

The Joint meeting for BCRC-Egypt Project Steering Committee and Center Steering Committee

Wednesday, 6th of May, 2015,
Geneva, Switzerland, Hall 13 , 2nd floor



Timing	Topic
2.00 pm	Chair ; Dr Soliman El zaban , Opening of the meeting, welcoming the attendees and explaining the meeting objectives
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcoming Speech for the Secretariat, Mr. Nelson Sabogal on behalf of the General Executive Secretary; Rolph Payet ○ Speech for Finland Representative Ms Tiina Kajakoski ○ The UNDP Representative speech DR . Mohamad Bayoumi
	Group Photo
	BCRC-Egypt Director; Prof. Moustafa Kamel Introduction about BCRC-Egypt including : The past year activities including: The official kick off of the second phase of the Finnish project; The establishment of the new premises of BCRC-Egypt and the progress of its institutional development; All the activities that were conducted under the umbrella of the second phase of the project for the past period, since the official kick of the second phase of the project in May, 2013 till the first quarter of 2015; signed MOUs..etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The project work plan for 2015 (needs approve and endorse), attached ○ Requesting extension of the project till 2016, this will be at no cost to the donor (recommended by the SC members and needs approve and endorse from Finish Gov. representative) ○ The capacity building trainings (Finland, Nigeria, Swiss, China, India..etc)...some complains received from countries requesting change of criteria for participants

	<p>specially the age...!... The financial issue, concerning covering all countries with less developed economy , but candidates from the Gulf will not be covered according to the donors' request</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Synergies with other Basel and Stockholm centers with reference to the signed MOU with China and India Regional Centers. ○ Future MOUs with African Coordinating Centers
	Chair Dr Soliman talking about BCRC-Egypt Resources Mobilization with reference to the recommendation of the Arab League Team, Tunis 2015.
	<p>BCRC-Egypt other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreements with International (such as UNESCO), Regional and local NGOs and GOs to conduct more activities related to HW management ○ Agreements with other Basel and Stockholm centers. ○ Preparation of Basel guidelines in Arabic. ○ Coordination with the Arab league in issues related to the implementation of the Basel convention in the Arab countries. ○ Setting up for producing BCRC-Egypt periodic newsletter. ○ The Coordination between BCRC-Egypt and the Arab countries so official visits could be paid by Prof. Kamel to some of these countries to facilitate visions and knowledge exchange and help BCRC-Egypt toe be updated with these Arab countries needs for the future.
	Final Recommendations : The Committee decided the following:
	a. Adoption of BCRC-Egypt’s work plan for the year 2016 based on the needs of Arab Countries.
	b. Extending the project till end of 2016 with no increase in the budget.
	c. Demand the Director of the BCRC-Egypt to:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceed with the implementation of the action plan approved by the Steering Committee of the Centre.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the future needs that may arise by Arab states during implementing the approved work plan.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the General Secretariat of the League of Arab States to participate in the activities and programs offered by the Regional Center.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the Arab States to update BCRC-Egypt with the names and addresses of the Focal Points to facilitate communications
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite the Arab countries to host the Centre events, activities or programs (workshops, training, etc.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate coordination and cooperation of BCRC-Egypt with other regional centers under the synergies that have been approved by the Conference of the Parties of the three conventions (Basel - Stockholm - Rotterdam) Within the framework of the decisions of the Joint Conference of the Extraordinary Conference of the Parties (Bali 2008) and the Conference of the Parties of each of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam (Geneva 2013) on joint programs and services within the framework of the three conventions.
4:00 Pm	Closure of the meeting