



Citizens' Voice in Jordan: The role of public communication and media for a more open government



Online zoom meeting
29 April 2021
16.00-18.00 (Amman time zone)



Objectives

Within the framework of the Citizens' Voice project supported by the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the OECD and the Ministry of State for Media Affairs are organizing an online meeting on 29 April 2021. These discussions will benefit from a presentation of the main findings and recommendations of the OECD Review "Citizens' Voice in Jordan: Public Communication and Media for a more Open Government." The meeting will also be an occasion to reflect on the mis and disinformation infrastructure in Jordan, as well as potential avenues for its improvement building on analysis conducted by JMI and the OECD respectively.

Logistics

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, 29 April, 2021** on zoom:

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Agenda

Thursday 29 April 2021	
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16.00 –	Welcome
16.05	Brief introduction of all participants
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Part 1: Presentation of the main findings and recommendations of the OECD Review "Citizens' Voice in Jordan: The Role of Public Communication and Media for a more Open Government"	
16.05 –	The OECD will present a selection of the key findings and recommendations from the "Citizens' Voice in Jordan: The Role of Public Communication and Media for a More Open Government" review, before opening a discussion with interlocutors from the Government of Jordan on their implementation. It will also foster reflections on future working priorities in the framework of this platform.
17.05	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Michael Jelenic, Policy Analyst, OECD• Ms. Paulina López Ramos, Junior Policy Analyst, OECD• Discussion

17.05 –
17.15**Break**

Part 2: Governance responses to dis and misinformation in Jordan

17.15 –
17.45

This session will present key findings and recommendations for the Government to combat mis and dis information in a more systematic way, reflecting on the potential of the *Haggak Tiraf* platform and a broader set of complimentary responses. It will also present the OECD's framework in this field together with good practices from OECD and partner countries. Participants will be invited in turn to reflect on both presentations and share insights about their institution's work to combat misinformation, highlight challenges and priorities, and propose avenues for future work in this regard.

- Craig Matasick, Policy Analyst, OECD
- Jordan Media Institute
- Discussion

17.45- 18.00

Conclusions and way forward

The Citizens' Voice in Jordan Project (2019 – 2021)

With the support from the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the project "Citizens' Voice: Enhancing open government through public communication and media ecosystems" seeks to support the contribution of public communication and the media ecosystem towards an open government in Jordan. The project will analyze the state of public communication and media governance in Jordan, as well as the relationships between government, media and citizens towards promoting the principles of transparency, integrity, participation and accountability. It will also support the creation of a network of public communicators and enable the capacity building of public officials through a series of conferences and workshops. This work is part of a broader regional project including Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme

The MENA-OECD Governance Programme is a strategic partnership between MENA and OECD countries to share knowledge and expertise, with a view of disseminating standards and principles of good governance that support the ongoing process of reform in the MENA region. The Programme strengthens collaboration with the most relevant multilateral initiatives currently underway in the region. In particular, the Programme supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership and assists governments in meeting the eligibility criteria to become members of the Open Government Partnership. Through these initiatives, the Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing ongoing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue as well as for country specific projects. These projects correspond to the commitment of MENA governments to implement public sector reforms in view of unlocking social and economic development and of meeting citizens' growing expectations in terms of quality services, inclusive policymaking and transparency.

The OECD Open Government Unit

The OECD Open Government unit supports countries in their efforts to build more transparent, accountable and participatory governments that can restore citizens' trust and promote inclusive growth. Through data collection, capacity building and the promotion of regional peer dialogue, the OECD provides in-depth analyses of open government strategies and initiatives, coupled with policy advice and actionable recommendations. The unit's work is based on the [OECD Recommendation of the Council on Open Government](#), the first international legal instrument on the topic, which defines the main tenets of the governance of open government strategies and initiatives and paving the way forward for this agenda across OECD members and partners.

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