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Egyptian Youth Rethink the Future of Wellbeing in 2050 in Light of COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic posed new social, cultural, economic, and political challenges that required creative thinking and cooperation at all levels, especially among youth. In this context, UNESCO convened a virtual meeting to discuss the Egyptian Youth’s views on the future of wellbeing in 2050. The meeting aimed to explore how youth can contribute to shaping a better future in the Arab States region.

The meeting brought together representatives from various youth organizations, including the Egyptian Museum in Cairo (EMC), and the Museum of Islamic Art (GEM) and the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC), together with representatives of the Grand Egyptian Museum and the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA). This online meeting was organized by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA).

An Online Platform Meeting on the COVID-19 Crisis and Museums in Egypt

The meeting focused on the role of museums in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. It highlighted the importance of museums in preserving cultural heritage, providing educational opportunities, and promoting social cohesion. The meeting also emphasized the need for museums to adapt to the new realities posed by the pandemic, including the adoption of digital technologies and the development of new educational programs.

Arab Youth Explore the Impact of COVID-19 on Youth

The meeting also aimed to explore the impact of COVID-19 on youth in the Arab States. It considered how the pandemic has affected youth’s daily lives, their education, and their future prospects. The meeting discussed the challenges that youth have faced during the pandemic, such as the disruption of education and the exacerbation of social inequalities.

Opportunities to Use a Different Logic

The meeting highlighted opportunities for youth to use a different logic to inform their everyday perceptions and choices. Youth were encouraged to develop their capacity to imagine the future, and to reassess the assumptions driving their actions. The meeting emphasized the importance of youth in envisioning and shaping a better future for themselves and their communities.

UNESCO Support for the Initiative

UNESCO has supported this initiative by producing a pamphlet on “the role of local authorities in responding to COVID-19 outbreak: leaving no one behind”. This pamphlet was published in the face of the COVID-19 crisis and was aimed at promoting the involvement of local authorities in the response to the pandemic.

UNESCO-AUC-WHO-UNIC Webinar Series on Misinformation and Disinformation in the Context of COVID-19 in the Arab Region

This 9-part webinar series was organized on Wednesday 16 September 2020, Wednesday 23 September 2020, and Tuesday 6 October 2020, based on the UNESCO Handbook and Ethics Framework for COVID-19 Response in the Arab Region: Views and Recommendations From Experts. More than 80 participants attended this webinar.

UNESCO, UN in Egypt and NATCOM Work on Developing Public Messaging

UNESCO, UN in Egypt, and the National Committee on Communication Strategies (NATCOM) have been working on developing effective messaging strategies to combat misinformation and disinformation during the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative was aimed at reinforcing the importance of accurate information and reducing the spread of false narratives.

The Youth As Researchers (YAR) global UNESCO initiative was launched to involve young people in research, innovation, and decision-making processes. In May 2020, the Youth As Researchers (YAR) initiative was adopted by the Arab Youth Forum and the Arab States provided assistance to support the development of project ideas for combating COVID-19.

In Egypt, DELL and TIEC Organize Virtual Hackathon for COVID-19 Solutions

UNESCO, UN in Egypt, DELL, and TIEC organized a virtual hackathon to encourage young people to develop innovative solutions to combat COVID-19. This hackathon aimed to harness the creativity and ingenuity of youth to address the challenges posed by the pandemic. The hackathon was open to participants from Arab countries, and it involved the use of technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship to design solutions.

Communicating Effective Messaging as We Reopen our African Economies During COVID-19

Addressing the challenges posed by COVID-19 in Africa requires effective messaging strategies. UNESCO provided guidance on how to communicate the importance of continued adherence to COVID-19 response measures taken at regional and country levels. The messages seek to counter misinformation and disinformation, support students and parents during the return to school, and promote tolerance and social solidarity amongst others.

These initiatives and strategies aim to harness the potential of youth in shaping a better future for themselves and their communities. By using a different logic and developing their capacity to imagine the future, youth can play a crucial role in envisioning and shaping a better future for the Arab States region.
The Development of a Short Animated Video and Posters Towards Combating COVID-19

Following the COVID-19 Pandemic, UCO/IHP developed a short (2 minutes) animated video in Arabic and 3 posters: highlighting the role of clean freshwater in combating COVID-19 and promoting water conservation, especially at the household level. Up to date, the video clip was viewed more than 8000 times on UNESCO Cairo Facebook page and nearly 3000 times on UNESCO Arabic Facebook page. The main message delivered through the video were conserving water is essential to protect us from the COVID-19 pandemic, conservation and saving of water help your life and the lives of other and water is a blessing, please conserve it. **Read More.**

Development of Interactive Informal COVID-19 Related Water Education Activities

UNESCO Cairo supported the development of interactive informal activities for enhancing awareness on combating COVID-19 and water conservation targeting school students in the Arab Region with in age groups 8-12 years and 13-18 years to be implemented in cooperation with National commissions’ officials and school teachers. As a customization for Egypt case, the Egyptian Knowledge Bank materials and modules selected. A webinar was successfully organized to introduce the activities to more than 40 Egyptian educators representing national ad associated schools. The activities focused on promoting the value of water and its significant role in combating COVID-19. **Read More.**
Regional Arab Virtual Meeting for Open Science and Research
24 August 2019, Cairo- The main objective of this activity was to establish the main strategic directions and approaches with prospects for enhancing regional and global cooperation in sciences. 108 participants have participated in this activity among which 40 were women, the main outcomes of this activity aimed at better regional participation of the science community and raising awareness and communication to build a regional culture on Open Science, more relevant institutes to adopt scientific research and innovation policies, strategies and legal frameworks that will foster scientific collaboration at the national and regional levels and to build the required infrastructures. Read More.

A new webinars edition on UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the Arab Region

October 27 2020, Cairo- The first webinar entitled “UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and Global Geoparks: Policies, Programme & Designation Process” held on October 27 2020, falls within the 2020 plan of activities to strengthen the Arab MAB Network. The webinar organized by the UNESCO Regional Office for Science in the Arab States in Cairo, addressed the Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme, the concept of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves and the designation process and nomination dossier. Read More.

A virtual tour in the Global Geopark Network and their designation process

3 November 2020, Cairo- The second webinar entitled “UNESCO Geoparks: Programmes & Ways to Preserve and Manage the Geological Heritage” was organized by UNESCO Regional Office for Science in the Arab States. The webinar focused on the global aspects of geological heritage conservation while tapping on the foundation of the Global Geopark Network and its history presented by Prof. Nikolas ZOUROS – Global Geoparks Network President. Read More.

Webinar on Effective Management of ArabMAB network in the Arab Region

December 8 2020, Cairo- The official work on the development of tools to guide managers to foster the role of Biosphere Reserves in the Arab Region in biodiversity conservation and sustainable development was launched. The webinar brought together around 30 participants from the region to discuss an index toolkit on effective management of the ArabMAB network and to launch a data mining and gathering exercise. Read More.

Series of ArabMAB virtual meetings

May-October 2020, Cairo- A Series of virtual meetings organized from May until October brought together Biopshere Reserves Managers from the Arab Region with the ArabMAB steering committee members to discuss the plan of the 50th anniversary of the Man and Biosphere Programme. Read More.

Series of ArabMAB Youth virtual meetings (May until October 2020)

May-October 2020, Cairo- ArabMAB Youth got together to discuss ways of Youth involvement of the educational toolkit on ArabMAB network and development of the publication on traditional knowledge in Biosphere Reserves in the Arab Region. The last meeting held addressed youth leadership and involvement in the planned 50th MAB anniversary initiatives and activities. Read More.

ArabMAB Educational toolkit: communities as the ‘makers’ of characters

December 2020, Cairo- An Illustration competition were launched in inviting people from all ages to be the ‘Makers’ of the identity, profile and character of a boy and a girl who will be exploring UNESCO Biosphere Reserves in the Arab Region (for details see attached document) and connect with the wildlife and local communities living within and beyond them. The educational toolkit will be used in schools, clubs among other entities and biosphere reserves in the Mashreq countries, Maghreb (North Africa), and Gulf countries. Read More.

E-Dialogue on urgent interventions to build socio-ecological systems resilience in Egypt and Jordan

13 August 2020, Cairo- The first E-Dialogue was held to launch the activities of the project entitled ‘Urgent Interventions to Build Socio-Ecological Systems Resilience to Natural Hazards in MENA region’. The meeting brought together representatives of national competent authorities managing disaster risks in Egypt and Jordan to introduce the project and set the criteria for the selection of prone areas to multiple hazards in each of Jordan and Egypt. Read More.
A comprehensive technical report on the impact of increased flash floods frequency and their correspondent sedimentation problems on the water supply intakes (clogging) along the Nile in Egypt

August 2020, Cairo-The report started August 2020 and shall include a review of the flash floods of the wadi system of both eastern and western desert, as a main source of sediments. The main focus will be given to the main flash flood events that affected the water intakes. Mitigation techniques commonly used inside the wadi system and its effect on decreasing sediment yield will be illustrated in the addition to the recommended actions to mitigate the effect of sedimentation at the intake location will be summarized based on stakeholders’ feedback and interviews conducted by the study. Read More.

Development of Training Material on Incorporating Water into the Arab National Determined Contributions

To enhance national adaptation plans with special focus on water resources issues in National Determined Contributions (NDC’s) and related socio-economic aspects, UNESCO Cairo supports the development of regional training material that will benefit Egypt as well, including:

a. An analysis of NDCs/NDCs related policies and plans in order to identify potential interventions for enhancing or incorporating water components: Water aware climate policies
b. Alignment of water and climate strategies and action plans with other selected sectors strategies: Water and climate centric development policies
c. Develop a regional training package that enables countries to set their water-climate action outlook

Development of Regional Groundwater Governance Training Material

Following the recommendation of the Expert Group Meeting on Groundwater Governance, which was organized by UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States, FAO, and the Arabian Gulf University, UCO undertook the task of translating the Groundwater Governance Global Framework document into the Arabic language in 2018. In 2020, UNESCO Cairo Office developed an Arabic Language training tool-kit based on “Shared Global Vision for Groundwater. Read More.

Regional Launching of the World Water Assessment Report 2020

17 June 2020, Cairo- UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science for the Arab States, in coordination with UNESCO Field Offices in the Arab Region and in partnership with the United Nations Social and Economic Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), held an online webinar to launch the World Water Development Report 2020, Water and Climate Change in the Arab Region. The event coincided with World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, which are important challenges in the water-scarce Arab region that are being exacerbated by climate change. Read More.

Promoting International Cooperation at Egyptian Universities

24-27 September 2020, Cairo-In line with Egypt’s Strategy on Higher Education within the Egypt 2030 vision, and in cooperation with the National Commission for UNESCO and the Supreme Council for Universities, UCO/IHP organized a consultative meeting with members of the Academia in Egyptian Government Universities on the UNESCO UNITWIN network. The workshop, which was held virtually over two days ( ), informed Egyptian academics on the requirements and procedures relevant to submitting an application to the UNESCO University Chairs network. Through international scientific cooperation, members of the UNESCO UNITWIN network serve as think tanks and bridge builders between science, policy-making, and the public. 32 Academics participated in the virtual consultation meeting.

Community Awareness and Capacity Building Campaign on Sustainable Water Management at Rural Areas

In cooperation with the Central Directorate of Irrigation Improvement at the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Egypt, UCO/IHP is supporting the implementation of a Community Awareness and Capacity Building Campaign on sustainable water management for Water Associations in at least 3-4 governorates in Egypt. The project aims to raise awareness among Water Associations and individual famers of the benefits of modernizing their irrigation systems and on the financially efficient mechanisms to achieve such modernization. Read More.
Digitalization of Higher Education Project

Blue In the framework of implementing UNESCO Mid-term Strategic Objectives mainline of action on education (MLA1- Support Member States in the implementation of SDG 4) and in particular ER4 (Improved national policies and capacities to increase access for all women and men to equitable, affordable and quality-assured higher education and to advance the recognition of studies), and in the framework of UNESCO Support to member states in addressing challenges brought up by the COVID19 pandemic, UNESCO Regional Bureau for science for the Arab States (Cairo Office) is undertaking a project to support the building of Egypt's University Faculty members’ capacities to develop and deliver distance education curricula. Read More.

Fifteen Arab Cities renew their Commitment to Combat Discrimination, Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance

On 8 September 2020, 15 Arab cities from Egypt (Alexandria, Cairo, Sharm El Sheikh), Iraq (Bagdad), Jordan (Amman), Lebanon (Baalbeck, Byblos, Ras Al Matn, Tripoli), Mauritania (Nouakchott) and Morocco (Essaouira, Marrakech, Rabat, Tangier), renewed their call for a common front against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance in the Arab region. Representatives of the cities members of the UNESCO supported Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance convened in an online consultation organized by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science in the Arab States, based in Cairo, to review and update the Coalition’s Ten-Point Plan of Action, originally adopted in June 2008. Read More.

Online consultation with Arab Youth Climate Actors

In line with UNESCO’s firm belief in youth capacities and in meaningfully engaging youth in its work, UNESCO Regional Bureau for Sciences in the Arab States/Cairo Office held a virtual consultation with Arab Youth Climate Actors in the Arab region on Monday 22 June 2020. The consultation aimed to discuss youth’s knowledge needs in the area of climate change, and to co-design an upcoming UNESCO knowledge product that aims to highlight and promote youth action in the field of climate change in the Arab region, and encourage research and innovation led by young people in this area. More than 40 young women and men participated in the consultation. Read More.

UNESCO Cairo Office launched its “Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities” during a special session of the 10th World Urban Forum in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Co-published with the European Training Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (ETC-Graz) with inputs from members of the Coalition of Arab Cities against Racism, Discrimination, Xenophobia and Intolerance, the Toolkit presents policy models and hands-on guidance on four topics of high relevance to the Arab cities, namely: public participation, access to information, sport for youth inclusion, and citizenship and human rights education. Read More.

The draft text of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence discussed at the Arab Level

Within the framework of the elaboration of a global UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Egypt in collaboration with UNESCO hosted an Arab regional multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft text of the recommendation. The consultation was held virtually on 10 and 11 August 2020, and brought together more than 30 experts from across the Arab region, representing different disciplines. Read More.
Promoting Human Rights, Equality and Diversity at the Local Level: Local approaches for guaranteeing women’s rights

The Agenda 2030 calls for people-centred transformation, which can best be achieved through a greater awareness of the relevance of human rights implementation at the local level. Moreover, by advancing equality of women in cities, we unlock more inclusive economic and social development and ultimately contribute to leaving no one behind.

Within this context, UNESCO Cairo partnered with the International Centre for the promotion of human rights at the local and regional levels (UNESCO Category II center) and the African Local Governments Academy of the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG) in organizing a training workshop entitled “Promoting Human Rights, Equality and Diversity at the Local Level: Local approaches for guaranteeing women’s rights”. Read More.

UNESCO Cairo joins the Regional Health Alliance

UNESCO Cairo joined 11 other multilateral health, development and humanitarian agencies active in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East and North African regions to form a Regional Health Alliance. Launched on 15 December 2020, the Regional Health Alliance is a partnership that aims to support countries accelerate progress towards the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and facilitate implementation of “The Global Action Plan on Healthy Lives and Well-being for All”. UNESCO Cairo will be contributing to the Alliance through its work on open science, bioethics and the ethics of science and technology, as well as innovation and digital health.

UCO Celebrates World Arabic Language Day

UNESCO Cairo collaborated with the League of Arab States in organizing a regional celebration of the World Arabic Language Day on 16 December. The virtual event brought together language experts and advocates including Dr. Ali Moussa, Secretary General of the International Council for the Arabic Language, Dr. Abdelhameed Madkour, Secretary General of the union of Arabic Language Academies, and H.E. Ms. Nabila Makram, Minister of Immigration and Egyptian Expatriates Affairs, who highlighted the recent presidential initiative “Etkallem Arabi” (speak Arabic) which seeks to safeguard the identity of Egyptians abroad (notably the youth).
Online Celebration of the World Heritage Day in Egypt

On 18 April 2020, UNESCO/E-JUST Webinar was held to provide the opportunity for a global celebration to take place online, following the recommendations of the UNESCO Heritage Committee to cancel in-person meetings. The Webinar attendees (36 in total) had an opportunity to explore different aspects of the campaign's legacy and focus on the significance of the World Heritage Convention in the digital environment. The attendees discussed the importance of advocacy for the full protection and promotion of cultural expressions in the digital environment and emphasized the need for greater collaboration and networking in the cultural sector.

First Coordination Meeting for the Museum of Islamic Arts (MIA) Project

Cairo, 26 July 2020 - The first coordination meeting for the Museum of Islamic Arts (MIA) Project took place on 26 July 2020 in Cairo. The meeting aimed at creating a framework of the project and defining the overall goals, objectives, and activities. The meeting was attended by representatives from relevant government agencies, museums, and cultural organizations. The project is funded under the framework of UNESCO Priority Africa and ResiliArt movement, with the aim of supporting the conservation and management of cultural heritage in Africa.

UNESCO/E-JUST Webinar on Heritage Science and Africa

Cairo, 10 December 2020 - UNESCO/E-JUST Webinar was held to provide the opportunity for a global celebration to take place online, following the recommendations of the UNESCO Heritage Committee to cancel in-person meetings. The Webinar attendees (36 in total) had an opportunity to explore different aspects of the campaign's legacy and focus on the significance of the World Heritage Convention in the digital environment. The attendees discussed the importance of advocacy for the full protection and promotion of cultural expressions in the digital environment and emphasized the need for greater collaboration and networking in the cultural sector.

Online Seminar on the Arabana Archaeological Site in Egypt

Cairo, 5 September 2020 - The International Campaign was launched in 1960 to relocate and reassemble six groups of monuments in Nubia threatened by the artificial lake created by the Aswan High Dam in the new location. The Campaign lasted twenty years and was completed on 10 March 1980. A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the completion of the Campaign took place at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat on 10 March 2020. In his speech, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Mr. Khaled El Anany, highlighted that the digital revolution is reshaping the world of cultural heritage and that UNESCO is playing a crucial role in this transformation. He also stressed the importance of collaboration and networking with other countries to ensure the conservation and management of cultural heritage.

Safeguarding Hassan Fathy's Legacy in New Gourna

New Gourna Village is located on the West Bank of the River Nile in Luxor and represents Hassan Fathy's most renowned community-centered project. The village was designed and built from 1946 to 1952 by Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy (1900-1989). New Gourna village was designed to provide a model for modern architecture that is sensitive to the environment and culture. Some 80 years after, however, this pioneering architecture is in urgent need of safeguarding. In response to the International Campaign for Monuments and Sites (Known as the World Heritage Campaign), the village has become a symbol of the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

UNESCO/E-JUST Webinar on Heritage Science and Africa

Cairo, 14 March 2020 - The International Campaign was launched in 1960 to relocate and reassemble six groups of monuments in Nubia threatened by the artificial lake created by the Aswan High Dam in the new location. The Campaign lasted twenty years and was completed on 10 March 1980. A celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the completion of the Campaign took place at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilization (NMEC) in Fustat on 10 March 2020. In his speech, the Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, Mr. Khaled El Anany, highlighted that the digital revolution is reshaping the world of cultural heritage and that UNESCO is playing a crucial role in this transformation. He also stressed the importance of collaboration and networking with other countries to ensure the conservation and management of cultural heritage.
Communication and Information

UNESCO and UNWomen Organize Robotics and Coding Workshop on international Women's Day

Cairo, 8 March 2020- This activity as to develop skills for the knowledge societies / economies and overcome existing gender divides in the ICT sector, a robotics and coding program for women was launched. Female beneficiaries in the 13 to 30 age group participated in the workshop organized as part of the International Women's Day celebrations, aiming to support social and economic inclusion of women in Egypt through advocacy, skills and awareness addressed the gender digital divide, and provided hands-on exposure to coding and robotics as well as career opportunities in STEM amongst young Egyptian women; Read More.

ITU-UNESCO Launch The Third Edition of Regional Digital Inclusion Week for Arab States

Arab States, 25 October to 12 November 2020- 2020 edition of the ITU-UNESCO Regional Digital Inclusion Week for Arab States In joint collaboration with WHO, UNDP, FAO, UNESCO-ROICT and IOM, UNESCO Cairo and the ITU Regional Arab States in coordination with 6 Arab Governments organized the Week under the week to draw attention to the role of digital inclusion in successfully responding to COVID-19 and realizing the 2030SDGs. More than 1200 participants in the online webinars and trainings. Participants of this activities included Ministerial Representatives of the Governments of Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Syria, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates and Chair of UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Information for All Programme (IFAP). Read More.

UNESCO and UNWomen Organize Robotics and Coding Workshop on international Women's Day

Cairo (Online), 11 November 2020- The main objective was to discuss regional data from the 2020 Network Readiness Index in particular trends from across the MENA's region and understand the implications for socio-economic development, the 2030 SDGs and post-COVID-19 recovery. More than 120 participants attended the online webinars. The main outcomes were building partnerships and "enabling environments" are decisive for digital transformation and building digital talent was key for ensuring lasting change so it was imperative that countries invest in human capital; Read More.

UNESCO Offices in the Arab States Organize "Media and Information Literate Youth - A cornerstone to implementing ATI policies and achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Arab region" Webinar Series in Celebration of MILID Week

Arab States (Online), 7-9 November 2020- UNESCO offices in the Arab Region, in cooperation with the UNESCO Alliance for Media and Information Culture, organized a series of seminars in Arabic with translations in the English and French languages, in celebration of the MILID Week. The webinar was consisted of more than 100 participants and were attended by a journalist, policymaker, teacher, and activists from the Zen civil society. The official opening of a number of ministers and high-ranking personalities headed by Dr. Ghaith Fariz, Director of the UNESCO Regional Office in the Arab States. Over the course of the three days, several topics and issues related to media and information culture and the right to access information were discussed, and each webinar lasted for one hour in the third afternoon at Cairo time. Read More.
Since March 2020, the Administration team in UNESCO Cairo Office operationalized the COVID-19 Business Continuity Plan (BCP) and established a number of measures to ensure safety and protection of staff and security and cleaning service personnel, minimize exposure and continue delivering services in line with national authorities declared procedures, WHO guidelines, and Security Management Team (SMT) agreements taking into consideration UNESCO HQ announcements and procedures. After checking that staff had notebooks and Skype for Business, Telecommuting started on 19 March 2021 with a few essential staff coming to the premises until having assurance that the full staff could telecommute. The digital signature system, Global Protect and TEAMs online meeting tools were quickly instituted which significantly eased work and every two weeks the COVID-19 situation was evaluated until adopting 50% telecommute since August 2020. The 50% telecommute resulted from extensive SMT and OMT meetings and the refinement of the guideline for the gradual return to work which has been shared with the staff. The guideline stressed the importance of personal and professional responsibility of each staff member to protect herself/himself and her/his dependents at all times and in all places including the office, home, and between home and the office. In parallel, in compliance with the guideline, PPE were purchased: for example masks, gloves, sanitizing gel, face shields, leg-operated waste baskets in bathrooms and kitchenettes, mats where chlorox was applied so that the shoes could be disinfected.
- Plexi barriers in the security guards room and UNESCO Cairo office reception area were installed
- A dedicated isolation area was established in the ground floor to provide rest/assistance area to tired/fatigued staff or those who may develop symptoms during working hours.
- Companies were contracted to disinfect and sanitize the whole office twice a week while sanitizing procedures are maintained in stretch collaboration with the cleaning company.

In addition, wall posters have been placed on corridors to demonstrate social distancing practices, proper hand-washing (while also saving water), and basic hygiene behaviors including the use of masks. Markers were placed in the meeting room table and the Office micro-bus joined the contracted bus for commuting staff to maintain social distance. The drivers were given flyers on social distancing and hygiene rules. UNESCO fully supported the standard operating procedures for UN personnel in Egypt by contributing to the costs for PCR testing, hospitalization and medical treatment in case personnel or their dependents suspected or were infected by the corona virus. The COVID-19 tracer focal point was assigned to have a direct communication with the WHO and RC on behalf of the personnel. UNESCO Cairo is continuously capitalizing on lessons learned from this unprecedented period and seeks staff opinion for improvements in telecommuting, working and hygiene methods.

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French edition of the Charter of Ethics of Science and Technology in the Arab Region (previously published in Arabic and English)

English and French editions of the Toolkit for Urban Inclusion in Arab Cities (previously published in Arabic)