

Box 1 Next steps

1. Disseminate recommendations to all countries to inform them about the SDGs and the necessity to engage civil society organizations.
2. Establish a regional civil society organization database (by December 2015). WHO should seek names of civil society organizations from consultation participants and the Gulf Cooperation council, and participants should review the list.
3. Develop an information sheet on civil society organizations (by 1 October 2015).
4. Make the database available online (by December 2015).
5. Conduct training on needs assessment through a rapid survey.
6. Develop training programmes, for instance on health-related topics, including the regional health priorities and the SDGs (by January 2016), and on management, strategic planning, advocacy, fund raising, proposal writing, monitoring and evaluation, and reporting (by September 2016).
7. Develop a standard training curriculum in the Arabic language.
8. Establish a regional roster of experts via email (by November 2015).
9. Develop a capacity self-assessment checklist for civil society organizations.
10. Conduct advocacy for involvement of civil society organizations in the SDGs through a regional forum.
11. Develop infographics on the SDGs for decision-makers.
12. Request ministries of health to establish a liaison office as an interface with other