

# sahwa

Empowering Arab Youth: **Towards a New Social Contract**

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## RESEARCH THEMES

### Youth Opportunities

#### Education, Employment and Social Inclusion

To research the determinants of the mismatch between demand and supply of skills in the labour market and the expectations of young people in this respect, in particular young women

### Youth Empowerment

#### Social and Political mobilization and participation

To research patterns of mobilization, social organization, political engagement and use of social media, contextualized by socio-economic, political conditions and historical revolution

### Youth Cultures

#### Values, Representations and Social Conditions

To research cultural practices of young people in relation to the articulation of different social conditions, focused on the evolution of youth social values and civic participation

## CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

### Gender Equity

To research different pathways towards fostering equality between young women and men and the existing or emerging conditions for establishing social justice in gender relations

### Migration and International Mobility

To research the main determinants of migration and migration intentions, how they will evolve over time and what are their effects on local societies and transnational mobility

### Comparative Transition Experiences

To research experiences and lessons to be extracted from youth transitions in Eastern Europe and Turkey

### Public Policies and International Cooperation

To research youth and gender policies, as well as international cooperation in this areas, in particular in the ENP context

## OBJECTIVES

**Conceptualizing** transition in Arab countries with a focus on Arab youth from an interdisciplinary perspective

**Mapping** political, socio-economic and cultural change for young people in the Arab world in a context of multiple transitions, relying on:

- Perspectives from different countries and stakeholders
- Prospective studies and trends to anticipate future change
- Identification of opportunities for youth, seen as a transformative agent

**Exploring** similar past situations as possible models to inform the management of political and economic transformations

**Providing** policy-makers with a range of tools and original frameworks of analysis and data to integrate the role of youth for a better EU support for change in the region

**Focus** on Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon

## METHODOLOGY

### EMPIRICAL RESEARCH

#### Youth Survey:

A multi-country survey of a representative sample in each of the five countries with a common questionnaire covering all aspects of the project: education, employment and inclusion, political participation and mobilization, values and culture, gender roles and perspectives, migration and international mobility. As a result, a unique comparative dataset on youth in the Arab World will be made available for further research

#### Fieldwork in Local Context:

Anthropological research based on the case study method of urban, per-urban and rural areas. Semi-structured interviews and social ethnography observation techniques will be used to produce life stories, a cartography of change, a documentary addressed to the wide public and a Shababpedia of young perspectives in and on the process of multiple transitions

## RESEARCH WORK FLOW

2014-2016

### METHODOLOGY

MAPPING  
political, social and cultural  
change in the Arab World

CONCEPTUALIZATION

Fieldwork  
in local  
context

Youth  
Survey

### RESEARCH THEMES

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:  
Employment, Education  
and Social Inclusion

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT:  
Social and Political  
mobilization, and  
participation

YOUTH CULTURES:  
Values, Representations  
and Social Conditions

Gender Equality

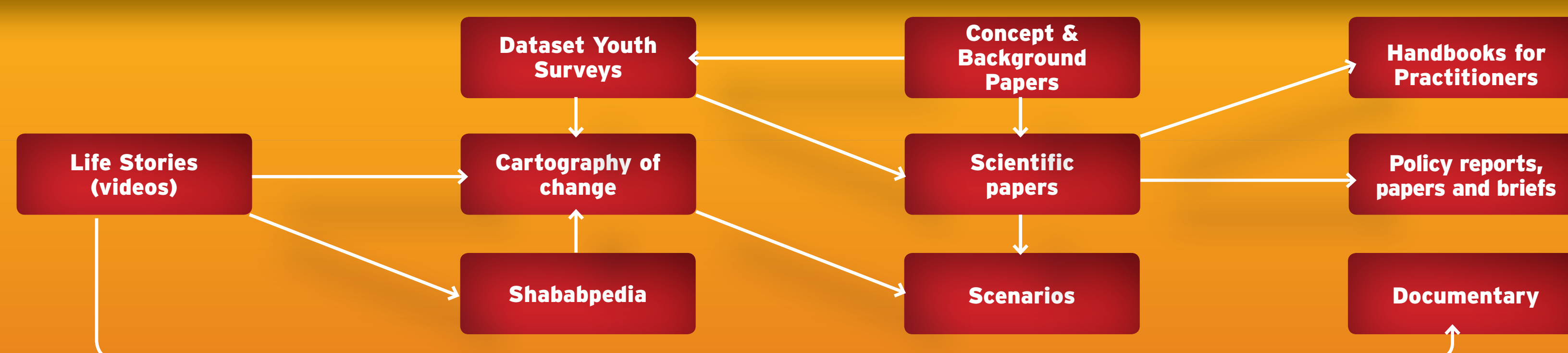
Migration and  
International Mobility

Comparative Transition  
Experiences

Public policies and  
international cooperation

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES



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