ANDD discussion paper series
"Opening the lid" series

Purpose:
The series aims to encourage structured dialogue over "wicked" problems in the region
The series is meant to be provocative and jump-start a conversation over 'structural' challenges and opportunities that the region has beyond those easily identifiable through sectoral and technical aspects.

ANDD will use this series to create a dialogue on issues of essential importance that in general tend to condition all development conversations in the region including at the national level

HOW it will work:
➢ The series will run once yearly
➢ ANDD members will agree on development issues for the series to address (we recommend 3 at a time)
➢ ANDD will issue a call for papers to be submitted by faculty members and students from universities that are members of ANDD and UN staff in the region
➢ ANDD members will nominate selected members (experts on the issues discussed) as a review group
➢ Authors will submit their short position papers based on set guidelines developed by ANDD
➢ The papers must be solutions driven and innovative. Authors will be given a question to address and they must propose solutions (there should be no explorations of the problem except to the identification allowed in the format)
➢ Once submitted, the papers will be reviewed by the review group and the top papers will be selected (12 or more?)
➢ The authors of the shortlisted papers will be invited for a 3-4 days long brainstorming/perfecting session with the review group and other experts (if needed to improve their reports)
➢ The top 8 papers will be chosen and published in an associated ANDD journal (ANDD open access journal that to be created)
➢ These authors will be invited to participate in a series of campus discussions of their papers in ANDD member campuses (these will be open participations fora) presenting the problem and their proposed solutions
➢ These events will have two authors each and allows for open challenge of the problem and solutions

- The authors will not present their papers in their home campuses; rather they will be part of the audience in their campuses to encourage discussion
- After this process the top selected apers and authors will be selected and invited to present their proposals and experience at selected UN/ESCWA events (4 or more?)
- Other rewarding incentive to motivate and encourage?

Provisional list of topics:
Topics of "hot" discussions that describe the main issues and problems of the region
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- How can we unify the region? Focus on things that unite us rather than separate us
- How to change the perspective of the region: internally, globally
- How do you anticipate the region would look like in 2050 if nothing changes? What needs to happen
- How does social innovation contribute to building sustainable development in the Arab region?