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First Arab States Regional South-South Development Expo 2014

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 Regionally-owned SSC Roadmap needs to provide evidence-based solutions relevant to the national development needs, with clear value added to be brought in through SSC.

SSC Roadmap needs to help create a sustained regional platform to innovate regionally-relevant solutions, tackling the common challenges and deepen regional solidarity.
The UN System’s focal point and global advocate for volunteering for peace and development, established in 1971.

Working through partnerships with UN partners, governments, regional organizations, civil society & private sector.
UNV is a South-South Organization that builds capacity and solidarity through:

- Mobilization of UN Volunteers from the Global South to contribute to peace and development in developing countries
- Fostering South - South knowledge sharing
• Creating and supporting South-South/Triangular Volunteer Exchange Platforms

• Creating and supporting Regional volunteering initiatives (e.g. African Union Youth Volunteer Corps, Arab Youth Volunteering Program)
Volunteers Worldwide

162 nationalities

working in 132 countries

100+ Professional categories:

• Peacekeeping
• Disaster Risk Reduction
• Health
• Community Resilience/Environment
• Youth Development
In 2013:

6,351 UN Volunteers (Specialists and Youth)

81% from the Global South
Where UN volunteers work:

- Sub-Saharan Africa: 57%
- Arab States: 15%
- Asia & the Pacific: 13%
- Europe & the CIS: 4%
- Latin America & Caribbean: 11%
2,000+ benefitting organizations (e.g. Governments, CSOs)

350,000 registered users

11,000 online volunteers yearly

16,500 assignments yearly

185 nationalities

30 years average age
Good Practice of South-South Cooperation in the Arab Region

Arab Youth Volunteering for a Better Future (Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Yemen)
Youth in the Arab region are empowered so that their capacity to participate meaningfully in socio-economic development is strengthened through volunteer engagement.
5 Pilot Countries

Egypt

Jordan

Morocco

Tunisia

Yemen
3 Beneficiaries

- Youth
- Civil Society Organizations
- Governmental Institutions
4 Outputs

1. Awareness of the role of volunteerism in socio-economic development and participatory governance increased

2. Institutional frameworks for volunteerism strengthened in the target countries and the region
3. Capacity of youth organizations to promote youth volunteering enhanced

4. Formal structures for youth inclusion through volunteerism strengthened
Good practices of South-South Cooperation

• Close collaboration with the Ministries of Youth in Five Arab countries

• Each country has a National Advisory Committee, composed of youth, government, experts and CSOs
• Regional Training of Trainers in Morocco - Arab CSOs were trained in Volunteer Management. The beneficiaries will apply this knowledge and replicate it in their own countries.

• National and regional volunteer exchange programmes to engage youth in volunteering.

• First Regional Youth Volunteering Forum
  Youth, CSOs and Governments from various Arab countries share best practices, experiences and recommendations.
Thank you

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCCaZPmWb7Q