

**Status of Decent Work Country Programme Development in ARAB STATES**  
(as of 31 July 2009)

Country	Stage I: Preparatory phase (1)		Stage II: Draft DWCP document (2)				Stage III: DWCP final document (3)			Remarks for stages I - III	Other existing or upcoming cooperation framework with member States
	On-going consultation (Yes/No)	DWCP concept paper (Yes/No)	In the drafting process and in consultation with constituents (Yes/No)	Under the appraisal process by the DWCP Regional Support Group (Yes/No)	Appraised by the DWCP Regional Support Group (Yes/No)	Redrafting based on inputs from the appraisal (Yes/No)	Approved by or pending approval of the Regional Director (Approved or to be approved)	DWCP period	Alignment with UNDAF (Yes/No)		
Jordan					Yes		Approved	2006-2009	Yes	Country Programme evaluation conducted in 2008.  UNDAF 2008-2012  New DWCP to be developed Consultations initiated in July 2009	
Syria					Yes		Approved	2008-2010	Yes	Launched in February 2008  UNDAF 2007-2011  RBM capacity building workshop for constituents held in May 2009	
Yemen		Yes			Yes		Approved	2008-2010	Yes	Launched in July 2008.  UNDAF 2007-2011  RBM capacity building workshop for constituents held in November 2008	
Oman					Yes	Yes		2010-2012	N/A	No UNDAF in Oman. To be launched in December 2009.	
Bahrain		Yes	Yes							To be launched in 2009	
Kuwait		Yes								Initial consultation put on hold due to institutional changes	
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Yes	Yes							Zero draft developed in early 2009. Additional consultations to be held with Government	
Lebanon	Yes									UNDAF 2010-2014. Pending further consultations with the new Cabinet.	A country strategy is being developed and will be completed in 2009.
Iraq											A country strategy will be developed and launched in 2009

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Palestine	Yes										An ILO employment and labour market strategy and a related TC Programme have been endorsed by the constituents and launched in October 2008.
Qatar	Yes									Two programming missions fielded in 2008 to identify and discuss key priorities for ILO support	
Saudi Arabia										Initial consultations will start in 2009	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>				

**Explanatory Notes:**

(1) This phase involves provision of information on DWCP development process with/without some initial consultation on actions to be taken by the ILO and tripartite constituents. The DWCP concept papers could be prepared by a country office for initial discussions but they are not a required step in the DWCP development process. They are prepared to: (i) present analysis and data which help tripartite constituents set DWCP priorities; and (ii) identify and advocate core priorities which should be present in all DWCPs, in particular strengthening tripartite constituents and applying international labour standards.

(2) Draft DWCP documents include all elements of DWCPs, developed through a process of consultation with tripartite constituents. They are appraised by the DWCP Regional Support Groups through the quality assurance mechanism set up to improve the quality of DWCP documents.

(3) DWCP final documents that, while subject to modification if conditions change, have met the requirement for approval and can be cited as the vehicle for ILO action.