

Center for Arab - West Understanding Annual Report 2014



Summary Report, April 26, 2015

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Executive Summary

Henk Glimmerveen¹ has supported the mission of Cornelis Hulsman to advocate Western dialogue with Egypt since 1983, and the foundation and mission of the Center for Arab-West Understanding since 2007 and wrote in June 2014:

“You are performing a delicate task in a very difficult context, filling gaps which badly need filling. And this makes your arduous job highly significant.”

2014 was a year dedicated to capacity building of CAWU. High volunteer turn-over created difficulties as new staff did not have sufficient time to be trained appropriately. Many staff was also hired for shorter periods of time or to accomplish specific tasks. This remained the status quo until long term commitments were made with a new Intern Coordinator Robert Forster and a Public Relations Officer Khaled Hassan.

Due to limited funding other content production staff are young graduates, mostly coming to CAWU to gain experience but moving on to other better-paid positions after a year or two. Attracting more experienced staff is needed and possible but requires more funding for which we need to do fundraising in line with our 2015-2017 plans.

Interns used Twitter and Facebook for product promotion and marketing. We developed a concept for the Arab-West Journal as a platform for high quality student reports, which was published once in 2014. For the development of these activities dedicated staff is needed.

We have been able to initiate and organize regular forum meetings, but the absence of a budget to organize and promote them has reduced the size and outreach of these meetings. However, ingenuity and dedication of staff as well as a partnership form with another Egyptian NGO – the Global Forum for Media and Development – has improved this and larger more high-level meetings have been possible in January 2015 with people such as the politicians including Mohamed Esmat Anwar Al-

¹ Glimmerveen was between 1974 and 2001 prominently active in various branches of the work for refugees in The Netherlands through working groups of Dutch Interchurch Aid, the Dutch Council of Churches and other organizations, being particularly involved in promoting the interests of asylum seekers in Western Europe belonging to Christian minority groups of Turkey and the Middle East. Because of his work Glimmerveen was deeply interested in Hulsman’s work on Muslim-Christian relations.

Sadat and H.E. Mohamed Al-Orabi, **Egypt's Former Foreign Minister and academics including Sheikh Anas Abu Shady**, Professor of Comparative Fiqh at Al-Azhar.

We initially only provided research internships, but have expanded to include also translation interns. We are among the largest internship providers for research and translation tasks in Egypt. We served 48 interns in the period 1.1.2012-30.6.2014 who all greatly contributed to reports placed in AWR. We have often recruited new staff from previous interns.

Twitter, Facebook, newsletters and lectures all contribute to marketing our work and this could be expanded. Two flyers have been made. CAWU lacks full time marketing and fundraising specialists. Incidental efforts for fundraising have been made and have also yielded some results that helped us realize projects we engaged in.

It is amazing how much has been achieved with the available funding – but much more could be achieved with a focus on capacity building. Plans for 2015-2017, therefore, include the need for capacity building projects in order to increase impact.

Feedback has shown the impact of our reports in helping Western understanding of Egypt. Links with different universities and institutions could be developed, but staff to develop and implement such activities are lacking.

We have seen church and Muslim leaders use our reports. Egyptian government authorities tend to look at us as sympathetic but small. We have, unlike several other organizations in Egypt, never had problems with the authorities. Much of this depends on us making sure we work within the law and are explicitly non-partisan. The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs wants to explore cooperation with us.

Our ability to reach a wider audience has become stronger. On January 1, 2014, Cornelis Hulsman became the editor of the Maadi Messenger, which has a circulation of about 3000 copies in Cairo, to a predominantly expatriate community. In addition, this role has given CAWU an opportunity to present the work of our interns to a much wider audience.

Bishop Qulta and Judge Fouad Riad strongly recommended us, to explain our work in a one-page letter to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, and the Bishop gave this letter to a personal advisor to the President. The letter was discussed in the board of CAWU and given to the Bishop for delivery on July 10, 2014. The letter asks for greater access to information, which will help CAWU, and other NGOs to

better explain developments in Egypt and, in turn, can result in a greater understanding of these developments

TABLE 1: BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CAWU'S PRODUCTION IN 2014.

Comparing target and actual numbers

Production Results: 1 January – 31 December 2014				
	Number of interns	Workshops and forums	Lectures	Excursions
Target	20	15	20	0
Actual	16	13	4	7

Explanations:

The number of interns declined in 2014 **due to the disappearance of our 'meet the intern pages' for 2012-2013** when our database was destroyed in June 2013. These pages, unlike other data, could not be restored which has made our internship program less visible on the Internet. Past interns helped us in 2014 with texts and photos to restore these pages. Also the gap between the departure of intern coordinator Jenne Ferrecchia as of 1 march 2014 and the start of Robert Forster on September 5, 2014 contributed to the decline. Numbers are expected to increase substantially in 2015.

The number of lectures declined because of the focus in 2014 to restore and upgrade the CAWU and AWR websites.

Our target set in 2011 for 5000 subscribers by the end of 2014 was not met due to the destruction of the database on June 27, 2013 and efforts to restore these data.

On this Report

This report describes developments within the Center for Arab-West Understanding (CAWU) over the period from 1 January 2014 to 15 February 2015. It also puts developments in the context of targets and monitoring conditions as formulated in the plans for 2012-2014.

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 carried out in a very limited way due to the limited resources we had.

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. Also in 2014, 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:

Dr. Hoda Awad, General Secretary
Cairo, April 26, 2015

CAWU Board Activities

Board Members

The highest decision making authority in CAWU is the General Assembly that elects the board. The board of CAWU was reconstituted according to the extraordinary general assembly meeting held on April 27, 2014, and is made up of:

- Eng. Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil (Chairwoman,
- Cornelis Hulsman (Deputy chair),
- Dr. Hoda Awad (General secretary - Prof. Political Science at the American University in Cairo),
- Adel Rizkallah (treasurer – Office Manager of CIDT)
- Eng. Nagwa Abdel Raouf (Member, Founder and President of Emarat Al-Insan)

CAWU appointed on July 7, 2014, Dr. Rasmy Rostom, head of the education section of the Bayt al-Eila in which the Azhar and churches co-operate for dialogue, as advisor to the CAWU board.

Summary of Board Decisions

Most discussions in the board in 2014 concerned organizational changes. CAWU was also affected by the destruction of the CAWU website and Arab-West Report database on June 27, 2013 and a server failure with the server provider in December 2014 which made the website off line for several weeks. Much effort has been made to restore the website and database.

Board Meetings

Board Meeting Date

Members

January 27, 2014

- Dr. Nabil Helmy: Vice-Chairman of the Board
- Dr. Hoda Awad: Secretary of the Association
- Mary Lai: Treasurer

Key Decisions Made:

- Discussed activity and financial report for 2013
- Approved the annual report of 2013.
- Appointing Mr. Mosad Ebeid as an Auditor for the financial year 2013.
- Accepting the membership of the following names:
 - Dr. Abdel Wahab Abdallah – full membership
 - Mrs. Vivian Mina – affiliated member
 - Mr. Nagy Umran – affiliated member
 - Mrs. Maha Ahmed Mohamed Ashur as affiliated member
- Accepted the resigning of Mr Sherif Abdel Majid and Mrs. Mari Lai.
- Sending invitation for the board elections that will be held on the 27th of April during the General Assembly meeting.
- **Discussed and approved the project “An analytical study of the Egyptian constitution of 2014”**
- Invited Dr. Fayyad to give a lecture and trying to find a donor to cover the cost of it.
- Approved the proposal of a summer school for Egyptians and non-Egyptians and trying to find a donor.
- Assigned both, Mr. Hulsman and Mr. Rizkallah to start the procedures of a lawsuit against Hosam Awwad **who was responsible for CAWU's Website. Additionally, approved the procedures from the Board.**
- Assigned Mr. Adel Rizkallah to find a new place for the Association and discussing the results of the search with the Board.
- Setting the date, April 27, 2014 for the General Assembly meeting.

April 27, 2014

- Eng. Sawsan Gabra: Chairman of the Board.
- Dr. Hoda Awad: Secretary of the Association.
- Mr. Cornelis Hulsman: Vice-Chairman of the Board. (as per election on the assembly meeting at the same date)
- Adel Rizkallah: treasurer (as per election on the assembly meeting at the same date)
- Dr. Nagwa Raouf: member (as per election on the assembly meeting at the same date)

Key Decisions Made:

- Approval minutes board meeting January 27, 2014
- Approval of narrative and financial report 2013
- Reassigned the board positions.
- Approved the letter to CIB Bank for assigning Mr. Rizkallah as a treasurer & Mr. Cornelis Hulsman as second signatory in case of absence of Ms Sawsan Gabra
- Accepted / approved the return of the former member, Mrs. Mary **Massoud as association's member.**

May 1, 2014

- Eng. Sawan Gabra: Chairman of the Board.
- Mr. Cornelis Hulsman: Vice-Chairman of the Board.
- Dr. Hoda Awad: Secretary of the Association.
- **Dr. Nagwa Ra'of: member**

Key Decisions Made:

- Approval minutes of board meeting April 27, 2014.
- Welcoming the attendance of Mr Marc van Oudheusden, board advisor of AWF in The Netherlands, in the meeting.
- Discussed / approved the main line of three year plan which included:
 - Expanding internships, activities for interns, more focus on training capacity building, training for national consensus, focus on youth.
 - Youth should be paying for training. We should look into creating a training program for translation. Nagwa will contact potential trainers.
- Asked Dr. Hoda to speak on behalf of the board to Mr. Samir Marcos about joining the board as chairman
- Approved the following activities:

- a. Mette Toft Nielsen – seminars women in Egypt in CAWU office
- b. May 16 – visit mouldid Monastery of Dimyana
- c. May 20 – Forum meeting with Danish journalist Flemming Andersen
- d. June forum activity - can we make a presentation of Diana's work in cooperation with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs? Hoda will made inquiries
- e. Completion of paper Byeongsun Ahn on Islamic women in Egypt – will be mailed to board members
- f. Invitation to the **board members to join the trip of “ visit mouldid Monastery of Dimyana “**

- Arabic translation project of Columbia University, CAWU board members would like to receive some books of this project free of charge
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs lecture, Dr. Hoda is in principle ready to accept invitation.
- Accepted/ approved the membership of Dr. Rasmy Rostom.

May 1, 2014

- Mr. Cornelis Hulsman: Vice-Chairman of the Board.
- **Dr. Nagwa Ra'of: member**
- Adel Rizkallah: treasurer

Key Decisions Made:

- Approved financial year report 2014
- Approval minutes of board meeting May 1, 2014
- Introducing Dr. Rasmy Rostum, head of the Education Committee at the Bayt el-Eila, Azhar. Looking for ways of cooperation between CAWU and Bayt el-Eila. Suggestions are:
- Asking Dr. Rasmy to become advisor to the CAWU board for a limited period with the possibility of extending this later
- Asking the Bayt el-Eila for subjects that student interns could work on with an English speaking supervisor from the Bayt el-Eila.
- Draft letter to President El Sisi
- Application for workshop, learning Democracy in Berlin. This could possibly be used for students to be selected by CAWU. Possible problem is the Israeli connection.
- Update on research on Constitution – cooperation with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs
- Eminent Persons Group for Peace movement "EPGP", With his Excellency Ambassador Mohamed El-Orabi - the former minister of foreign affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt- as the General Secretary of the

movement. Asking CAWU to become the voice of this group to the West (creating webpages linked to AWR)

- Meeting with Dr. Sultan, King Abdelaziz Center of National Dialogue, Saudi Arabia
- Weekly column for Egypt Today

General Assembly Meetings

Meeting Date	Members
April 27, 2014	• Association's Members

- General Assembly meeting:
 - Approved Annual Report 2013.
 - Approved Financial Report 2013.
 - Approved budget 2014.
 - Thanking the resigned board members.
 - Elected new board members.
 - -Appointing Mr. Mossad Ebeid as an Auditor for the financial year 2014.
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On CAWU Facilities

The area around the office is rapidly changing with a building boom which is creating increasing problems with parking, electricity and at times water supply. This made the owner of our office cancel the rent in January 2014 since they were intending to sell the entire building. We have negotiated a contract for our office space with the landlord until December 31, 2017 with a penalty of 10,000 EGP (1000 EUR) for each party that would break this agreement. This provides some security.

The Internet connections in the area are far from optimal and thus, delay work. However, moving to a different area with better Internet will have financial consequences that beyond our budget. Thus we have two Internet providers - if one of them experiences problems we have a backup and vice versa. Frequent power cuts are normal in the hotter months. We bought a generator in 2013 to counter this.

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, 66 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. Stronger involvement of our interns in forum discussions in 2014.	Encourage engagement in dialogue with ideological opponents instead of public incitements.
Assist Egyptians in the management of conflict and tensions.	Discussions following our two workshops on conflict resolution in 2011. Conflicts increased after President Morsi was deposed on July 3, 2013. The need for conflict resolution is greater than ever.	Interest shown by senior member of the SCAF in June 2011. AWR and Missio in 2013 published a report on Muslim-Christian relations and the need for dialogue.

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 send. Forums, however remained under-represented due to the initial work set about recovering the lost data after July 27, 2013, the increased level of political unrest in Egypt which resulted in a curfew from 14 August to 12 November 2013, and the server problems that made our websites down in December 2014.

<i>Goal</i>	<i>Target Number</i>	<i>Actual Number</i>
Target nr. of interns	20	16
Target nr. of newsletters	50-75	66
Target nr. of forums	12	10

Foster Communication between Egypt and West

Internships

Since 2008, CAWU has had responsibility for a large number of foreign and Egyptians interns who work with our office to improve their practical skills.

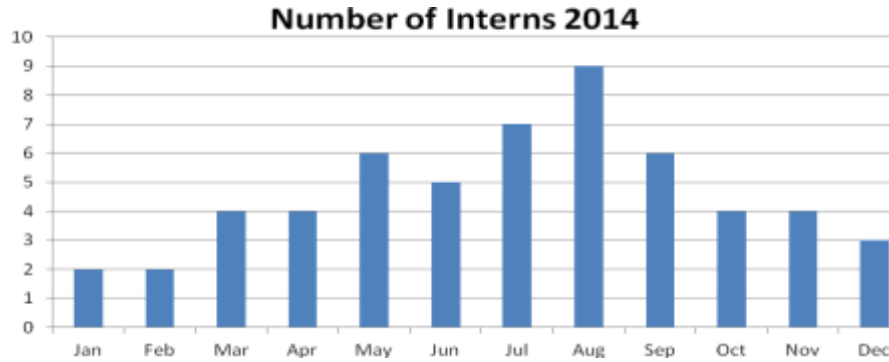
Jenna Ferrecchia employed by CIDT, in 2013, as Intern Coordinator for **CAWU's** Interns and left the position on 1 March 2014. The Intern Coordinator position was temporarily filled by Farah De Haan from May to August. A longer term replacement was found in Robert Forster who began 3 September 2014.

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. Due to the destruction of our database on June 27, the pages for 2012 and 2013 were lost. We have written interns. Most of them have provided us with data needed to restore the meet the intern pages for 2012 and 2013 which was to us a strong indication of their continued support to our work. Efforts to repair these pages (and indeed update the CAWU 2009 back-up) manually was time consuming.

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 interns from eight countries during 2014. This was a step down from 2013 and with continuing unrest many potential interns have hesitated to come to Egypt. Advertising also slowed during this period as there was no one to lead and guide marketing.

Most CAWU interns have an excellent command of written English, some knowledge of Arabic, a good understanding of Arab-West/Christian-Muslim relations (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.

Three new types of internships were created in 2014. Farah de Haan created the Outreach position which aids in administration, marketing and social media. This was further developed following the arrival of Joseph Coffee in Dec. 2014. Journalism internships were created to fill the need of producing smaller articles for Arab West Report and Egypt Today. Applications began arriving in Jan. 2015. The same occurred with the Remote Translation Internships, which were created by Robert Forster to fill the backlog of work by lack of **translation interns in house in 2014. Although not ideal to CAWU's** mission, it has proven popular and at least 5 applications arrived in January 2015.

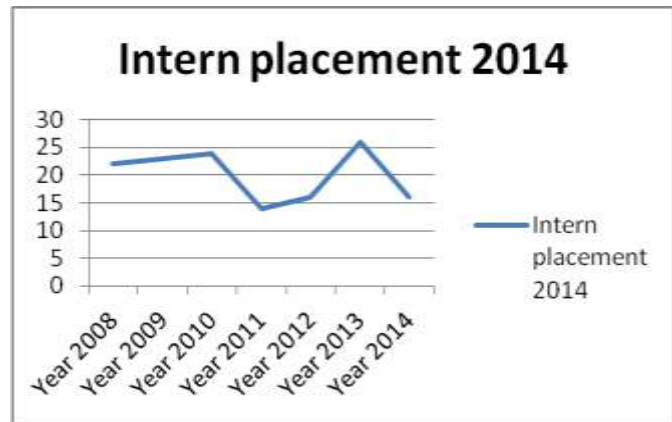


The number of active interns varies throughout the year, but interns are obviously most available during the summer months. A decrease in interns also occurred following the political disturbances of 2013. Lack of advertising due to no in-house intern coordinator for most of the first half of 2014 also hampered growth. Travel warnings also prevented students from coming. The graph indicates that a greater effort should be made to receive interns throughout the non-peak months.

Intern Placement Rate from 2008 – 2013

Placed Interns 2008-2012

Year	Number
2008	22
2009	23
2010	24
2011	14
2012	16
2013	26
2014	16
Total	141



1st half = 8 | 2nd half = 8

List of Intern Placements 2014

No	Name	Nationality	Period
1.	Salma Khamis (R)	Egypt	06/07-14/08
2.	Maria Honig (T)	Germany	26/02 – 24/04
3.	Fabian Weinert (T)	Germany	10/02-06/04
4.	Byeongsun Ahn (R)	South Korean	05/03-05/05
5.	Farah De Haan (T)	Netherlands	26/02-31/05
6.	Weston Bland (R)	USA	04/05-014/08
7.	Alistair White (T)	Great Britain	19/05-07/08
8.	Omar Ali (R)	Egypt/Canada	25/05-28/08
9.	Mohamed Shawky (R)	Egypt	28/06--06/09
10.	Tilman Schneider (R)	Germany	20/07-31/08
11.	Noura Ayman El-Guindy (O)	Egypt	03/08-30/09
12.	René Witteveen (R)	Netherlands	05/08/14-31/01/2015
13.	Robert Aaron Kunze (T)	Germany	21/09-21/12
14.	Jonathan Vink (M)	Netherlands	01/09-30/11
15.	Joseph Coffee (O)	USA	07/12-
16.	Diana Serôdio (R)	Portugal	01/03-30/08

T: Translations from Arabic to English with support of experienced translator (5)

M: Multimedia (1)

R: Research (8)

A: Outreach (2)

Interns sign an agreement that their work will be credited to them, but is unpaid. Interns have been very satisfied with the opportunity to work with CAWU, often for periods of several months. We offer flexible working hours and although workweeks are 35 hours, 21 hours is allowed to be taken off every month. For the sake of the security of our interns we have developed our own security guidelines that each intern will need to agree to upon starting work with us. This includes a promise of avoiding demonstrations and not attempting to visit hotspots such as Sinai.

Newsletters

CAWU in coalition with the Dutch NGO Arab West Foundation sent out a total of 66 newsletters to 2511 subscribers during 2014. Subscribers are mostly found in Egypt, Europe and North America. They include academics, policy makers, diplomats, students, journalists and others. Feedback shows readers take our reporting serious as an alternative to general media reporting on Egypt.

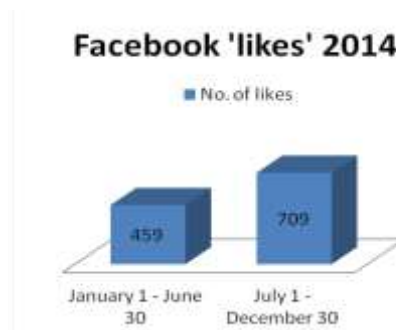
iContact newsletters were provided and managed by all staff and interns. iContact newsletters inform our readers of the latest reports and developments.

Newsletters with media overviews highlight our own investigative reporting. Otherwise they are used to notify subscribers of our events.

Social Media Strategy

A strong online presence is necessary for any modern organisation and in particular helps in showing the activities of the organisation as well as garner interest from potential sponsors and interns. A strong social media plan is necessary to accomplish this.

CAWU Social Media Engagement 2014		
	Jan.1-Jun. 30	Jul. 1-Dec.30
Number of Likes	169	250



A Social Media Marketing plan was instigated by Farah De Haan in May 2014 after having a Facebook page since 2013. It was continued by Robert Forster and is jointly currently run by PR, Intern Coordinator and Outreach Interns.

The page garnered more interest throughout the year and increased from an average of 5.4 'likes' a week in 2013 to 8.05 in 2014.

Social Media Audience Overview			
Medium	December 31, 2013	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2014
CAWU Facebook	290 likes	459 likes	709
Number of CAWU Facebook updates	-	15	60

A CAWU Twitter account was established in Jan. 2015 and will require work to kick-start.

Advertising for events is conducted over Facebook, Twitter, the newsletter and word of mouth. Steps to implement more regimented advertising, especially for internships. Regular posting on Idealist.org and various Facebook pages began in September 2014. Starting in December 2014 Outreach intern J. Coffee began instigating memorandum of understanding agreements with universities.

Website Performance

We have seen an increase in hits and visits to our websites including:

- www.enawu.com
- www.cawu.org
- www.holyfamilyegypt.com
- www.egyptforpeace.com

The website www.arabwestreport.info is managed by the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Translation, but some material is contributed by CAWU. The CAWU Website was lost in June 2013 with the recent back-up being stolen from our office and a 2009 back-up had to be restored. An investigation carried out by Digital Investigation in the Netherlands into the sabotage was completed in April 2014 and showed that all evidence points in the direction of Hosam Abdelkader being responsible for this sabotage. No further legal action could be taken because we were forced to carry out the digital investigation, secure our data and make sure they would be back-upped to protect our data from a possible other attack. But this made us passing the legal date to file a legal case against Hosam Abdelkader.

After beginning in September 2014, Robert Forster rebuilt the CAWU website content, restructured it and commissioned design aspects from Multimedia Intern Jonathan Vink.

An agreement was made with a Dutch company New Spiritz to update the CAWU website, originally planned for Jan 2015. This was delayed when the OVH server in France crashed in December 2014. IT consultant, Dieter Muller-Erhardt was undergoing surgery at the time and therefore was unable to be as helpful as he could have been. This is expected to be completed in April 2015.

More detrimental was the loss of info@cawu.org which although it was agreed with New Spiritz to divert all mail to arabwestreport@gmail.com (general email address) this did not happen. Therefore there was a loss of all incoming email for a two month period.

Locations for Forum Meetings

El-Sawy Cultural Wheel entails for costs for which we have no budget. The Egyptian Moral Rearmament Association has remained strongly sympathetic to our work, but their office in Muqattam is not a good location to attract people from other parts of Cairo. The Goethe Institute is sympathetic to our work but lacks the capacity to host regular forum meetings with CAWU.

A partnership was instigated by Khaled Hassan with the NGO the Global Forum for Media and Development on October 21. This came as a result of a warm reception of Mette Toft's Monthly Forum on October 15. Since then a number of activities have been jointly undertaken.

Assisting Egyptians in the Management of Conflict and Tensions

Assisting Egyptians in the Management of Conflict and Tensions was an important goal in the aforementioned Strategic Report of October 28, 2010. Reporting, whenever possible, was in line with this goal.

Content and Impact: a history from 2008-2014

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) that produces *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.

In 2013

- Report on Sectarian violence in Egypt under the Morsi regime written and published by Missio as well as on AWR website.
- Anna Lindh Foundation Conference attended by Diana Serodio in Turkey.
- Extensive research and interviews conducted for *Islamist Movements in Revolutionary Era* book to be published by Tectum.

In 2014

- See Appendix II.

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.

Other Activities

Cornelis Hulsman lectured at different institutions and worked since July 2011 with different students on the subject of Coptic migration (Ref. Table 14).

Cornelis Hulsman continues to travel back and forth between Egypt and The Netherlands, and when in Egypt, tends to responsibilities in the office, accepts invitations to lecture in different countries, presents the work of AWR/CIDT and CAWU to a wider public and writes/edits for AWR/CIDT and CAWU.

Cornelis Hulsman met on February 17, with Dean Prof. Dr. Laila el-Baradai about furthering co-operation including mutual lectures. This began with an invitation to former Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayad who is known for his positive philosophy and pro-active attitude for dialogue. Cornelis Hulsman contacted Salam Fayad who has accepted the invitation, but prefers to wait until after the Egyptian presidential and parliamentary elections. A date has not yet been scheduled. Ambassador Mai Khalil of the Egyptian Foreign Ministry has been supportive of this initiative. If this is carried out as planned it will raise the profile of CAWU in Egypt.

Dr. Janneke Stegeman (PKN – Protestant Church of the Netherlands) visited CIDT at the end of May/beginning of June and had talks with filmmaker Amir Ramsis and Dr. Mahmoud Khayyal about the last nine remaining Jews in Egypt who have, to their knowledge, no plans for the preservation of the Jewish heritage in Egypt after they have passed away. Talks need to be followed up in an effort to help them find a solution.

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 Adel Rizkallah. Intern coordination was managed until March 2014 by Jenna Ferrecchia. Cornelis Hulsman organised and managed internal and external relations for the NGO. 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 that has specific requirements for writing board minutes, year reports and who is authorized or not to withdraw money from the CAWU bank account. Bank withdrawals need board decisions that need to be presented to the Ministry of Social Solidarity.

Finance

Income and expenses of CAWU are small. The financial figures presented in this report are the consolidated figures for both CIDT and CAWU (Attachment 2).

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 2015.

On November 13, 2013, H.E. Minister Gaber al-Sultan, Minister of State of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates, invited Cornelis Hulsman for a meeting to inquire about the work of CAWU which he **remarked was "descriptive."** He furthermore provided a good characterization of *Arab-West Report* as a publication that wants to be descriptive and not advocating a particular partisan position. We interpreted this meeting as recognition of the goals that CAWU indeed stands for. Hulsman met with H.E. Minister al-Sultan again during the Economic Conference in Sharm el-Sheikh, March 13, 14 and 15, 2015 where the Minister inquired in the work of CAWU.

In December 2014 we received a donation of former board member Mary Lai of 15.000 EgP as thanks for the support of CAWU for the documentary of Network J International, Hong Kong, to promote better Egypt-Hong Kong relations.

Cairo, April 26, 2015

Sawsan Gabra Ayoub Khalil, Chair
Date

Dr. Hoda Awad, Secretary

Appendix I: Various Recommendations

Auxiliary Coptic Catholic Patriarch Yohanna Qulta, Judge Fouad Riad (now tasked to investigate the violence in the summer of 2013 and reporting this to the president), Dominican Father Prof. Dr. Emilio Platti, PhD candidate Anna Hager, researcher Matthias Gillé (who used our database extensively for his thesis), Henk Glimmerveen, leading former advocate of Middle Eastern Christian refugees fleeing to Europe, and many others have during 2014 stressed the importance of our work.

Bishop Qulta and Judge Fouad Riad strongly recommended us, to explain our work in a one-page letter to President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, and the Bishop gave this letter to a personal advisor to the President. The letter was discussed in the board of CAWU and given to the Bishop for delivery on July 10, 2014. The letter asks for greater access to information, which will help CAWU, and other NGOs to better explain developments in Egypt and, in turn, can result in a greater understanding of these developments.

Anna Hager wrote on January 11, 2014:

*"I wrote a PhD thesis on the video "innocence of Muslims", more precisely on the Christian-Muslim relations in the context of this video. So far, your articles and the Arab West reports on this subject have **been indeed extremely helpful.**"*

Father Emilio Platti wrote on July 2:

I would like to express my utmost gratitude for the work done by the Center headed by Dr. Cornelis Hulsman (Editor-in-Chief Arab West Report): The Arab West Report, a weekly digest of Egyptian newspaper translations and analysis, focusing primarily on Arab-West and Muslim-Christian relations. (www.arabwestreport.info)

The work of this center fills a particular gap – information related to Muslim-Christian relations in Egypt, and in particular, the position of Copts in the country and their situation under current circumstances. The website 'Arab West Report' is continually being updated and provides results based on the meticulous study of all the available sources of information provided here in Egypt.

The publication, 'Mélanges', prepared by our Dominican Institute (Ideo) has published certain contributions prepared by the Center, which our readers greatly appreciate.

As director of the previous publication of Mélanges, and also as a member of Ideo (The Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies), I hope to share with you the positive experience that we have had from working with the Center of Arab West Report.

Judge Fouad Riad wrote on July 5:

"You should not hesitate presenting the President with a two page note at least on what needs to be done to improve Egypt's image abroad. Needless to tell you the service such a report will render to Egypt in view of your great experience and love. I am sure the President will highly appreciate your recommendations."

Matthias Gillé wrote on July 15:

"Arab West Report has been extremely valuable for my research on Pope Shenouda III. It contains a lot of information that could not be found anywhere else in print, especially not in English that is related to the last decade of his life. AWR was also highly recommended to me by Prof. Reiss and other researchers who had previously written on topics related to Egypt and/or the Coptic Orthodox Church. Along with the huge database, I also had the privilege to interview Drs. Hulsman, who is very knowledgeable and spent most of his day off answering my questions. I hope AWR can continue to be a valuable resource for researchers in the future."

Appendix II: Tables Activities 2014

Table 1: Activities of CAWU deputy chairman Cornelis Hulsman to Promote Improved Muslim-Christian Relations/Arab-West Understanding:

Subject	Date	Location	Purpose
Providing articles and reports to PhD candidate Anna Hager, University of Vienna	11/1	Remote	Providing an Egyptian angle for the PhD thesis on Muslim-Christian relations in Egypt in the context of the film "Innocence of Muslims."
Meeting Mette Nielsen, Aalborg University	15/1	Beanos, Cairo	Preparing for research women in Egypt
Academic contacts	24/1	Maadi	Meeting Dr. Jaroslav Franc, ThD. assistant professor Department of pastoral a spiritual theology Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic www.upol.cz His department is greatly interested in the work we do on Egyptian Christianity.
Attending 1 day of seminar Justitia et Pax	8/2	Den Haag	Feb. 8 – Justitia et Pax, Den Haag
AUC Dean Laila el-Baradai	17/2	Cairo	Talking about mutual activities between AUC and AWR
Misereor	22/2	Cairo	Meeting Dr. Maria Haarmann and Alexandra at Caritas
German Embassy	3/3	Cairo	Meeting Jan Bittner about work of AWR with focus on work on Egyptian Constitution of 2014
Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	4/3	Cairo	Meeting Ambassador Mai Khalil about inviting former PM Salam Fayad to Egypt

US Embassy	5/3	Cairo	Meeting about work of AWR with focus on work on Egyptian Constitution of 2014
Pope Tawadros	5/3	Cairo	Meeting together with Dr. Inan Galaly
Fundraising efforts for cost of producing report on the 2014 Egyptian Constitution, including a population poll through Fatma al-Zanaty's office	Feb/Mar	Brussels/Cairo	Providing support to Diana Seródio in Brussels where she contacted numerous organizations. Introduction to Dr. Peter O'Brian, friend of AWR in Brussels. Ultimate result zero.
Lecture contemporary political developments in Egypt	13/3	Nijmegen	Lecture by Egyptian Ambassador in the Netherlands
Statement against Wilder's statement on the desire to have less Moroccans in the Netherlands	23/3	Den Haag	Participating with the Cairo Committee members in the Kloosterkerk
Agriculture Without Borders meeting	24/3	Nijmegen	Attending meeting to promote Agricultural development in Egypt but strongly focused around Dr. Abdelwahab Abdallah, an Egyptian with strong Islamist leanings
Thorbecke Tafel with Hans van Baalen, Liberal member of the EP	26/3	Den Haag	Importance of Egypt for the EP very limited. Focus of EU is now on the Ukraine
Funeral former AWR board member and supporter Fr. Dr. John Watson	2/4	UK	Funeral
Providing information for book publication	7/4	Email	Checking chapter book on Muslim-Christian relations by Gerard Russell
Report Digital Investigation points to Hosam Abdelkader as perpetrator of destruction of our database. Report filed about this with Dutch police	11/4	Den Haag	Ongoing procedure against Hosam
Talks with Arie de Boer, iFunds, KiA, Fondsenwervings Instituut about fundraising	22/4	Amersfoort/Utrecht	Researching electronic fundraising opportunities

programs for CAWU			
General Assembly CAWU	27/4	Cairo	Election of new board. Important was the participation of Rev. Dr. Safwat al-Bayadi as the most important member in this meeting
Visiting Girgis Saleh with Huub Lems (PKN), later also attending lecture of Pope Tawadros	29/4	Cairo	Helping PKN with connections to Orthodox Church in Egypt
CAWU board meeting	1/5	Cairo	First meeting of the board in its new composition
Meeting Mr. Volkhard Windfuhr	1/5	Cairo	Chairman of Foreign Press Association, well informed about developments in Egypt
Meeting Farid Safwat al-Bayadi	4/5	Cairo	Former member of the Egyptian Senate
Assistance in filming Holy Family sites	May 6-13	Anafora, monasteries, al-Qussia, Monastery of Muharraq, Dayr al-Garnus	Assisting film-maker Norbert Schiller but this visit also strengthened AWR relations with people in these areas and provided articles for AWR
Meeting Keith Kroell	May 14	Cairo	Discussing possible role of Keith Kroell in fundraising for CAWU. This is not possible in 2014 for family reasons.
Conference Friedrich Naumann Stiftung	May 17	Cairo	Attending discussions on liberalism in Egypt
Conference Friedrich Naumann Stiftung, meeting Amr Mousa	May 18	Cairo	Meeting Amr Mousa with Diana Serôdio to ask him for support in writing report on Constitution
Meeting Abuna Jo'annis of Qufada	May 21	Cairo	Relations CAWU-Qufada
Meeting Dr. Girgis Saleh, Director Ecumenical Relations COC, Wednesday evening meeting Pope	May 21	Cairo	Introduction to Dr. Rasmy, head of the Education Committee of the Bayt al-Eila
Meeting Dr. Hassan Wagieh	May 21	Cairo	Talks about unrest at al-Azhar
Gamal Hashim, CAPMAS	May 22	Cairo	Explaining Egyptian

			government statistics for research Weston
Funeral Rifa'at, brother of board member Dr. Hoda Awad	May 23	Cairo	Funeral
Taking intern Weston to important Coptic contacts in Cairo	May 24	Cairo	Mu'allim Ibrahim Father Musa from Maghagha
Keith Kroell	May 25	Cairo	Follow-up of talks about fundraising for plans for 2015-2017
Meeting Dr. Girgis Saleh, Adel and Dr. Rasmy at the Cathedral	May 25	Cairo	Seeking contacts with Beit al-Eila
Meeting businessman Mounir Ghabbour	May 26	Cairo	Seeking support for al-Qufada village
Meeting Janneke Stegeman (PKN) at CAWU, introducing her to a substantial number of people for her research	May 29	Cairo	Dr. Stegeman is investigating if dialogue would be possible on subject of mutual interest of Muslims and Christians
Introducing Dr. Janneke Stegeman to Amir Ramsis, other introductions made by telephone	May 30	Cairo	Dr. Stegeman is investigating if dialogue would be possible on subject of mutual interest of Muslims and Christians
Meeting Dr. Rifa'at Sa'id – Tagammu Party with intern Omar Ali	June 1	Cairo	Assisting intern in getting prominent interviews for paper on AWR
Meeting with Bashir Abdel Fatah of al-Democratiya, Al-Ahram with intern Omar Ali	June 1	Cairo	Assisting intern in getting prominent interviews for paper on AWR
Meeting Nabil Zaki of Tagammu Party with intern Omar Ali	June 2	Cairo	Assisting intern in getting prominent interviews for paper on AWR
Meeting Dr. Mona Zulficar with Diana Seródio	June 3	Cairo	Assisting intern in getting prominent interviews for paper on AWR
Attending weekly meeting Pope Tawadros to hand over personal letter Prof. Suermann of Missio to Pope for his research in ancient Coptic manuscripts	June 4	Cairo	Assistance to Prof. Suermann for his research
With Dr. Janneke Stegeman	June 4	Cairo	Assistance to Dr. Janneke

(PKN) visiting Prof. Mahmoud Khayal			Stegeman for her research
Dr. Sultan, King Abdelaziz Center for National Dialogue visiting CIDT	June 5	Cairo	Exploring dialogue related organization
Salon d'Experts/Ernesto Braam/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs – on Christian minorities in the Middle East	June 11	Amsterdam	Exploring current position Christians in Middle East with a select group of experts selected by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Henriete Lynden lecture on Christian minorities in Middle East/ Moderator Ernesto Braam	June 12	Amsterdam	Two Egyptian and one Syrian speaker who also attended the Salon d'Experts
Meeting Eildert Mulder	June 13	Den Haag	Journalist, meeting on current developments Egypt
Khaled Hassan on behalf of Ambassador Mohammed el-Orabi	June 28	Cairo	Formation of eminent persons network in Middle East, us contacting Prince Hassan and PM van Agt
With Mounir Ghabbour and Jayson traveling Holy Family locations in the diocese of Maghagha, Egypt	June 29	Maghagha	Seeking support for development Holy Family sites
Mosque visit for condolences	July 1	Cairo	With church delegation, led by Bishop Armia, for the condolences for the death of Dr. Mahmoud Azzab of the Bayt el-Eila of the Azhar
Meeting Dr. Hassan Wagieh	July 1	Cairo	Talks about Azhar, role of Bayt el-Eila
Cornelis went with Adel to meet Msgr. Kurian Matthew Vayalunkal, Charge d'affairs at the Nunciature	July 2	Cairo	Receiving envelope sent by Missio through Nunciature, recommendation for work we carry out
Bishop Qulta	July 2	Cairo	Signing letter of recommendation for CAWU
Follow-up on visit of Coptic businessman Ghabbour for church in Dayr al-Garnous on	July 3	Telephone	abuna Shenouda of Dayr al-Garnous: people from Ghabbour came to measure all

the route of the Holy Family			buildings around the church. Had meal with bishop Aghathon
Iftar with Dr. Saad Eddin Ibrahim, two lawyers and a leading staff member of the Ibn Khaldun Center	July 9		On Dutch journalist Rena Netjes, convicted in the al-Gezeera case. Obtaining legal advice in preparation for meeting day later at Dutch Embassy
Meeting Raphael Varga, first secretary Dutch Embassy	July 10	Cairo	On Rena Netjes, asked us about the possibility of a legal solution for her case.
Dr. Sherin Ibrahim	July 11	Cairo	Meeting on the draft report of the Egyptian Constitution
Hans Bemelmans	August 6	Amsterdam	Bemelmans is doing fundraising for the Dutch Red Cross. Fundraising for a large well-known organization is much easier than for a small one as CAWU
Usama Farid	August 7	Amsterdam	He called on August 6 in the early evening for a meeting the next day. He then inquired about organizing an information day about Egypt. Farid is of the MB and I asked for willingness to reconcile with government of Egypt. There are no contacts he said. Reconciliation needs in his view release of all MB prisoners. Reconciliation in his view should be initiated by the Egyptian government.
Municipal Council of the City of The Hague	August 14	The Hague	Attending municipal debate on public demonstrations in favor of and against Isis in Den Haag. The council ruled on forbidding Isis demonstrations.
Visiting Dr. Ibtimal Younis with Eildert Mulder	August 20	Oegstgeest	Talk about her own NGO, seminar in October 10, asking Mona Zulficar as chair for

			CAWU.
Johan Vrints from Belgian dialogue organization in Brussels visiting Cornelis Hulsman	August 21	The Hague	Talk about work AWR and CAWU
Harm Mulder on fundraising	August 22	The Hague	Concerns crowd funding. It is possible but it needs good staff to carry this out which we do not have.
Prof. Dr. Ayman Salama and Dr. Sherin Ibrahim	Sept 1	Cairo	Discussing the draft report on the Egyptian Constitution
Visiting Dr. Saad Eddin Ibrahim with Dr. Sherin Ibrahim	Sept 2	Cairo	Talks about democratization, al-Gezira journalism case
Robert Forster	September 5	Cairo	First day at work
Flemming research	Sept 6	Cairo	His research on Al-Azhar
Dr. Sherin, Maged and Walid (NDP)	Sept 6	Cairo	Meeting people who were prior to the revolution of 2011 prominent in the NDP
Staff meeting with Marc van Oudheusden on IT	Sept 11	Cairo	Discussing need for Project Initiation Document (PID) for the upgrade of all websites with staff. Marc made mind-map following brainstorm with staff.
CAWU excursion for interns to Qufada	Sept 13	Qufada/Maghagha	With Annemarie Graf, friend of hers and interns Jonathan and Rene
Eng. Samir Mitri	Sept 16	Cairo	Holy Family promotion
Mr. Mohammed Imam, Press Center	Sept 16	Cairo	Introducing Robert Forster
Dr. Sherin Ibrahim	Sept 16	Cairo	Systematically going through the text of the draft Constitution report
Bishop Mounir	Sept 17	Cairo	About contributions to the Maadi Messenger
Dr. Maged Yanney	Sept 17	Cairo	How to set up a micro credit program for villagers in Qufada

Visit Kerk in Actie, Feije Duim, Florette Koning and Jan Post Hospers	Sept 25	Utrecht	Feije Duim and Florette Koning asked Cornelis Hulsman and Dutch intern Jonathan Vink to write blogs about Egypt for Kerk in Actie Jan Post Hospers spoke about possibly organizing a visit to Egypt to meet with the Beit al-Eila in Egypt
Dutch journalist Eildert Mulder	Sept 27	The Hague	Providing an update about Egypt
Celebration ten years monument of the unknown child Roses for Children	Sept 28	Arnhem	Egypt participated in this monument thanks to the efforts of Cornelis Hulsman – Roses for Children asked CAWU to help establish a corresponding monument in Egypt
Meeting former Dutch Minister of Agriculture Mr. Henk Bleker	Oct 2	The Hague	Asking if he would be willing to visit Egypt. Answer yes, if invited by Egyptian authorities
Meeting Marc van Oudheusden	Oct 6	The Hague	Discussing steps for upgrade websites ENAWU, Egypt for Peace and Holy Family websites will be incorporated in the CAWU website
Mr. Pil, Belgian Asylum seekers organization	Oct 7	Cairo	Call from Brussels for update on Egypt. Few Muslim Brotherhood requests for asylum which is different from expected
Jan Keulen	Oct 8	Cairo	Talking about cooperation media training
Dr. Ibtihal Younis/Seminar about life and work of the late Dr. Nasser Abu Zayd	Oct 10-11	Cairo	Attending conference
Meeting Dr. Hamdi Zaqzouq	Oct 12	Cairo	Speaking about possible visit Dutch Cairo Committee to Cairo (talks Jan Post Hospers Sept 25). Dr. Zaqzouq prefers to postpone such a visit until a successor has been found for

			the late Dr. Mahmoud Azzab
Prof. Dr. Ayman Salama	Oct 13	Cairo	Going over the draft report on the Egyptian Constitution
Petrus Schothorst	Oct 14	Cairo	Follow-up of earlier meeting with Jan Keulen on possible cooperation
Dr. Girgis Saleh, Coptic Orthodox Cathedral	Oct 16	Cairo	On a possible visit of the Dutch Cairo Committee to Egypt for the Beit al-Eila, giving update on meeting with Dr. Hamdi Zaqqouq
Dr. Hala Fahmy and Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	Oct 18	Cairo	On completing the report on church building in Marinab, Assuan
Holy Family celebration in Old Cairo with Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb and Pope Tawadros II	Oct 21	Cairo	Cornelis Hulsman attended on behalf of CAWU
Sherif Moody, businessman	Oct 22	Cairo	On possibly sponsoring CAWU. He is in printing. If CAWU would print he could possible provide a highly reduced rate
Signing agreement of cooperation with the Global Forum for Media and Development	Oct 22	Cairo	Expanding cooperation of CAWU
Visiting Mr. Atiya Shakran, State Information Service, with Dr. Sherin Ibrahim	Oct 23	Cairo	Re-contacting after many years since he had been the director of the Egyptian Press Center
Flight to Uganda	Oct 24-28	Uganda	Being the guest of Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Abdelaziz, a friend of CAWU. Talking about strengthening Egypt-West relations
Bård Kårtveit, Norwegian researcher on Copts	Nov 1	Email	Seeking information from CAWU, referred to AWR website
Meeting Deputy Minister of Justice Dr. Hassan Badrawy and Dr. Ayman Salama	Nov 3	The Hague	Informing Dr. Badrawi about work of CAWU

Kerk in Actie	Nov 11	Cairo	Visiting office CAWU, received by Adel Rizkallah
Ambassador Mona Omar	Nov 19	Cairo	Informing Amb Mona Omar about current activities CAWU. Amb Mona Omar recommended the foundation of CAWU in 2005
Meeting Mona el-Saghir	Nov 20	Cairo	Discussing events we can organize together
Press Conference Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb	Nov 22	Cairo	Meeting Ambassador Salah el-Sadek about the documentary Network-J International TV from Hong Kong is planning – they asked support of CAWU in organizing interviews for their documentary on stability in Egypt and prospects for tourism
Press Center	Nov 23	Cairo	Meeting director Mohammed Imam
Amb James Moran of the EU Delegation in Cairo	Nov 24	EU-Delegation, Cairo	Informing the Ambassador about the work of CAWU and the Global Forum for Media and Development (Egypt)
Volkhard Windfuhr	Nov 24	Cairo	Chairman Foreign Press Association about Network-J International TV from Hong Kong
H.E. Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohamed el-Orabi	Nov 24	Diplomatic Club, Cairo	Asking for interview with Network-J International TV from Hong Kong
Qasr el-Dubara church	Nov 25	Cairo	Asking for interview with Network-J International TV from Hong Kong
Meeting Eng. Adel Gendy, general manager for international relations and strategic planning at tourism development authority	Nov 25	Cairo	CAWU Holy Family website – asking for material from the TDA to place online

Sanna Plieschnegger, PhD student prof Reiss on the subject of media reporting in Europe and Egypt on convert Hamed Abdel Samad	Nov 25	Cairo	Talking about her PhD, where to collect media data, giving suggestions for experts to meet in Egypt, incl Mona el-Saghir
Newsletter about cooperation with the Global Forum for Media and Development	Nov 25	Cairo	About the cooperation agreement
Usama al-Ghazouly	Nov 26	Cairo	Meeting former board member of CAWU, giving update on CAWU
Caroline Comport, Director, Journalism Education The Media Project Passing away of Rev Dr Arne Fjeldstad	Nov 29	Email	Offering condolences Dr. Arne Fjeldsted who helped launch the website for Arab-West Report in 2006
Volkhard Windfuhr	Nov 30	Cairo	About Network-J International TV from Hong Kong
Azza Koura, Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Egypt & MENA Chapter	Nov 30	Cairo	Advice for fundraising – we need staff to carry this out
Arrival 3 persons crew Network-J International TV	Dec 1	Cairo	Arrival team
Archbishop Mounir	Dec 1	Cairo	Interview
Network-J International TV	Dec 2	Cairo	Meeting with director and staff of Press Center
Sheikh Dr. Anas Aboshady, Professor of Islamic Studies, Azhar University.	Dec 3	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV
Mr. Sameh Saad, advisor to the Minister of Tourism for marketing.	Dec 3	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Prof. Abdallah Schleifer, chief editor of the Muslim 500, a annual overview of the most	Dec 3	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.

influential Muslims in the world			
Eng. Nagwa Raouf, member of the Egyptian Moral Rearmament Association, founder of Emirat Insan Foundation, Ezbet al-Hagana, Medinet Nasr.	Dec 4	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammed el-Orabi	Dec 4	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Visit to Alexandria, Church St. Marc, beginning of Christianity in Egypt, Alexandrian dialogue committee (Ali Baroudi, Moheb Shafiq). Later in afternoon: visit to Two Saints Church where bomb attack two years ago took place with talks of efforts of reconciliation.	Dec 5	Alexandria	Visit for interviews for Network J International TV.
Pope Tawadros II	Dec 6	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Dr. Girgis Saleh, member of Bayt al-Eila, Director Ecumenical Relations of Coptic Orthodox Church	Dec 8	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Rev. Sameh Hanna of the Qasr el-Dubara	Dec 9	Cairo	Interview for Network J International TV.
Return of Network J International TV to Hong Kong	Dec 10	Cairo	Return
Mr. Joost Geijer, Agricultural Attache Netherlands Embassy	Dec 15	Cairo	On suggestion to invite former Minister Henk Bleker. Embassy prefers own invitees
Visit Children's Cancer Hospital	Dec 17	Cairo	Meeting Director Dr. Cherif, organized by Mdm Azza Koura of FPA – establishing monument for children who died to early/Roses for Children. Accompanied by

intern Joseph Coffee. Interest for monument is confirmed but we need to find the artwork in the Ministry of Culture, the donation of Roses for Children many years ago with the purpose to use this for the core of the monument

Appendix III: Forum/training meetings

Date	Subject	Organized by	Speaker(s)	Location	Attendants	Link to report online
14/1	Investigative Reporting	CAWU	Dr. Christiane Paulus, Jenna Ferrecchia	Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	9	http://www.arabwestreport.info/year-2014/week-25/77-cawu-workshop-interview-techniques-and-tips-making-transcripts
8/3	Women in Egypt	CAWU	Byeongsun Ahn	Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	10	Included in his report: http://www.arabwestreport.info/writing-her-story-egypt-illustration-islamic-womens-movement-post-colonial-egypt
18 and 19 april	Interview training	CAWU/Mette Toft Nielsen	Mette Toft Nielsen and Danish prof. Peter Hervik, Aalborg University, Denmark	Office CAWU	9	link: https://www.facebook.com/withandaboutwomeninegypt
20/5	Investigative Reporting	CAWU	Flemming Andersen	Office CAWU	10	http://www.arabwestreport.info/year-2014/week-22/9-may-forum-meeting-investigative-journalism-egypt
26/6	Egyptian Constitution of 2014	CAWU	Diana Seródio	Office CAWU	6	http://www.arabwestreport.info/year-2014/week-28/10-june-forum-meeting-comparative-analysis-2012-2014-egyptian-constitutions-diana
Sept 10	The Libyan tragedy	CAWU	Prof. Abdallah Schleifer	Office CAWU	15	http://www.arabwestreport.info/libyan-tragedy-whats-happening-and-why-it-happening
Oct 10	Evening workshop on education at the Azhar	Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	Different speakers invited by Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	Dr. Mahmoud Khayal	20	Recorded by Flemming, no staff to work this out in a transcript
Oct 15	New Voices of Egyptian	CAWU	Mette Toft Nielsen	Office CAWU	10	Recorded by R. Forster, no report written.

	Women					
Oct 16	History of church in Egypt	Korean Center	Cornelis Hulsman	Korean Center in Cairo	15	This was annual lecture on the same topic as in previous years. CAWU interns participated
Oct 23	Muslim-Christian relations in Egypt	Korean Center	Cornelis Hulsman	Korean Center in Cairo	15	This was annual lecture on the same topic as in previous years. CAWU interns and Mrs. Mona el-Saghir of the Global Forum for Media and Development (Egypt) participated
Oct 30/10 – 4/11	Productivity Training: Feed integration systems and critical thinking.	CAWU	Marc van Oudheusden	CAWU	13	http://sec.cawu.org/?Projects:Workshops_and_Conferences:%27Productivity_Training%3A_News_Feed_Integration_Systems_and_Critical_Thinking%27_%28Nov._2014%29
27/11	Religion and society	Dr. Mahmoud Khayyal	Dr. Mahmoud Khayyal	Dr. Mahmoud Khayyal	10	No report.
Dec 29	IT club called Microsoft Tech Club at Sadat Academy	CAWU	Marc van Oudheusden	Sadat Academy	Not recorded	See CAWU website.

Appendix IV: Excursions

Excursions are learning experiences for interns and CAWU members and friends and are included in the target for workshops and forums:

- January 8-12 – Cornelis Hulsman facilitated film-makers Norbert Schiller and Dana Smilie visiting a number of Holy Family sites in Upper Egypt
- On March 23-24, visit of four interns to Fayoum through the Maadi Messenger
- On May 16 - a visit for CAWU board members and interns to the festival (moulid) of the Monastery of St. Dimyana.
- On June 29, Cornelis Hulsman guiding Coptic businessman Mounir Ghabbour and Jayson Casper to Holy Family locations in the diocese of Maghagha, Egypt
- On July 9, *iftar* with discussion on poverty in a socio-economically deprived area in Cairo
- On September 13, visit with interns and visitors to village of Qufada, Maghagha
- On December 5, visit with Network J International, Hong Kong to Alexandria

Total forum meetings: 13

Total excursions: 7

Appendix V: Lectures/group presentations (all by Cornelis Hulsman)

Date	Group and subject	Location
5 Feb.	Catholic Archdiocese in cooperation with Amnesty International, human rights in Egypt	Regensburg
17 Feb.	American University in Cairo Addressing Presidential interns at AUC, 11.30 – 13.00 Subject: Arab-West Report Meeting the dean about cooperation between AUC and CIDT	AUC, Cairo
June 6	Lecture about Muslim-Christian dialogue in a conference of the Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer Dienst (KAAD) in Cairo on June 6, 2014.	Cairo
December 22	Introducing Muslim-Christian relations to the leadership of the Evangelical Church, The Hague Organized by Annelies Plas, including pastor Arthur de Groot, Herman Boonstra, member of church council	Delft

Total: 4 lectures/presentations (not included forum meetings and lots of individual meetings)

This is below the expected number. There were fewer invitations for lectures in 2014, but more invitations for personal meetings about our work with prominent people.

Appendix VI: Table 4: CAWU related reporting in Western and Egyptian media/the Maadi Messenger

Issue	Author	Relation to AWR	Title
January	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Working in Shubra, Cairo/ Catholic family
February	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Julie Casper	Author	A Trip outside of Cairo—Experiencing Upper Egypt and the Holy Family Sites
March	Cornelis Hulsman		Visiting Assuan
	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Julie Casper	Author	Egyptian hospitality and learning to be flexible
	Cornelis Hulsman		Chinese-Canadian wanted the best and found this in the Monastery of Saint Demiana
April	Cornelis Hulsman		The Pilgrimage Festival of the Monastery of St. Demiana in May
	Frederike Hessing	Intern mediahouse	From 5 thousand to 20 million
	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Fabian Weinert	Intern	German intern; enjoying Cairo
	Cornelis Hulsman		It's Spring, celebrate Sham En-Nessim ; sniffing the breeze
May	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Ancient Egypt; Wadi Hitan or the Valley of the Whales
	Fabian Weinert	Intern	The Art of Pottery at Fayoum Oasis
	Fabian Weinert	Intern	Welcome to the Beautiful Oasis
	Byeongsun Ahn	Intern	The best way to get to know Egypt is through meeting Egyptians
	Byeongsun Ahn	Intern	Hotel Auberge, the historical pearl of the Fayoum Oasis

	Maria Hönig	Intern	Visit Egypt is worth it!
	Farah de Haan	Intern	The wonders of Fayoum: 5 reasons why you should visit
June	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Bishop Thomas and the Anafora retreat center
	Ibrahim Morgan	Author	Anafora: Oasis and Retreat in the Desert
	David Bailey	Author	The famous Cairo tiling as seen in Maadi
	Ayad Mossad	Former chair Arab-West Foundation	Egypt remains in my heart, even 38 years after I left Egypt
	Julie Casper	Author	An Ancient Egyptian Tradition—the Subuu'
July	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Omar Ali	Intern	A Western-Islamic Account on Spirituality, Ramadan and Interfaith reconciliation
	Weston Trent Bland	Intern	Ramadan as intercultural interfaith experience
	Christiane Paulus	Friend of AWR	Basic Facts about Ramadan
	Alistair White	Intern	Studying Arabic in Cairo
	Mary Lai	Former CAWU board member	Egyptian Monastic Products – Go Global
August	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Sarakna, the migration story of one village
	Omar Ali	Intern	A Tale of Two Culture; Between Communitarianism and Individualism
	Cornelis Hulsman		An Upper Egyptian wedding
August 21	Cornelis Hulsman		Interview Radio 1 (AVRO-TROS) about living and working in Egypt
September	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Sarah Turland	Author	A Tale of Two Mothers
	Alistair White	Intern	Iftar at Emarat al-Insan Foundation; Towards a

			brighter future of Egypt
	Fadi Taher	Author	Celebrating Iftar Multi-Faith Style
	Shabana Basheer	Intern	Experiences of an intern in Egypt
	Hina Fathima	Intern	Reminiscence of the short-lived summer of 2013
October	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Mette Toft Nielsen	Former intern	El Stitat Fi Om el-Donia – A Project With and About Women in Egypt
	Rene Witteveen	Intern	Tourguides and Volkswagen Vans
	Omar Ali	Intern	The Cultural Misrepresentation of Upper Egypt
	Alistair White	Intern	A visit to a Christian celebration in Maghagha (Minya)
	Mohammed Shawky	Intern	Attending a wedding in Beni Suef
	Ibrahim Morgan	Author	Walking the entire Nile River
November	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Dr. Hala Fahmy: “I love my country, so I must tell the people how beautiful my country is.”
	Julie Casper	Author	The Art of Tuk-Tuk riding
	Sarah Turland	Author	To Bike or Not to Bike? You be the judge
	Rene Witteveen	Intern	Street scenes
	Mary Lai	Former CAWU board member	Start a business in Egypt – Mission Impossible??
	Cornelis Hulsman		Ten Years Roses for Children; a call for help to establish a monument for children in Egypt
December	Cornelis Hulsman		Editorial
	Cornelis Hulsman		Egyptian Minister of Tourism: Blessed be Egypt my people

	Rene Witteveen	Intern	Celebrate! Screaming Children and the Cave Churches
	Mary Lai	Former CAWU board member	Cross-Cultural issues about doing business in Egypt
	Cornelis Hulsman		Egypt in Uganda

Cornelis Hulsman was the Editor of the Maadi Messenger in 2014 and gave interns and friends of AWR and CAWU the space to publish in the Maadi Messenger. All articles celebrate Egypt. Articles related to Egyptian culture and experiences in Egypt have also been placed in AWR.

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