



# Building government capacity to empower youth in Jordan



**Roundtable meeting**  
**5 March 2020, 09:00-11:00**



Ya-hla venue,  
Ministry of Youth, Amman



**MENA - OECD**  
Governance Programme



## The « Youth in Public Life » Project

The project “[Youth in Public Life: Towards Open and Inclusive Youth Engagement](#)”, funded by the MENA Transition Fund of the G7 Deauville Partnership, supports Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia in building government capacity to deliver on youth’s concerns and engage youth in public life by:

- Supporting the design of national youth policies/ strategies and their implementation and monitoring and evaluation;
- Building legal and institutional capacity to deliver on youth’s concerns and to engage them in public life;
- Promoting innovative ways to strengthen dialogue between youth and public authorities.

The Project includes country-specific activities (i.e. country assessment, capacity-building programmes) and an annual regional dialogue to support the exchange of good practices and lessons learned across MENA and OECD countries.

## Objective of the Roundtable Meeting

The Ministry of Youth in Jordan and OECD are jointly organising a roundtable meeting on 5 March 2020 in Amman to present and discuss the key findings from OECD’s Jordan Youth Review (forthcoming, 2020). The presentation will benchmark current practices against regional (MENA) and international standards and good practices across five dimensions:

1. Legal frameworks and minimum age requirements
2. Design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation of Jordan’s National Youth Strategy 2019-25;
3. Institutional, financial and human resources at the Ministry of Youth dedicated to deliver programmes and services;
4. Overview of youth participation practices and representation of young people in state institutions;
5. Governance tools to mainstream youth concerns across the whole of government;

Under the auspices of the Minister of Youth, the roundtable meeting will bring together members of the Project’s Steering Committee from MoY, relevant line ministries and Embassies. Along the five dimensions, the inputs received during the meeting shall feed into an Action Plan to identify areas for future capacity building support and to coordinate and harmonise the interventions of different stakeholders in this regard.

# Agenda

08:30 - 09:00

ARRIVAL

9:00-09:10

## WELCOME NOTE

- **H.E. Mr. Fares BRAIZAT**, Minister, Ministry of Youth
- **Ms. Miriam ALLAM**, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD

## PRESENTATION OF THE KEY FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW

*This session will introduce the main findings of the OECD Jordan Youth Review. Following a short presentation of the main findings for each theme by the OECD, speakers and participants will be invited to provide feedback and discuss concrete steps forward.*

## TURNING STRATEGY INTO TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS FOR YOUTH

*This session will benchmark Jordan's National Youth Strategy against international standards and discuss ways to ensure its effective implementation and monitoring and evaluation. It will discuss the crosscutting nature of youth policy and programming and explore how to improve coordination both across ministries and in collaboration with non-governmental stakeholders in Jordan.*

- **Ministry of Youth**
- **Dr. Ali AL KHAWALDEH**, Secretary General, Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs

Lead commentator: **H.E. Edward OAKDEN**, Ambassador of UK to Jordan

09:10 - 10:30

## YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC LIFE AND REPRESENTATION IN STATE INSTITUTIONS

*This session will examine the opportunities for youth in Jordan to participate in public life (e.g. volunteering, consultations, elections) and be represented in state institutions. It will discuss opportunities to promote engagement through government-wide strategies (e.g. Open Government National Action Plan) and point to obstacles (e.g. minimum age requirements) that may discourage youth from becoming active citizens.*

- **Ministry of Youth**
- **Ms. Shorouq HAMED**, Participant of the Local Youth Ambassadors Programme

Lead commentator: **H.E. Fabio CASSESE**, Ambassador of Italy to Jordan

## BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR YOUTH POLICY-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION

*This session will examine the internal capacities at the Ministry of Youth to lead and coordinate the National Youth Strategy across the whole of government. Among others, it will discuss institutional set-ups and the resources dedicated to formulate, implement and monitor policies and programmes for youth.*

- **Ministry of Youth**

## THE WAY FORWARD: ACTING ON THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

10:30 – 10:50

*Participants will be invited to brainstorm about how the findings of the review and the inputs received during the meeting can feed into an Action Plan, outlining future capacity building support to support the Ministry of Youth.*

- **Mr. Moritz ADER**, Policy Analyst/Project Co-ordinator, OECD

## CONCLUSION

10:50 – 11:00

- **H.E. Lukas GASSER**, Ambassador of Switzerland to Jordan
- **H.E. Mr. Fares BRAIZAT**, Minister, Ministry of Youth

## The OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is an international body that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world. It is made up of 36 member countries, a secretariat in Paris, and a committee, drawn from experts from government and other fields, for each work area covered by the Organisation. The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. We collaborate with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. We measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment.

## 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. The Programme strengthens collaboration with the most relevant multilateral initiatives currently underway in the region. In particular, it supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership and assists governments in meeting the eligibility criteria to become a member of the Open Government Partnership. Through these initiatives, the Programme acts as a leading advocate of managing public governance reforms in the MENA region. The Programme provides a sustainable structure for regional policy dialogue and 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.



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