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## **Introduction:**

§ The Arab Observatory for International Migration (AOIM) was launched since 2004 by (PPMD/ LAS), and during this period of time

networks and maximize the benefits of labor migration in light of the emerging economic and demographic transformations.

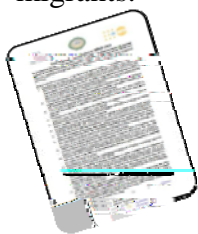
E) Develop appropriate policies and strategies to strengthen linkages among Arab migrants and with their home countries which will benefit all and increase the contribution of technical knowledge and investments in the Arab countries.

F) Call on the League of Arab States (LAS) to coordinate efforts and form an experts and decision – making task force representing international and regional organizations to develop labor migration policies to be adopted by LAS to enhance the developmental dimension of migration at national and regional level.

G) Work on structural imbalances of the Gulf Cooperation Council ( GCC) population through enhancement of development of national human resources through education, Training and rehabilitation, increasing woman participation in labor force, lift restrictions of inter –GCC labor migration, and give priority to Arab Labor force.

H) Develop policies and strategies to limit internal migration from rural to urban areas, especially among young people.

I) Urge Arab Countries, international and regional organizations to deal with and resolve problems emerging from forced migration, and provide protection and services to forced migrants.



§ **Arab Regional Contribution To GFMD 2010:** In the framework of preparation for the Global Forum for Migration and Development held in Mexico 2010, the League of Arab States – Social Sector – Population Policy and Migration Department in cooperation with International Organization for Migration and supported by UNFPA, the Arab group ( 22 member states of League of Arab states) through series of preparatory meeting with IOM and Arab governmental Experts, prepared the Arab regional Contribution

people are in the front line of migration and are among the groups most vulnerable to its risks, as students, as migrant workers, as forced migrants, asylum seekers or refugees or as children of migrants often growing up separated from their parents. Young people are also directly concerned as children of

**3-** Develop a set of recommendations that focu

communication with the poor and marginalized groups of Arab expatriates and student. 8)

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as representatives of civil societies and participants from related departments from the League of Arab states, and representatives of partner organizations and some European Embassies. The meeting intending to follow up on the results and recommendations of the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) Mexico 2010, as well as to prepare for the Arab participation to the upcoming GFMD 2011 to be held in Switzerland in regard to the Migration priorities in the region.

- Š **Migration Newsletter 2011 (Idafat Sokanya on International Migration):** The population policy and migration department – Social Sector- league of Arab states, dedicated to the annual tradition of issuing newsletter on LAS/PPMD activities, is preparing to print its Migration Newsletter. The issue will include the latest activities of the League of Arab states in term of Migration issues regionally and internationally, also will shed the lights on some of the important publications and reports on international migration ,as well as introduce of some events and conference and some other articles related to the main theme of the newsletter. The newsletter will include a section dedicated to the GFMD 2007-2010 and the Document of Arab Contribution to the GFMD, Youth and Migration and the migration experts database.

#### **IV-Participation in Regional and international events on Migration:**

- J **The launching ceremony of the report on the “labor Mobility in the Arab region,”** April 19, 2010. Organized by the Arab Labour Organization under the Patronage of His Excellency Mr / Amr Moussa , Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and in cooperation and coordination with the IOM.
- J **Regional Conference "Working together to address the irregular migration,"** 1-3 June 2010 in Sharm El Sheikh. Organized by IOM in cooperation with the Ministry of the Interior Affairs in Egypt.
- J **Conference on Migration and Development:** 12 July 2010 held in Cairo, Orgnized by IOM.
- J **International Conference "The Egyptians abroad - problems and solutions and the rights of migrants:** 3 November 2010. Organized by the National H945 -1.1Tc0.17c0 Tw( )i( )Tj/T