in Egypt and the rest of the world to reduce the risks presented by the Internet while maximizing their power for building peace and human security. During this event, HE Suzanne Mubarak officially launched the CPI youth and parent focus groups on Internet safety with the mission to raise awareness about the benefits and mechanisms of E-safety through educational campaigns and community programs.

- 4.5.4 **CYBER PEACE INITIATIVE FAMILY TOOL KIT**
On 10 February 2009, the Cyber Peace Initiative (CPI), affiliated to the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM), launched a family tool kit on Internet safety, based on the EU's own Insafe family tool kit, which encompasses awareness booklets for parents and children on Internet safety, a glossary of key Internet terminology, as well as a family certificate and a set of games for children. In terms of publications, CPI also launched a CD booklet "Internet Safety Resources Kit" in cooperation with Microsoft, containing research on Internet safety and best practices from all over the world.
- 4.5.5 **PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
On 23 November 2008, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized a panel discussion on Human Trafficking with Goodwill Ambassador Julia Ormond and Michael Cory Davis, two internationally acclaimed actors who have been tirelessly using the power of the media to raise awareness about human trafficking.
- 4.5.6 **PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH UNICEF GOODWILL AMBASSADOR ACTRESS LUCY LIU - END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW! CAMPAIGN**
On 11 November 2009, the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) organized a screening of the film "Red Light"; a documentary narrated and produced by UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador actress Lucy Liu focusing on the issue of child exploitation (in Cambodia). The film was followed by a panel discussion.
- 4.5.7 **ONLINE RADIO TRAINING INITIATIVE - SMWIPM YOUTH NETWORK (ONGOING PROGRAM)**
(Refer to 3.5.10).

5 WOMEN

5.1 THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

5.1.1 FEMALE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS PROJECT

This program was preceded by an experimental project, implemented through NGOs. Some 600 women benefited from small loans to carry out small income-generating projects, mostly agricultural (sheep and goat breeding, poultry, etc.), groceries, dress making. The results of the project were assessed, and modifications were introduced, based on the lessons learned from this phase. Guidelines were prepared to enhance the capacity of the NGOs involved in the initiative and to streamline the criteria for selection of the NGOs and the grant recipients, as well as the work procedures.

5.1.2 MULTIFACETED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MINYA

One of the most important projects established by the National Council of Women (NCW) is the Minya Multifaceted Development Project. It is a key project implemented in five villages of the governorate of Minya based on a cooperation agreement with the Italian Aid Agency. The project started its work by creating a network for the sharing of experiences between the Egyptian government, international institutions, line ministries and NCW branch in Minya. In view of the important role of NGOs in implementing the project, 13 NGOs were selected to participate in its activities.

5.1.3 WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Women Business Development Center "WBDC" is a non-profit self-sustainable resource center, established under the umbrella of the

National Council for Women (NCW). It was created to empower women economically by assisting them in sharpening their skills and enhancing their performance.

WBDC conducted 40 events and workshops to build awareness of small and medium enterprises. It has built a database for 500 Egyptian women entrepreneurs and provided business consulting to 1,600 women, and its training department provides quality training at reasonable costs for women entrepreneurs and fresh graduates.

5.1.4 SMALL GRANTS PROJECT

The project is being implemented through a number of NGOs. About 600 women benefited from the project in its first phase. This project was conducted in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.

5.1.5 WORKING WOMEN PROGRAM

Syndicates and Equal Opportunity Units are key elements of this program. These were established in 32 ministries to ensure equality between men and women, in addition to ensuring that women's constitutional rights in the workplace are observed.

5.1.6 RURAL WOMEN PROGRAM

This program, implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), provides training sessions for rural female leaders in the various governorates of Egypt with the purpose of developing their skills. It also studies the problems facing rural women and proposes solutions to solve them.

5.1.7 DEVELOPMENT OF UPPER EGYPT VILLAGES

Resource Development Programs for Women and Women Clubs have been implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) since 1998, assisting in the dissemination of health, social and cultural awareness, which had a great effect on the social status of women in Upper Egypt.

5.1.8 DEVELOPMENT OF ZEINHOM AREA

In 2007, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) established the Cultural Social Center for Women. The center provides training seminars for women and classes for eradication of illiteracy.

5.1.9 HANDCRAFTS AS AN ECONOMICAL GATEWAY TO DEVELOPMENT

For the empowerment of women in rural area, it was necessary to find an approach that respects the prevailing customs. Thus, projects were designed

to provide young women with skills to increase their income-generating opportunities and at the same time preserve traditional handicrafts and culture. This was done by training 800 girls; 200 from each of the governorates of Assiut, Sohag, Northern Sinai and Mersa Matrouh. In addition, 16 trainers from each governorate were also trained. Technical support is still being provided for the trainees via the branches of the National Council for Women in the said governorates. The 2006 Global Summit of Women in Egypt was also a unique opportunity to showcase the local handicrafts, and provide international exposure to the trainees and artists, thus opening income-generating opportunities.

5.2 THE SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

5.2.1 HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health and Population, the National Council for Women (NCW) established a program to develop the Galaa Teaching Hospital to create a model institution that offers replicable high quality health services for women. NCW also helps NGOs, civil society and the media raise awareness of the importance of early detection of women-specific ailments. A workshop to raise awareness of the preventive measures to be taken against Avian Flu was organized on the premises of NCW, where experts provided the audience with advice on how to avoid and minimize the risks.

5.2.1.1 Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Egypt

Under the patronage of Egypt's First Lady HE Suzanne Mubarak, Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, in cooperation with the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) and various partners launched on 20 October 2009 various unforgettable events in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

5.2.1.2 Race for the Cure at the Great Pyramids of Egypt

On 24 October 2009, more than 6,000 people participated in the 2009 Egypt Race for the Cure organized by the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM), in partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Breast Cancer Foundation of Egypt (BCFE) at the Great Pyramids of Giza. While bringing national and international attention to the disease, the Race for the Cure was also designed to serve as a healing event for breast cancer survivors and their

families and friends, and a positive step of people joining forces to beat the disease.

5.2.2 LITERACY PROGRAM

In cooperation with the Social Research Studies of the American University in Cairo, the National Council for Women (NCW) has initiated a pilot project to set up a database comprising the numbers and the names of the illiterate persons, including women. It covered around 350,000 families, in the governorate of Fayoum. This database provides detailed information on gender, age, enrollment rates in literacy classes, and dropout rates in villages and hamlets. It also includes details of the number of unemployed graduates in order to recruit or involve them as service providers in the literacy classes. The project also covered the governorate of Qalyoubiya.

5.2.3 THE NATIONAL DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION CARD PROGRAM

The National Council for Women (NCW) has decided to assist disadvantaged women who do not possess identification cards to obtain this important document. Thus, the NCW cooperated with other government authorities to issue birth certificates for women who are not on the official registers, as a pre-requisite to obtaining their IDs, thus, enabling them to benefit from the social services they were deprived from due to the absence of an ID.

Furthermore, the NCW branch offices have been actively launching awareness-raising campaigns to motivate women to obtain their IDs. The NCW also approached the concerned authorities to facilitate the procedures women go through. The NCW and its partners in some cases bore the ID issuing fees for poorer women, and by 30 April 2007, about 1,888,724 women were able to obtain their IDs.

5.2.4 THE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE

The National Council for Women (NCW) was established by Presidential Decree 90/2000 as an autonomous constitutional institution under the President of the Republic. It aims to fulfill the second provision of the Council's mandate that calls for solving the problems facing women. It also acts upon the directives of the NCW President HE Suzanne Mubarak. The Ombudsman Office serves Egyptian women who have encountered any form of discrimination.

- 5.2.5 SUPPORTING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, 2002–2007
The purpose of the project, which was implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), was to overcome the constant increase in population, the lack of awareness and the misconceptions related to family planning and reproductive health, combating early marriage and female circumcision, and identifying the social traits of target families. The project involved the establishment of new clinics, the enhancement of previously established clinics, training of physicians and nurses, training of social leaders and volunteers, providing awareness seminars, and making house calls.
- 5.2.6 THE SHŌKEN PROJECT FOR TRAINING FEMALE HEALTH AWARENESS GUIDES, 2006–2007
The project was to train 200 female health awareness guides who would in turn disseminate health awareness. The project was implemented in affiliation with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).
- 5.2.7 URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN EL NAHDA COMMUNITY, WOMEN CLUBS, SINCE 2005
The clubs, established by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), focused on teaching women new skills, such as weaving carpets and tents, in addition to providing seminars on health and nutrition for women. It also provided day care centers for children.
- 5.2.8 GIRLS' EDUCATION NATIONAL INITIATIVE
The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), in collaboration with 8 UN organizations led by the UNICEF, and other entities activated a national plan to minimize by 2007 the gender gap in primary education by 60% in 7 governorates. The program also aims to empower the most marginalized girls. The initiative adopts the active learning approach which helps learners acquire the skills necessary to actively participate in all issues that affect life. The participating schools focus on the principles of lifelong and self-learning as well as societal participation and democracy.
By the end of 2007, the initiative managed to establish 1,047 girl-friendly schools and enlist 31,410 girls aged between 6 and 13. The initiative also resulted in preparing 48 trainers, train 140 volunteers, and 1,260 members of pedagogic committees. The project also opened 1,076

girl-friendly schools, and enlisted 24,413 girls in them. It also made available school meals, and ensured that all these students received their education for free. The program also laid a complete system for follow-up and evaluation including guidebooks, tools, and databases.

5.2.9 LITERACY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM), in collaboration with the Adult Education Authority, and some universities and higher institutes have created this program with the aim of empowering with literacy girls under 18 who had no school education, along with their brothers and their young mothers. The program also aims to fight poverty, create job opportunities, and provide income to fresh literacy program graduates in rural, deprived and least privileged areas. The program managed to eliminate the illiteracy of 3,890 girls and boys under 18. It has also provided job opportunities, monthly income for 345 families, and training to 20 facilitators in Aswan and Assiut, giving them the necessary knowledge to open computer assisted literacy classes.

5.3 THE POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

5.3.1 WOMEN'S POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Women's participation is crucial to the success of development programs with their various socio-economic, political and cultural dimensions. To enhance women's participation in public and political life, the National Council for Women established a Center for the Political Empowerment of Women (CPEW); an ambitious program consisting of 3 major components: 1) developing women skills to run for parliamentary elections, 2) making the voices of Egyptian women members of parliament heard and 3) raising awareness of the importance of women's participation in political life.

5.3.2 EGYPTIAN WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIAN PROGRAM

During the third workshop of the project organized by the National Council for Women (NCW) in Egypt, Parliament Member Kamal El-Shazly advised the female parliament members in the two houses of the Egyptian Parliament to become involved in the process of the constitutional amendments currently taking place in Egypt. HE Suzanne Mubarak, President of the NCW, in her inaugural speech during the launching of the program, highlighted that it is only through

professionalism and effective performance that the society will realize the importance of women's role in decision-making.

- 5.3.3 ESTABLISHING A FUTURE STRATEGY FOR ACTIVATING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE
(Refer to 4.1.3).

5.4 SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

- 5.4.1 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN

In order to preserve women folklore for the beautiful, moral, and economical values it holds, the National Council for Women and its counterparts called for reviving this form of art, manifested in the "Telly" stitch in the governorates of Assiut and Sohag, the six traditional stitches of the Siwas Oasis, and the stitch of Northern Sinai.

In cooperation with UNESCO and with funds from the Italian Government, a project was designed to provide training for about 800 young women from 4 governorates to promote traditional handicrafts (some of which were about to become extinct). These young women were introduced to the use of technology to gain access to additional training, and they were made aware of how CDs and websites could be used to market their products. The project also helped display these forms of art in local and international exhibitions.

Trainees were given the opportunity to participate in the Middle East Arts and Crafts Exhibition at the Fostat Center, sponsored by UNESCO.

- 5.4.2 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS TO INTEGRATE GENDER INTO DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 5.4.2.1 Gender Mainstreaming in the National Socio-Economic Development Plan

The design of the National Development Plan for the Advancement of Women 2007–2012 was based on a situation assessment of the status of Egyptian women. It created a database that reflects women's real needs, whether in districts, villages, or governorates. Plans were then submitted to the ministries of Economic Development and Local Development and other concerned ministries to integrate them into the 6th Five-year National Socio-Economic Development Plan 2007–2012.

- 5.4.2.2 **Gender-Sensitive Budgeting Project**
A gender-sensitive budget is one of the most important means to ensure bridging the gap between policies and the action plans for their implementation. For this reason, the National Council for Women (NCW), in cooperation with the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Public Administration Research Center, completed a pioneering study on gender-sensitive budgeting to analyze the status of women in the public budget and measure the extent to which the budget responds to women's needs. The study has already been applied to the Ministries of Youth and Local Development. It has been translated into English and will be printed both in Arabic and English, together with four manuals covering different topics.
- 5.4.2.3 **Measuring Gender Equality through Disaggregated Statistics**
In view of the pivotal role of the National Council for Women (NCW) in enhancing cooperation among Arab nations, the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) proposed an initiative to sponsor a regional project among a number of Arab countries that would have a positive short and long term impacts. This important project promotes the use of disaggregated statistics to measure gender equality. It aims to support the efforts undertaken to narrow gender gaps by providing detailed and accurate information on the areas where these gaps exist and on their real dimensions. The availability of such information constitutes the most important basis on which decision-makers will formulate policies capable of eliminating the various aspects of inequality between men and women. The project covers Egypt, Syria, and Jordan.
- 5.4.2.4 **Gender-Sensitive Economic Policies Project**
The purpose of this project is to enhance the capacity of the National Council for Women (NCW) standing committees, each in its field of specialization, to prepare gender-sensitive policy papers in collaboration with the UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).
- 5.4.3 **WORKING GIRLS PROJECT IN HELWAN, 1995–2008**
The main components of the project, implemented by the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC), were combating female circumcision and early marriage, and increasing the resources of the girls' families through loans. The project also included the establishment of a number of centers for

training girls on acquiring income from manufacturing leather, handcrafts and computer training.

- 5.4.4 MEDIA WATCH UNIT
(Refer to 4.2.6).

5.5 RAISING WOMEN'S AWARENESS OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS

- 5.5.1 NCW'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF LEGISLATIONS

By virtue of its mandate, the National Council for Women (NCW) is required to advise on draft laws and decisions pertaining to women prior to their submission to the concerned authorities and to recommend amendments to laws, draft laws and decisions needed for the advancement of women. Based on studies and consultations conducted by the NCW, many laws were reviewed and/or amended in areas such as raising the age of custody, allowing children to bear their mothers' nationality, and so on.

In cooperation with the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood, the NCW held several consultation meetings with social workers, psychologists and members of Family Dispute Settlement Offices in six governorates to reinforce the philosophy on which the Family Court was based, to solve the administrative and legal problems that might be faced, and to train the staff of the family courts on the skills of reconciliation and dispute settlement, and the NCW will extend these meetings to the remaining governorates.

- 5.5.2 FOLLOWING UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CEDAW

The National Council for Women (NCW) established a unit to follow up on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and prepare the National Report to be submitted on a periodical basis (every 4 years) to the CEDAW Commission. It has also held experts' committees, meetings and workshops to identify the progress achieved on each section of the CEDAW.

- 5.5.3 EGYPTIAN WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS PROJECT (IN ELECTRONIC FORM)

In collaboration with the United Nations Development Programmes (UNDP), the National Council for Women (NCW) established the Women's Legal Rights Project (an EU-funded project) with the aim

of creating an electronic database of retrievable legal information. The information is presented in a simple Arabic language Q&A format. It is offered on CD-ROMs, on videotapes and online to provide information and answers to women's queries on personal status issues (e.g. alimony, divorce and child custody). Access to this service is available at women's centers and women's clubs in various ministries throughout the governorates, and through NGOs active in the field of women's rights.

5.5.4 FOLLOWING UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION 1995

The National Council for Women (NCW) follows up on the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action through organization of meetings, training sessions and workshops.

The NCW has prepared a progress report on the status of Egyptian Women 10 years after the Beijing Conference in 1995 (Beijing +10), that was presented to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. This was implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.

5.6 PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR THE CAPACITY BUILDING OF NCW

5.6.1 RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT PROJECT (RBM)

Through a cooperation agreement between the National Council for Women (NCW) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the results-based management concept has been introduced in the work of NCW to develop and monitor strategic and annual plans, to conduct a performance self-assessment, and to write reports. Training sessions and workshops were organized during which participants started to apply results-based management in their work. A training session at the end of the project was organized to review the application of RBM to the plans of NCW departments.

5.6.2 NCW INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

A grant was obtained from the World Bank to support the National Council for Women (NCW) in its institutional capacity building efforts. This grant covered providing training sessions for NCW staff members to enhance their different skills and enable them to perform their duties in a better form.

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- 5.6.3 **THE ELECTRONIC PORTAL PROJECT**
A cooperation agreement was signed between the National Council for Women (NCW) and IBM, as an example of public-private partnership for development, to enhance women's skills in the area of information technology. The first stage of the project involved the creation of a training center for young female graduates on computer skills. The second stage of the project (currently underway) involves the creation of an electronic portal, entitled "Women's Forum". The portal will provide the type of information that might be useful for researchers and for those interested in women's issues in general. It offers training and e-marketing services, and responds to women's queries and complaints, among other services.
- 5.6.4 **THE INTERNSHIP PROJECT**
This program aims at providing training opportunities for youth to improve their chances in obtaining a better career. On-the-job training is offered through the departments of the National Council for Women (NCW) to provide youth with skills, insights on development work and new work disciplines. A number of these interns have been hired by international organizations. The NCW has also received requests from foreign interns.
- 5.6.5 **WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH COALITION BUILDING WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY**
This project is the result of the cooperation between the National Council for Women (NCW) and the Center for Development and Population Activities (CEDPA). It has been implemented in various governorates to influence decision-makers at the level of governorates, and to enhance the ability of the NCW subsidiary offices to support and follow-up on the coalition activities. These aims were achieved through training sessions and field visits.
- 5.7 **PROGRAMS OF THE SMWIPM AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**
In line with the Suzanne Mubarak Women's International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) commitment to protecting women and children from all forms of violence, the Movement launched the End Human Trafficking Now! Campaign – the first worldwide initiative that places the business community at the forefront of anti-trafficking efforts. The commitment is to the seven Athens Ethical Principles whereby they declare zero

tolerance to human trafficking and contribute to protecting victims by offering them real opportunities to escape from the cycle of poverty, abuse and exploitation that defines this despicable trade. The campaign is working towards the establishment of a worldwide network of help lines and relevant services to support victims of trafficking.

5.7.1 THE MIDDLE EAST WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM - HOT TOPIC: HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR LABOR EXPLOITATION

On 19 May 2007, during the Middle East World Economic Forum, the “End Human Trafficking Now!” campaign organized a session on human trafficking for labor exploitation. Human trafficking was identified as one of the region’s most pressing, uncertain and challenging topics of the day. The session focused on good practices and success stories in eradicating trafficking for labor exploitation. It illustrated efforts undertaken by the public and private sector to eliminate this scourge within their respective spheres of influence.

5.7.2 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
(Refer to 4.5.5).

5.7.3 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ON MIGRATION (IOM) REGIONAL EXPERT MEETING ON RIGHTS-BASED ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

On 15 December 2008, several members of the Suzanne Mubarak Women’s International Peace Movement (SMWIPM) attended the International Organization on Migration (IOM) Regional Expert Meeting on Rights-Based Assistance to Victims of Human Trafficking. During this event, HE Suzanne Mubarak officially launched the first IOM Arabic guide to help victims of human trafficking. The meeting, which also featured presentations on the SMWIPM and the EHTN campaign, was held in cooperation between the Egyptian Foreign Ministry and IOM. Representatives from 22 Arab states, NGOs and the United Nations attended.

5.7.4 PANEL DISCUSSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH UNICEF GOODWILL AMBASSADOR ACTRESS LUCY LIU - END HUMAN TRAFFICKING NOW! CAMPAIGN
(Refer to 4.5.6).

- 5.8 **WOMEN IN SCIENCE (WIS)**
In September 2003, UNESCO Office in Egypt organized a Regional Preparatory Meeting in Cairo as a follow-up to the World Conference on Science, held in Budapest, Hungary in June 1999 and its resolutions. The participants supported the initiative and established an Arab Network for Women in Science and Technology (ANWST) to encompass, acknowledge and disseminate inventions and achievements undertaken by Arab women.
The Bibliotheca Alexandrina (BA) organized the Women in Science Conference from 23 to 24 October 2007 with the goal of empowering women in the fields of science and technology. To make sure that the Women in Science Conference 2007 recommendations are implemented, the Library of Alexandria was selected to host the follow-up committee's secretariat office.
- 5.9 **PROJECTS & PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CHILDHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD**
The National Council for Childhood and Motherhood (NCCM) has over 20 projects and programs targeting women, youth and children, focusing on education and eradication of illiteracy, empowerment of women and girls, family health and reproductive health support, eradication of child labor and child trafficking, family justice, just to name a few. Refer to (4.2.7), (5.2.8) and (5.2.9) for more information.
- 5.10 **SEMINAR "WOMEN CHANGING THE WORLD"-1,000 PEACE WOMEN ACROSS THE GLOBE**
In 2005, a historic nomination was made to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee. It was a collective nomination of 1,000 women peace builders from over 150 countries, all working in different fields for peace and social justice. The nomination to the Nobel Committee formed the heart of a campaign to highlight, recognize and support women's peace building work. The Nobel Peace Prize was not awarded to the 1,000 Peace Women, but by the end of 2005, documents had been collected in the works of each peace woman nominee, and the collective body of knowledge reached the public through publications, documentary films, global traveling exhibitions and media coverage.

In light of this historic event, the Dialogue Forum held a seminar and exhibition celebrating the efforts of these women under the title “Women Changing the World”. The seminar highlighted the work of the 1,000 women. The exhibition gave tiny snapshots of each of the 1,000 women and their work, highlighting the contributions that they are individually and collectively making.

5.II ARAB REFORM CONFERENCE “HUMAN RIGHTS, WOMEN, AND DEVELOPMENT”

The participants in this conference organized by the Arab Reform Forum, discussed a number of significant themes which deeply affect the Arab region and deserve to be brought into the light for the pursuit of better societal conditions, such as: violence against women, microfinance loans as tools for empowerment, human rights and development, equal opportunities in education, and the role of social capitalism in reform.

5.I2 CONFERENCE “QASSEM AMIN AND WOMEN’S LIBERATION”, 18 DECEMBER 2008

The Dialogue Forum organized a conference entitled “Qassem Amin and Women’s Liberation”, to mark the passage of 100 years after his death. The conference brought together a group of intellectuals and government officials. The participants discussed a number of topics, mainly: Qassem Amin’s principles on women’s liberation, the religious, social, economic and political basis of women’s liberation; views and analysis of some of Qassem Amin’s writings; and the influence of Qassem Amin’s writings on women’s liberation.

5.I3 BA PUBLISHING THE WORKS OF MOHAMED ABDOU

The BA issued the publication *Imam Mohamed Abdou: A Century Since his Death*, by Ibrahim El-Bayoumi Ghanem and Salah El-Din Elgohary, in collaboration with Dar Al Kitab Almasri in Cairo and Dar Al Kitab Allubnani in Beirut. The book addresses Imam Mohamed Abdou’s intellectual reform project in three sections; the first is on the knowledge authentication of the Imam’s project, the second section deals with the Imam’s efforts towards the renewal of Islamic thought and his interpretation of the Quran, and the third section presents the life of

Imam Muhammad Abduh on the political arena and his quest for reform, and tackles his role in politics, and his stance against the Khedive and the British occupation. It also reviews his methodology in the reform of Al-Azhar, awqaf (Religious Endowments), Shari'ah, educational reform, his relationship with civil associations, and women's issues.

- 5.14 CONFERENCE "ARAB WOMEN FACING THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBALIZATION", 13-15 JANUARY 2009
The Arab Reform Forum, in cooperation with Claremont Graduate University, organized a three-day conference entitled "Arab Women Facing the Challenges of Globalization in the 21st Century". The conference discussed women's issues within a global context aiming to raise awareness about the challenges facing women worldwide to promote multicultural, and multi-religious collaborative research. The conference also tackled different issues concerning women focusing on women's economic empowerment, women and violence, closing the gender gap in illiteracy, and trafficking of women.
- 5.15 ARAB WOMEN ORGANIZATION (AWO)
The National Council for Women (NCW) coordinated and organized the efforts which led to the establishment of the Arab Women Organization (AWO), in accordance with the recommendations of the Arab Women Summit in November 2000. Egypt ratified the agreement to establish the Arab Women Organization, which is considered a positive outcome for an effective Egyptian move under the leadership of HE Suzanne Mubarak, President of the National Council for Women. The AWO aims to unify and coordinate the efforts of Arab women, at both regional and international levels, to acquire power, effectiveness, and influence in the outside world. The AWO works under the umbrella of the League of Arab States.
- 5.16 THE SUZANNE MUBARAK WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE MOVEMENT (SMWIPM) ACTIVITIES
- 5.16.1 PEACE MATTERS LECTURE SERIES, 2004-2012 (ONGOING INITIATIVE)
(Refer to 1.24.1).

- 5.16.2 12TH AFRICAN WOMEN'S AFRICAN UNION PRE-SUMMIT CONSULTATION
The 12th African Union (AU) Pre-Summit African Women's Consultation was co-hosted under the auspices of HE Suzanne Mubarak by Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) with the support of the African Union Commission (AUC), the SMMIPM and several other prominent international organizations, from 21 to 23 June 2008. The event brought together members of the FAS "Gender is my Agenda" campaign to discuss new challenges and strategies of advocacy for effective gender parity policies and practice, assess progress and shortcomings in the implementation of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa (SDGEA) and make recommendations to the President of the AU Commission and the commissioners.
- 5.16.3 WOMEN AS ARCHITECTS OF PEACE AND HUMAN SECURITY
(Refer to 1.24.7).
- 5.16.4 GIRLS' EDUCATION INITIATIVE, TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON CULTURE OF PEACE
(Refer to 1.24.10).
- 5.16.5 NGOs CULTURE OF PEACE WORKSHOP - TRAINING OF WOMEN LEADERS OF "KHEIR AND BARAKA"
(Refer to 1.24.11).
- 5.16.6 FIRST LADIES SUMMIT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT WOMEN IN CRISIS MANAGEMENT
(Refer to 1.24.12).

6 MIGRATION

Egyptians migrate in search of economic well-being in relatively large numbers. Some of this migration is temporary; several years abroad followed by a return to Egypt. This is a pattern observed with the oil-rich countries of the region, and some bring back a narrow and constricted view of Islam, different from the traditionally tolerant and open Islam that has long been associated with Egypt in the last two centuries. They reinforce existing currents of Islamic fundamentalism in Egypt.

But these problems are of a different kind than those associated with permanent migration to the West. There, problems of cultural adjustment are acutely felt by large and growing Muslim communities, whether of Egyptian or non-Egyptian origin. Indeed, an identity crisis is creating second generation clashes with the prevailing trends of assimilation.

To a large extent this is due to an imperfect view of Islam by both the western host communities and the youth in these communities. A more educated view of the reality of Islam and its teachings in both Egypt and outside is needed. Yet many of the books that represent these important currents of enlightenment and progressive thinking that have emerged in the last two centuries are not available or out of print or difficult to access by youth in all the concerned countries.

Thus the Bibliotheca Alexandrina is re-issuing the classics of Islamic thought in the last two centuries in a new series designed specifically for contemporary readers. The program will publish, both on paper and on the internet, about 100 books in three languages (Arabic, English and

French). The program started in 2008 and is expected to issue the 100 books by 2012.

6.1 NORTH-SOUTH MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

The BA Arab Reform Forum, in partnership with the Institute of Peace Studies and the European Movement, created a congress dealing with the “North-South Mediterranean Dialogue”. This congress aims to promote an open and egalitarian dialogue between the North and the South, enhance the circulation of people and ideas, and promote investment and access to financing both North-South and South-South.

The first congress was held in February 2006 in Algiers during which the “Algiers Declaration” was created and a Common Plan of Action was adopted. In November 2009, in partnership with the European Movement, the Congress of Valencia was organized, and focused mainly on the themes of Education and Migration.

6.2 REISSUING THE CLASSICS (IMPLEMENTED BY THE BA)

The project aims to revive the great classics of Islam and to bring forth the enlightened views of the great Muslim reformers. This material, much of which is out of print, or has never been translated from its original language, would be then translated as needed to have editions in Arabic, English, French and Farsi put on line in a new portal that would also provide links to other scholarly sites for those who seek additional contacts.

7 ONGOING MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The BA has been designated as the body that will monitor, in an ongoing fashion, the performance of the Egyptian National Program for the Alliance of Civilizations and its component parts. The BA shall prepare periodic assessments of the results of these programs. The BA shall also host events periodically (at least once every three years) at which it shall present the findings of these assessments to the participants in the programs.



Timeline 2007-2012



