

Report of Representation

World Bank ‘Supervision & Orientation Mission’ to ANSA Arab World

Cairo, Egypt, May 25-30, 2013

George Cheriyan visited Cairo, Egypt from May 25-30, 2013, as an international expert on social accountability, being part of the World Bank’s ‘Supervision & Orientation Mission’ to ANSA Arab World (ANSA AW). He oriented ANSA AW Secretariat members on various social accountability approaches & tools from May 26-28 and also attended and made a presentation in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of ANSA AW on May 29, 2013.

ANSA-Arab World is a regional programme supervised by MNSSO Unit at the World Bank, started in 2011 and hosted and implemented by CARE Egypt in seven countries of the region: Egypt, Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza, Morocco and Tunisia. The purpose of the mission was overall supervision of programme implementation entailing meeting with the ANSA Secretariat and Board of Trustees and review strategic plan of action prepared by ANSA-AW and also to address the coordination, communication and networking issues.

Orientation of ANSA AW Secretariat members and Review of Plan of Action



The activities commenced with a meeting with the World Bank mission team members, Mariana Felicio, Social Development Specialist, MNSSO, The World Bank, Washington DC; and Sima Kanaan, Lead Social Development Specialist, MNSSO, The World Bank, Washington DC on May 26, 2013.

Cheriyan started the orientation programme of six members of the ANSA Secretariat with a ‘Comparative Analysis of social Accountability Tools’ followed by questions and discussions. He made a presentation on ‘Implementation of Social Accountability: Lessons from the Ground’ based on the vast experience of CUTS in the field and also screened two documentary films. The concluding session was on ‘What is a Network? Lessons Learned on Networks’, was also followed by detailed discussions.

Cheriyan made two presentations the next day: ‘Best Practices in Coordination and Information Flow in Networks’ & ‘Resource Mobilisation and Revenue Generation: Overview of Options’. Discussions took place on network structures and information flow models were presented.



Discussions were held on ‘Review and Enhancement of ANSA AW Implementation Plan Year 2’ the third day. Sima Kanaan, The World Bank made a presentation on the coalition building.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Country Advisory Teams



Cheriyam attended the meeting of the Board of Trustees of ANSA AW as an external expert along with World Bank team members at Cairo on May 29, 2013. The meeting was attended by representatives from 7 countries. Cheriyam made a presentation on 'Lessons Learned from other Networks and Challenges in coordination and information flow', which was well received and appreciated.

Dinner with the World Bank Dy Country Director

Cheriyam attended a dinner along with Deputy Country Director, World Bank, Egypt and World Bank team members Mariana Felicio and Sima Kanaan. Detailed informal discussions were held about problems faced in various Arab countries and also about the conflict in Syria and possible solutions.



Meeting with Essam Nada, RAED

Cheriyam met with Essam Nada from Arab Network of NGOs for Environment and Development (RAED) on May 25, 2013 and had discussions about the possible areas of collaboration and handed over copies of the study entitled, 'Understanding the State of Domestic Competition and Consumer Policies in Select MENA Countries' (along with CDs), which was carried out by CUTS along with RAED. He also discussed with Essam the possibility of capturing the power/water scenario in Cairo using some of the tools, such as Citizens Report Card and to advocate with the government about measures to be taken to improve the situation.

Visit to Great Pyramids in Giza, Egypt



Making use of the opportunity, Cheriyam visited pyramids in Giza on May 29, 2013. Giza – 15 kms away from Cairo city – is the location of the Pyramid of Khufu (also known as the "Pyramid of Cheops") and other smaller pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure, along with a number of smaller satellite edifices known as 'Queen's pyramids' and the Great Sphinx. The Pyramid of Cheops is the oldest and largest of the three pyramids in the Giza. It is the oldest of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and the only one to remain largely intact.

It is believed the Pyramid was built as a tomb for fourth dynasty Egyptian pharaoh Khufu and was constructed over a 20 years. There are three known chambers inside the Great Pyramid. The pyramid remained the tallest man-made structure in the world for over 3,800 years.