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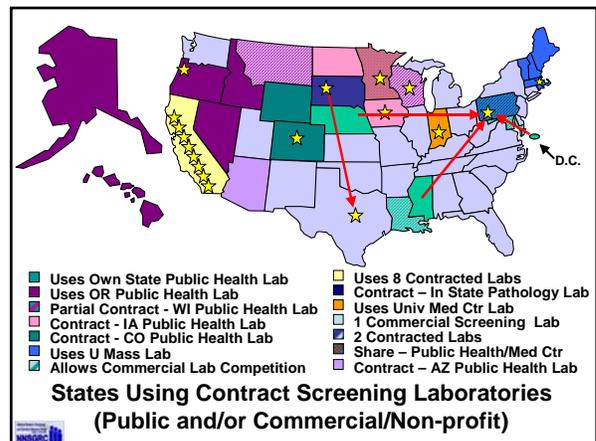
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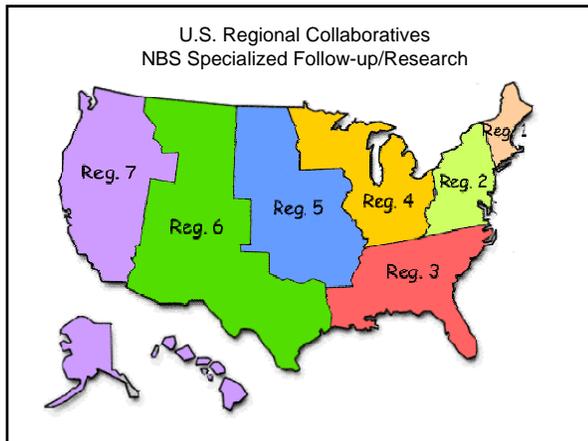
- International Atomic Energy Agency
  - Inquire through national atomic energy agency
  - Potential for member countries to participate in Asia Regional Project – already included are Pakistan, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia
- Professional Groups – Guidelines, etc.
  - AAP – Fact sheets
  - ESPE/Lawson Wilkins Society – Endocrine guidelines
  - CLSI – Standard (filter paper collection); Guideline (follow-up)
- Commercial vendors
  - Complimentary materials for collection facilities
  - Assistance with meeting sponsorships and training expenses

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Country	Population	Birth Rate	Births	Infant Mortality		
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Bahrain	698,585	17.80	12,435	16.80	19.65	13.87
Egypt	78,887,007	22.94	1,809,668	31.33	32.04	30.58
Iran	68,688,433	17.00	1,167,703	40.30	40.49	40.10
Iraq	26,783,383	31.98	856,533	48.64	54.39	42.61
Israel	6,352,117	17.97	114,148	6.89	7.61	6.14
Kuwait	2,418,393	21.94	53,060	9.71	10.72	8.66
Lebanon	3,874,050	18.52	71,747	23.72	26.34	20.97
Morocco	33,241,259	21.98	730,643	40.24	43.99	36.30
Oman	3,102,229	36.24	112,425	18.89	21.65	16.00
Pakistan	165,803,560	29.74	4,930,998	70.45	70.84	70.04
West Bank	2,460,492	31.67	77,924	19.15	21.12	17.05
Gaza Strip	1,428,757	39.45	56,364	22.40	23.48	21.27
Qatar	885,359	15.56	13,776	18.04	21.27	14.63
Saudi Arabia	27,019,731	29.34	792,759	12.81	14.71	10.83
Syria	18,881,361	27.76	524,147	28.61	28.85	28.36
Tunisia	10,175,014	15.52	157,916	23.84	26.70	20.77
UAE	2,602,713	18.96	49,347	14.09	16.57	11.48
Yemen	21,456,188	42.89	920,256	59.88	64.55	54.98
		474,758,631	12,451,848			





- **Priority Action Item:** Initiate and convene a NAME regional NBS working group (council) to consolidate regional information and provide a group for developing national/regional models for 6-components of NBS system.
- **Next Steps:** Identify group members (and leadership); set next meeting; establish meeting ground rules; develop group mission, goals, and action plan; provide information to member states; periodically assess accomplishments and adjust activities
- Attendees within a country please confer internally and suggest a name to the organizers to participate in a working group – before leaving Marrakech if possible.

- **Priority Action Item:** Tabulate regional NBS data.
- **Special Opportunities in Region:** Experiences of countries with already established NBS programs and systems, country reports at this meeting.
- **Potential Obstacles:** Definitions and format for reporting.
- **International Collaborations:** Developed NBS Programs, NNSGRC, ACMG, ISNS
- **Next Steps:**
  - Define activities to be reported and format for report.
  - Identify a central point of contact (repository).
  - Establish a means of data sharing (e.g. regional website, newsletter)
  - Set timeline for completion and agree on protocol for periodic update.

- **Priority Action Item:** Tabulate regional NBS resources (e.g. laboratories, services and capacity; available specialists, location, and contact information).
- **Special Opportunities in Region:** Network of collaborators established at this meeting.
- **Potential Obstacles:** Lack of available information; willingness to participate.
- **International Collaborations:** Developed NBS Programs, Professional Societies, Professional Listservs.
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- **Priority Action Item:** Develop model generic information materials and protocols for national activities (pilot studies, financing strategies, etc.)
- **Special Opportunities in Region:** Already developed programs within the region; network of collaborators established at this meeting.
- **Potential Obstacles:** - Individual Initiative -
- **International Collaborations:** Developed NBS Programs, ISNS, NNSGRC, NBS Listserv
- **Next Steps:**
  - Assemble materials from within the region.
  - Evaluate materials for appropriateness as models.
  - Consolidate materials into usable materials.
  - Modify developed materials as necessary for national use.

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