League of Arab States
General Secretariat

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States
and
The Energy Charter Secretariat

The Secretariat General of the League of Arab States and the Energy Charter Secretariat hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Based on the respective objectives of the League of Arab States and of the Energy Charter Secretariat,

Realizing the increasing importance with which the world views the issue of energy security both on the supply and on the demand side, and that both, producing countries and consuming countries are aware of their shared responsibilities on this matter,

Arising from their objectives to strengthen and enhance cooperation in all aspects of energy chain, including improvement of energy efficiency, and utilisation of new and renewable energy sources in addition to cooperation in the field of exchange of knowledge and technology transfer, and encouraging private sector investments in energy projects,

Agree on the following:

Article 1. Objectives

- To strengthen cooperation between the Parties through joint activities,
- To support the development of energy sources,
- To promote knowledge related to all energy matters,
- To focus particularly on cooperation and activities related to the improvement of energy efficiency.

Article 2. Implementation

- Each party shall inform the other party of any current activities and work programs for the coming years with a view to agree on joint activities,

- Cooperation between the Parties outside the activities specificd in this Memorandum of Understanding shall not prevent either of the Parties working separately with others,
- The Parties shall implement this Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to the mechanism mentioned in Article 4, without violation of internal rules and regulations that govern either of the Parties,
- This Memorandum of Understanding does not impose on one party the obligation of exclusive cooperation with the other party. It does not cover any joint partnerships or joint ventures with a legal status.

Article 3. Scope of Work

The Parties will organise joint activities, programs and practices which aim at strengthening cooperation within the energy field and which cover the following aspects:

1. Development of regional and intra-trade in the field of energy.
2. Defining policies for energy efficiency and promoting renewable energy sources.
3. Development of the regional electricity markets.
4. Exchange of knowledge, and technical cooperation within the relevant fields.
5. Encouraging investment in the energy sector.

Article 4. Execution and Follow up Mechanism

Each party shall appoint a representative who will be responsible for implementing and following up this Memorandum of Understanding. If necessary, the representative shall determine the need to develop alternative ways and means for cooperation and shall provide suitable suggestions and recommendations.

Article 5. Matters not included in this Memorandum of Understanding

The Parties shall amicably discuss all relevant matters that are not included in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 6. Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the Parties after thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other party.

Article 7. Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of the two Parties. The proposed amendment shall be in writing and will be effective after being agreed by the two Parties.

Article 8. Validity

- The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective once signed by the two Parties.
- This Memorandum of Understanding was signed in Brussels on March 19 2012 in two originals, both in Arabic and English languages, and all originals being equally authentic.

For	For
The Energy Charter Secretariat	**The Secretariat-General of the League of Arab States**