

# Center for Arab - West Understanding Annual Report 2012



Summary Report 2012

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## Executive Summary

2012 was a slow year for the Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU). Coming off the effects of the 2011 revolution, CAWU struggled to maintain its interns but continued its work promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Steps were taken to elect a new board.

A variety of meetings between board members and European scholars have helped to strengthen ties and understanding. Such examples of this include a big partnership with the University of Vienna in Austria.

## On this Report

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## About CAWU: Goals and Principles

The Center for Arab-West Understanding is an Egyptian NGO registered under no. 6985 with the Ministry of Social Solidarity in June 2007. The goal of the organisation is to facilitate further understanding between communities in Egypt and between the Arab World and the West. These goals are facilitated through producing materials for the electronic magazine Arab-West Report, holding monthly forum meetings, and hosting interns from Egypt and around the world.

Purpose: The development of a Center promoting stability, tolerance, and dialogue through high quality reporting and documentation, opposing polemics. The documentation functions as the spill off from various activities that aim at reducing tensions and fostering links between peoples of different backgrounds. At the core, Muslims and Christians, however, this also needs fostering links between Islamists and non-Islamists, the Arab-World and the West.

According to the three-year plan that specified the goals for 2012-2014 presented in July 2011 we specified the following as our three main goals:

- To foster communication between Egypt and the West.
- Engage Muslims and Christians in regular dialogue meetings at the local level through the creation of a forum to regularly discuss dialogue and understanding.
- Internships contribute to the education of participants and content of the AWR database.

Assisting Egyptians in the management of conflict and tensions was a goal in our strategic report of 2010 but was not included in our plan for 2012-2014 since we feared that this might be overambitious with the limited resources we had. Yet, despite our limited funding we have. Subsequently, our limited staff has still been able to achieve some notable successes.

Guiding principles: Objectivity, non-partisanship, promoting mutual understanding. Our focus is on social and interfaith relations.

Providing materials for Arab West Report: CAWU is closely linked with the publication Arab West Report for which staff and interns provide articles, reports, translations and analysis. *Arab-West Report* is a major source of information for student interns and of thousands of users outside of our organization. CAWU projects that foster dialogue will also make use of AWR.

Interns at CAWU have become ambassadors for better intercommunal relations. In 2012, AWR served 16 student interns. Also in 2012, CAWU used its strong network and access to decision

makers, members of cabinets, parliamentarians, professionals and journalists in Egypt, Arab and Western countries for interns, the construction of a central database, and bringing people of different faiths and cultures together.

## CAWU Board And General Assembly Activities

In April 2012 CAWU elected a new board. The new CAWU board is made up of: Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil (chairwoman), Dr. Nabil Ahmed Helmy (lawyer), Deputy Chairman, Dr. Hoda Awad (Prof. of Political Science at the American University in Cairo), General Secretary, Mr. Cherif Esmat Abdel Meguid (founder/director of the Hatf al-Islami– Islamic Telephone Hotline), Dr. Amin Makram Ebeid (Coptic intellectual and author of 14 books on Muslim-Christian relations, Mr. Amr Sherif Ahmed (journalist with the Middle East News Agency), Treasurer, and Ms. Mary Lai (Chinese businesswoman in Egypt).

### Board and General Assembly Meetings

Founder Cornelis Hulsman participated in all meetings, even though he was not a board member. The board considered his attendance as essential to the board meetings since Hulsman was responsible for most activities.

Board Meeting's Date	Members and other attendees Present	Key Decisions Made
February 11 <sup>th</sup> 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Nabil Helmy: Vice-Chairman of the Board</li> <li>• Mr. Amr Sherif: Treasurer</li> <li>• Dr. Huda Awad: Secretary of the Association</li> <li>• Cornelis Hulsman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organize a series of Forums, (contact the Program for Dialogue of Civilizations, Faculty of Economics and political Science and Cairo University for this purpose);</li> <li>- <b>Develop CAWU's focus into a reporting, media critique and documentation center on pluralism, largely based on interns' work and research papers;</b></li> <li>- Early warning and early response system for conflict prevention,</li> </ul>

		which will then be addressed in in-depth reports; - Development of relations with Vienna University in Austria
April 19, 2012	<p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cherif Esmat Abdel Meguid</li> <li>• Dr. Hoda Awad</li> <li>• Dr. Amin Makram Ebeid</li> <li>• Dr. Nabil Helmy</li> <li>• Ms. Mary Lai</li> <li>• Mr. Cornelis Hulsman on behalf of Eng. Sawsan Gabra: Chairman of the Board of Directors</li> <li>• Hesham Fayez</li> <li>• Mr. Abdel Moneim Sayed</li> <li>• Bishop Marqus</li> <li>• Bishop Yohanna Qulta</li> <li>• Bishop Munir Hanna Anis</li> <li>• Dr. Safwat al-Bayyadi</li> <li>• Mr. Amr Assad Hassan</li> <li>• Dr. Mary Massoud</li> <li>• Mr. Ramzy Fouad Anis</li> <li>• Fr. Christian Van Nispen</li> <li>• Mr. Volkhard Robert Windfuhr</li> <li>• Mr. Ahmed Usama Muhammad</li> <li>• Mr. Usama al-Ghazouli</li> <li>• Mr. Amr Sherif al-Masry</li> <li>• Dr. Nadya Mustafa</li> <li>• Mrs. Pakinam Rashad</li> <li>• Mr. Amir Muhammad Merghani</li> <li>• Mr. Seif al-Din Abdel Fatah</li> </ul>	<p>-General Assembly approving year report for 2011 (financial and activity report)</p> <p>-Board members stepping down (Usama al-Ghazouly, Mary Massoud, Amir Mirghany, Pakinam Sharqawi)</p> <p>-Election of new board members: Dr. Nabil Ahmed Hilmy, Dr. Hoda Awad, Mary Lai, Mr. Cherif Esmet Abdel Meguid</p>
May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cherif Esmat Abdel Meguid</li> <li>• Dr. Hoda Awad,</li> <li>• Cornelis Hulsman</li> <li>• Mary Lai</li> </ul>	<p>- The Center for Arab-West Understanding and the University of Vienna (Austria) will seek cooperation. Vienna University will send interns on scholarships to the Center for Arab-West</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amr Khalil</li> <li>• Prof. H.J. Feulner (Vienna University)</li> <li>• Prof. R. Prokschi (Vienna University)</li> </ul>	<p>Understanding and will publish work produced at CAWU (See <u>Annex</u> for details on the cooperation);</p> <p>- Report Ihab Darwish—Prof. Mahmoud Khayyal needs to be worked on</p>
<p>September 27<sup>th</sup> 2012</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Cherif Esmat Abdel Meguid</li> <li>• Dr. Hoda Awad</li> <li>• Dr. Amin Makram Ebeid</li> <li>• Dr. Nabil Helmy</li> <li>• Mary Lai</li> <li>• Cornelis Hulsman</li> <li>• Hany Labib</li> <li>• Doug May</li> </ul>	<p>- Given the visit of an Egyptian delegation to the Netherlands, organized from October 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of 2012, CAWU's board agreed to have interns meet with members of this delegation upon their return to Egypt;</p>

## Achievement of Goals

<i>GOAL</i>	<i>INPUT</i>	<i>OUTPUT</i>
Foster communication between Egypt and the West.	Development of internships, lectures of AWR, 43 iContact newsletters, informing media.	Awareness of different opinions. Encouragement to engage in dialogue despite increasing polarization in Egypt and between Egypt and Western countries.
Engage Muslims and Christians in regular dialogue meetings at the local level.	Forum discussions with Muslim and Christian participants.  Organization of Egyptian multi-party delegation to The Netherlands and European Parliament in October 2012.  Stronger involvement of our interns in forum discussions in 2012.	Encourage engagement in dialogue with ideological opponents instead of public incitements.  We have maintained contacts with all parties represented in the multi-party delegation despite mostly mutual exclusion of parties following political polemics in Egypt.
Assist Egyptians in the management of conflict and tensions.	Discussions following our two workshops on conflict resolution in 2011.	Assistant President Emad Abdel Ghaffour spoke in December 2012 on setting up a program on conflict resolution with the Ministry of Interior.

Following our three-year strategic report for 2012-2014, we set firm quotas numbers on our level of outreach and engagement. As shown by the numbers below, we generally reached the target number concerning the number of interns and also newsletters sent.



Table: Achievement of Goals: Overview

<i>Goal</i>	<i>Target Number</i>	<i>Actual Number</i>
Target nr. of interns	20	16
Target nr. of newsletters	50-75	43
Target nr. of forums	10	8

More information on these activities can be found in the following sections.

## Foster Communication between Egypt and West

The challenge of presenting inter-cultural issues in the Middle East remains at the very core of CAWU's mission. By publishing/posting daily articles that incorporate a broad range of Egyptian and Arab views, along with a rigorous Media Watch system, CAWU is making available to its readers a balanced and critiqued snapshot of the current interreligious debate taking place in Egypt and the wider Middle East. During 2012, CAWU has continued to research, write and publish special reports, editorials, analytical reports and investigative reports which deal with current events,

Improving translations between Arabic and Western languages is crucial for overcoming the clash of ignorance existing throughout the Western world. CAWU had in 2012 only one fulltime translator and several freelancers. CAWU, **which would like to “link up” with organizations that have similar goals**, is primarily limited by funds, staff and adequate equipment to promote the better exchange of information and understanding. There is a **“chicken and egg” issue here**. CAWU would like to enter into joint-ventures agreements, but fears that it cannot maintain such commitments with its limited funds and staff which it cannot expand without making such agreements to earn funds.

CAWU continues to foster communication between Egypt and the West through three main activities:

- Interns from western universities work in the CAWU office in Egypt, networking, attending lectures of Cornelis Hulsman and helping with iContact newsletters.
- AWR presence on Facebook and twitter and output in Western media.
- AWR posting of translated articles, reports and summaries on its web site.

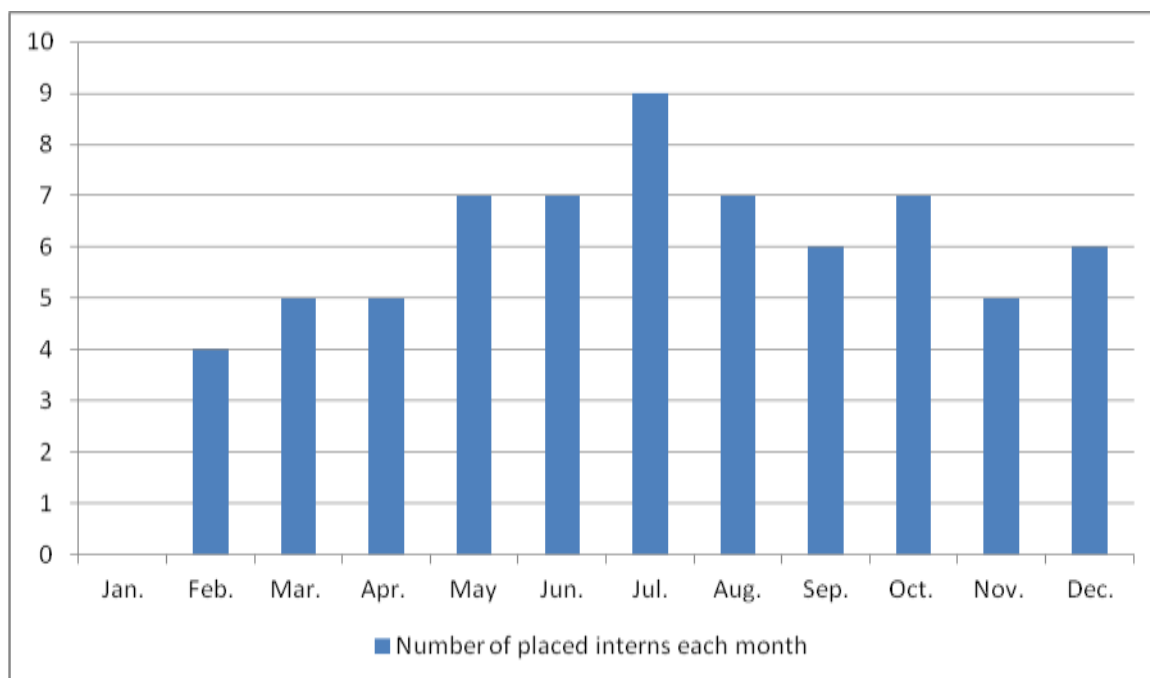
### Internships

Since 2008, CAWU has had responsibility for a large number of foreign and Egyptians interns who work with our office to improve their vocational skills. The organisation offers three formal Internship programmes including translations internships, research internships and multimedia internships.

Interns have been very satisfied with the opportunity to work with CAWU for a period of several months. Each intern documented their experiences for the ***'Meet the interns'*** pages on the CAWU website.

CAWU offers flexible working hours with a young, dynamic team of both Egyptians and foreigners to broaden their knowledge of important personalities and their positions in Arab-West dialogue. We provide opportunities to develop profound insights into intercultural and inter-religious relations. CAWU had 16 new interns from eight countries during 2012, However, with the continuing unrest many potential interns have hesitated to come to Egypt.

Most CAWU interns have an excellent command of written English, some knowledge of Arabic, a good understanding of Arab-West (e.g. a background of Middle East Studies), and have good computer and research skills. CAWU is able to put these skills to good use in a wide range of office activities, from assisting the *AWR* editing team, to writing biographies and updating the Electronic Documentation Centre.

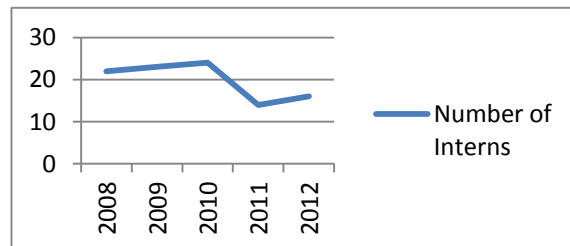


The number of active interns varies throughout the year, but interns are obviously most available during the summer months. The number of interns has dropped dramatically since the Egyptian Revolution of 25 January 2011. For this reason, sixteen interns worked with CIDT in 2012 which is an increase over 2011 but still less than the number in 2010. Many universities and their students are still nervous about living and working in Egypt. Hopefully, this number will increase. January 2012 intern numbers are counted as part of 2011

The graph indicates that a greater effort should be made to receive interns throughout the non-peak months.

## Intern Placement Rate from 2008 – 2012

Placed Interns 2008-2012	
Year	Number
2008	22
2009	23
2010	24
2011	14
2012	16
Total	99



Total number of interns from Jan. 1, 2008 until Jan. 1, 2013 = 99

The number of interns, despite the contrary one would expect because of reported violence in Egypt, continued to grow in 2012. This was primarily because of word of mouth and interns knowing that CAWU does provide good advice to interns in a country going through a difficult transition period.

## List of Intern Placements 2013

CAWU had both translation interns and research interns. Translation interns translated from Egyptian Arabic media into English, supervised by CAWU board member Amr Sherif al-Masry. The translation interns in 2012 were:

- Andre Weissenfels, German, February 2012-July 2012
- Fidel Bartholdy, German, February 2012-July 2012
- Craig Browne, British, July 2012-September 2012
- Tobias Borcke, German, August 2012
- Benjamin Leakey, British, August 2012-September 2012
- Shabana Basheer, British, November 2012-February 2013

The research interns came to understand Egyptian society and wrote articles or reports under the supervision of Cornelis Hulsman, Editor-in-Chief of Arab-West Report. The research interns in 2012 were:

- Andrew McDonnell, American, February 2012-May 2012
- Mette Toft Nielsen, Danish, February 2012-January 2013
- Jaco Stoop, Dutch, March 2012-December 2012
- Cassandra Balfour, American, May 2012-July 2012
- Hyung il-Kim, Korean, May 2012-August 2012
- Michael Schweda, German-French, July 2012-October 2012
- Jonas Sylvest, Danish, August 2012-November 2012
- Diana Serodio, Portuguese, September 2012-March 2013

- Rosa-Lena Keim, German, October 2012-February 2013
- Eline Kasanwidjojo, Dutch, October 2012-March 2013

## Newsletters

CAWU in coalition with a Dutch NGO Arab West Foundation sent out a total of 43 newsletters to subscribers during 2012, below the goal of 50-75 newsletters a year.

iContact newsletters were managed by Diana Ghali. Most texts for 43 newsletters have been provided by Cornelis Hulsman, Jayson Casper and interns. iContact newsletters inform our readers of the latest reports and developments.

Newsletters with media overviews highlight our own investigative reporting. *Arab-West Report* until 2010 was sent to a limited number of around 100 subscribers. In 2010, we switched to a Drupal platform which made our newsletters free of charge in order to reach a larger public and we now reach an audience including academics, students, journalists, politicians and other interested people in the Arab world and the West.

Not only technological improvements, but also newsletters, Facebook and twitter helped to make our work better visible to a larger public.

## Forums

CAWU has held eight forums in 2012. It is investigating whether CAWU and the Dar Comboni Arabic-Islamic Institute can co-sponsor such forums.

Forum meetings 2012

1<sup>st</sup> quarter

Selecting the Next Pope: An FPA Press Conference with AWR

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

Peace Journalism

Forum meetings during Austrian study visit to Egypt, Monday May 23 – Sunday June 3,

- With student intern Mette Toft Nielsen on October 1<sup>st</sup> on internal/external migration in Egypt- Discussion about the election of the new Coptic Orthodox pope – Dar Comboni, November 16
- Forum meeting with Cornelis Hulsman (Arab West Report Editor-in-Chief), Dr. Muhammad Salah (Islamic Scholar at Huda TV; and Instructor at Shari'a Academy in the USA) and prof. emeritus Abdallah Scheiffer (AUC) on *"Islamophobia: The misconceptions on Salafism"*, on November 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

## Content and Impact

CAWU provided a number of reports lectures that have had a substantial impact

### In 2008

- Responded to the film 'Fitna' by the Dutch MP Geert Wilders in March and April 2008
- Reporting on tensions around the monastery of Abu Fana following clashes on May 31, 2008
- HRH Prince Hassan bin-Talal hosted the launch of the Electronic Network for Arab-West Understanding (ENAWU), a project of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation (CIDT) and CAWU that produce *Arab-West Report*. HRH also provided a speech in honor of the work of *Arab-West Report* describing our work as a vector of change. See ['The Need to Build a System for Collective Intelligence'](#).

### In 2010

- CAWU was invited by the Anna Lindh Foundation to present methods of addressing tensions and conflicts at their well-attended Forum in May 2010. See [here](#).
- Cornelis Hulsman presented in several sessions the ZIVIC supported investigation on causes of interreligious tensions in Egypt as well as how *Arab-West Report* is working to reduce tensions and conflicts in Egyptian society. ['Religious and Cultural Developments in Arab and European Countries and Their Impact on Politics'](#).

### In 2011

- Together with Initiatives for Change, CAWU hosted ['The Imam and the Pastor: A Peace-building Workshop'](#) in June 30, 2011. It was a workshop on how civilians can play a role in reducing tensions in society. The workshops drew the attention of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces (SCAF) and led to an invitation to Cornelis Hulsman to explain the purpose of the workshop which was well received. Plans to train civilians and work on peace building were developed, but were to date not carried out for lack of funding.

### In 2012

- A lecture was given in the European Parliament at the invitation of the EPP (European Christian Democrats), the ECR (conservatives and liberals) and COMECE (organization of the European Catholic Bishops). The request was to speak about Muslim-Christian relations and ['The Harm of Misreporting on Egypt's Christians.'](#) Representatives of Open Doors and Church in Need spoke about the persecution of Christians in Egypt.

Hulsman disagreed with them and showed photos of an Egyptian Orthodox priest and a Salafi sheikh working together. There is violence in Egypt, but there is also cooperation. Both need to be presented. Some 200 people participated, including Coptic Orthodox Bishop Athanasius of France, making this one of the largest non-parliamentary events organized in the Parliament in the past 15 years. This illustrates a great interest in the European Parliament for the position of Christians in Egypt and other Arab countries for which other speakers had been invited.

- October 8-12, 2012, organizing visit of an Egyptian multi-party delegation (FJP, el-Nour, Wafd, Free Egyptians Party, Tagammu Party) to visit Dutch Parliament, political parties, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Agriculture, the Netherlands Institute for Multi-party Democracy and the European Parliament. Funded through the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Matra South program). Discussions included pluralism, constitution and economic cooperation.
- Lecture Cornelis Hulsman at the annual **Bjørn Bue's Human Rights Memorial Lecture** for 2012 in Stavanger, Norway, on 23 October, coinciding with United Nations Day. The lecture series was inspired by Matthew 25:35-36 and was established in 2002. Since 2002, the list of previous lecturers has included persons involved in human rights and peace and justice work in El Salvador, Kenya, DRC, Northern Uganda, Columbia, Pakistan as well as former Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr. Kjell Magne Bondevik.

Note: This list of lectures and presentations is by no means complete. Not only Hulsman, but other members of *CAWU* have given presentations. The above given list is only a sample of the most prominent lectures and presentations.

## Administration

CAWU board-members and staff work as volunteers and occupy full-time paid positions elsewhere. The administration of the NGO was strengthened by the work of Jenna Ferrecchia who managed intern coordination. Cornelis Hulsman organised and managed internal and external relations for CAWU. The highest decision-making authority in CAWU is the General Assembly that elects the board.

Fundraising is a major concern for the organisations; however, one cannot overstress the necessity of doing so within the pre-requisites of the Egyptian government. Several Egyptian



NGOs have gotten into difficulties for not adhering to Egyptian regulations. CAWU has not violated any regulations and by the experiences of other NGOs show the need to engage in fundraising only within the given parameters set by Egyptian authorities. Experience has also highlighted the need to fundraise domestically within Egypt. Current funding covers core functions, but CAWU will need to expand revenue sources.

Working with CAWU as an NGO is difficult due to lack of staff and also because of tedious procedures with the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

## Fundraising

Although core funding is covered, a concerted effort needs to be made to expand donors and sources of funds. This will need to be a priority in 2013

## Hopes for the Future

The role that CAWU is more pivotal now than at any time in its past. Responsible reporting in media is critical. Conflict prevention/resolution in an explosive world is essential. Cooperation in nation-building is fundamental. The Arab-Muslim world and Egypt will never be at peace with the world until they are at peace with themselves.

Board CAWU

Date April 1, 2013

## Appendix I:

Partnership with Vienna University (*CAWU is recommended to ask each Vienna University's intern for a contribution of Annual Account 2011 and Budget 2011 + 2012*)

### - CAWU's role:

- 1) Assistance in making the internship program of CAWU credit-bearing
- 2) Provision of scholars who will join the editorial board of the proposed CAWU magazine on intercultural dialogue
- 3) Development of mutual projects with the University of Vienna
- 4) Provision of scholarships for Egyptian students in the field of intercultural understanding whose selection CAWU could help to facilitate
- 5) Cooperation in organizing conferences on subjects CAWU covers and in which both Austrian/Western and Egyptian scholars and students could participate

### I. What can CAWU offer for students from Vienna University:

- 1) Introduction to Egyptian society and culture
- 2) Supervision of paper composition
- 3) Introductions to Egyptian experts (i.e. -Bishops, Shaykhs, scholars)
- 4) Academic English-language editing
  
- 5) Assistance in vetting Egyptian students to go to Vienna
  - a. Assurance that language requirement is met
- 6) Assistance with Masters or Ph.D. research
  - a. Introduce interns to research in Egypt

- 7) Promotion of Muslim-Christian and Euro-Arab dialogue
- 8) Offer recommendation letter to study with Comboni Fathers, Zamalek, Cairo

II. Possible steps:

- 1) Integrate Arabic into research program
  - a. This could be done in cooperation with the Comboni Fathers
- 2) Offer scholarships in cooperation with Vienna and Cairo University (see Dr. Reiss's e-mail)
- 3) Organize conferences and seminars for faculty and students

## Appendix 2: List of Lectures given by Hulsman

Date	Group	Location
January 16	TU Delft, The position of Christians after Islamist electoral victory in Egypt- attended by Kees van der Staaij	The Netherlands
March 10	Presentation for PKN Church Amersfoort in Coptic Orthodox Church in Utrecht	The Netherlands
March 12	Lecture for group of 30 US students in Zamalek on media reporting and peace building	Cairo
March 17	<b>Sheikh Massoud village on pope Shenouda's death, speaking in church</b>	Cairo
March 23	Presentation of AWR to Norwegian bishops at Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, followed by a Q&A session	Cairo
April 19	Meeting Pax Christi International Leadership	Cairo
April 21	US group including Congressional Assistants	Cairo
May 9	European Parliament	Belgium
October 22	<b>Bjoern Bue's Human Rights Memorial Lecture for 2012; Love amidst fear and conflict: Muslim-Christian relations in Egypt 2012, 150 attendants, several prominent Norwegian media reported on this event, (<a href="http://www.arabwestreport.info/bjoern-bues-human-rights-memorial-lecture-2012-love-amidst-fear-and-conflict-muslim-chirstian">http://www.arabwestreport.info/bjoern-bues-human-rights-memorial-lecture-2012-love-amidst-fear-and-conflict-muslim-chirstian</a>)</b>	Norway

## Appendix 3: Activity Calendar

Date	Person/Organisation/Location	Purpose
January 6	Meeting at Egyptian Embassy in The Netherlands	Update on developments in Egypt
January 6	Anna Lindh Foundation meeting at Euroclio in The Netherlands	Networking
January 9	Meeting with Hany Labib and Diana Maher between Johnny and Rebecca Weixler, American Movie Producers. Met at behest of Hulsman	Possible ways of promoting dialog and <b>CAWU's</b> contribution.
January 9	Meeting with Kristin Storaker, Human Rights Advisor and Ingvar A. Isene, International Director of the Stefanus Alliance International.	Providing information about CAWU
January 12	Meeting the Egyptian Ambassador in the Netherlands	
January 16	TU Delft. Attended by Hulsman and Dutch MP Kees van der Staaij in The Netherlands	The position of Christians after an Islamist electoral victory in Egypt.
January 22	Presentation of CAWU at St. Agnes Catholic Church with bishop of Rotterdam	Presenting CAWU
January 23-31	Explaining the work of CAWU, work of church for the poor, Holy Family, resulting in support for the Coptic Orthodox Church of Qufada for the poor	Presenting work for the poor in Qufada, resulting in agreement to bring second hand clothing on a regular basis to Qufada
February 9/10	Cornelius Hulsman with MP Tareq Shalan in Cairo	Discussing proposal Dr. Sami Faltas on democratization parliament.
March 6	Hulsman Presentation in CGK church in The Hague with Jannie Batsra and Carla Lubbers- focus on work for the poor in Upper Egypt	Asking attention for the poor in Egypt regardless of religion
March 8	Vienna University visit to Cairo University	Exploring future cooperation between CAWU and Cairo University
April 4	Cornelius Hulsman meeting with Dutch MP Henkjan Ormel at the Dutch Parliament	Proposal to invite <b>Egyptian MP's to visit The Netherlands</b> to discuss pluralism in Egypt.
April 7	Cornelius Hulsman interview with Sarah Lynch, USA Today in The Hague.	About developments in Egypt
April 11	Hulsman dialogue meeting Heldring College, The Hague.	Method of dialogue; listen to the other first
April 19	Doug May met with Pax Christi International Delegation. Visits to Coptic Catholic Seminary, Vatican Nuncio, Coptic Catholic Patriarch representatives, Bishop Kyrillos William	Exploring Socio-Political Situation in Egypt
April 19	Hulsman meeting with Pax Christi	Exploring Socio-Political

		Situation in Egypt
April 20/21	Hulsman meeting with Jubileum German Evangelical Church	Attending celebration
April 21	Presentation about AWR for US group including assistants to Congressman	Presenting work of AWR
April 22	Press conference Amr Mousa followed by private meeting with Volkhart Windfuhr, Chairman Egyptian Foreign Press Association.	Informed about Amr <b>Moussa's running for</b> presidency
April 28/29	Hulsman visit Maghagha with Mette Toft and Gundula Tegtmeijer, freelance journalist working with Missio..	Asking attention for the poor in Egypt regardless of religion
April 30	Meeting Dr. Osama Farid and Dr. Essam Hadad, International Secretary of MB and Freedom and Justice Party	Introduction to Dr. Essam Hadad
April 30	Meeting US diplomats John Crocker and Peter Shea at US Embassy	Presenting work of CAWU
April 30	Meeting Dutch Ambassador in the Reception Embassy.	AWR
May 1	Hulsman meeting with Gerard Russell, book author, preparation for book on Copts in Egypt	Providing information on Copts in Egypt
May 3	Meeting with Dr. Minhanna of Evangelical Theological Seminary	Preparation for Austrian Delegation visit.
May 3	<b>Preparation for MEPI's project conference</b>	
May 4	Meeting with John Crocker	Presenting work of CAWU
May 5	Meeting with Prof. Mahmoud Khayyal	Discussion on paper by Andrew McDonnell about problems around early oral transmissions in early Islam
May 7	Thornbecke society meeting with former Dutch MP Hanneke Gelderblom and others	Hanneke Gelderblom is active for the Dutch Cairo Overleg (dialogue religious institutions in the Netherlands)
May 7	Egyptian Ambassador meeting with Marc van Oudheusden, The Hague	About dialogue in Egypt, need for West to understand developments in Egypt
May 9	COMECE	Breakfast with other speakers invited to speak to European parliament about Christians in the Middle East
May 9	CAWU presentation at European Parliament by Hulsman. ( <a href="http://arabwestreport.info/harms-misreporting-egypts-christians">http://arabwestreport.info/harms-misreporting-egypts-christians</a> )	Lecture with discussion. Egyptian Ambassador to Belgium attended
May 10	Meeting with the Office of the Commissioner General for Refugee's in Brussels.	On data collection for review of asylum requests in Belgium
May 10	Meeting European parliament MP Wim van der Camp (EPP)	Following lecture in European Parliament
May 14	Mr. Meijerman, head MATRA-south program Ministry of	Interview about

	Foreign Affairs ND	independency of Al-Jazeera reporting
May 15	Meeting with Ambassador of Qatar and Marc van Oudheusden in The Hague	About AWR and CAWU
May 16	Visiting Egyptian Ambassador with Mrs. Gelderblom	Council of
May 16	Europe Friso Rip, international Secretary VVD Party, Bonne Pot, International Secretary CDA party,	
May 16	Interview Oliver Maksan, Die Tagespost	About developments in Egypt
May 21	Meeting with Mounir Fahry Abdel Nour, Minister of Tourism	The Minister was complementing CAWU for its critique of a deeply negative Telegraaf article on Egyptian tourism.
May 23	CAWU board met Austrian University professors, Jenna attending at Convent Notre Dame, Maadi, Cairo	Inquiring about cooperation
May 24	Meeting Bishop Qulta	About developments in CAWU
May 25	Meeting Bishop Youssef and Father Serabamun in Old Cairo.	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 25	Discussion with liberal political activist Amr Assad	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 26	Meeting with Bishop Thomas in Anafura, Father Basilius at the Monastery of Makarios	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 26	Meeting with Salafi delegation in Alexandria	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 26	Meeting with Coptic Fathers Younan and Abul Kheir	Discussing conviction of 7 Catholic, 4 orthodox and 1 evangelical Christian following Muslim-Christian violence and the deaths of 2 Muslims.
May 27	Bishop Gabriel, Greek Orthodox Patriarchate; Father Basilius, Monastery of Makarios; Rev. Radi Atallah and Alexandrian Dialogue group. Visit to Library of Alexandria	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 28	Reception of Austrian Ambassador Thomas Nader	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 29	Salma William, Al-karma NGO in Beni Suef; Khaled Hamza	Meeting with Austrian delegation
May 30	Cornelius Hulsman and Hany Labib with the Coptic Orthodox Acting Patriarch, Bishop Pachomius	Meeting with Austrian Delegation
May 30	Austrian Delegation visit with Dr. Mihanna, Coptic Evangelical Seminary	Meeting with Austrian delegation
June 20	Documentary movie that would be broadcasted in Al-Jazeera	Discussion about Al-Jazeera
June 25	Meeting with Nader al-Serafy, Press Officer of Coptic 38 Movement	Nader was introducing interns the movement and its goals for easier divorce regulations,

		moreover, he gave some documents about the movement.
August 1	Meeting Mr. Hans Bruning, Director Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy	Prepare for an Egyptian multiparty delegation visit to the Netherlands.
September 4	Prof. Carol Riphenburg, US	Talks about the role of Women in Egypt
September 9	Meeting Peter Shea, US Embassy Cairo	Clark report presented to US Congress, claiming kidnapped Christian girls without any verifiable evidence.
September 10	<b>Meeting Dr. Rifa'at Sa'id, Chairman Tagammu Party;</b> Meeting Pieter Blussee, Dutch Embassy; Amr Soliman, Free Egyptian Party	Preparation for visit Egyptian multi-party delegation to the Netherlands
September 13	Melissa Steffan, Christianity Today	Interview about developments in Egypt
September 17	Michael Gunn, The Tablet	Interview about developments in Egypt
September 20	Olivia Ward, Toronto Star	Interview about developments in Egypt
September 26-October 1	Hulsman meeting with prominent Egyptian politicians and church leaders with SGP International Secretary Henkjan van Schothorst ( <a href="http://www.arabwestreport.info/sites/default/files/pdf/y12w47art29.pdf">http://www.arabwestreport.info/sites/default/files/pdf/y12w47art29.pdf</a> )	Meetings upon request of Dutch SGP Party
October 8-12	Egyptian Multiparty delegation visiting the Netherlands and the European parliament, <a href="https://arabwestreport.info/year-2012/week-42/29-visit-egyptian-multiparty-delgation">https://arabwestreport.info/year-2012/week-42/29-visit-egyptian-multiparty-delgation</a> (organized by CDA, VVD, NIMD) – several media reports that are linked to this report in AWR. Meeting with Egyptian Ambassador, Dutch and European politicians in The Hague and Brussels	Accompanying delegation
October 20-23	Visit Norwegian church representatives and professor of Missionhogschule in Stavanger, Norway.	Invitation to meetings on developments in Egypt
November 6	<b>Participation in UNESCO's mapping of resources on intercultural dialogue</b>	
November 16	Participation in meeting Comboni Fathers about election of new Coptic Orthodox Pope	Discussion meeting
November 18	Attending official enthronement of Pope Tawdros II. Followed by lunch with Wolfgang von Erfa of the German Embassy	
November 19	Visiting Bishop Martyros and Syrian Orthodox Bishops	Following enthronement of Pope Tawadros
November 25-27	Vienna: participation in the dialogue conference King Abullah Bin Abdulaziz international Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue	Dialogue
November 29	Visiting Dr. Fatma el-Zanaty, Statistics Expert	With intern of CAWU
December 10-13	Visiting leading Egyptian politicians and church leaders with	Accompanying

	Dutch SGP delegations: <a href="http://www.arabwestreport.infor/year-2013/week-3/23-arabwestreport-organizing-visit-dutch-political-party-sgp-egypt">http://www.arabwestreport.infor/year-2013/week-3/23-arabwestreport-organizing-visit-dutch-political-party-sgp-egypt</a> )	delegation
December 11-15	<b>Pax Chrisit international Workshop “Deepening Partnerships for Peace in the Middle East in the Context of the Arab Spring)</b>	Participation in discussion
December 19	Participation of Cornelis Hulsman and intern Eline Kasanwidjojo The Hague: Clingendaal conference on the Muslim Brotherhood	Participation in discussion



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