



AGENDA

G7 Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund project

Towards a new partnership between the government and youth in Jordan

Under the patronage of H.E. Rami Al-Wreikat,
Minister of Youth

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Background

The project “*Youth in Public Life: Towards open and inclusive youth engagement*” will support Jordan, Morocco and Tunisia in fostering a more active and inclusive engagement of young men and women in public life over three years (2016-19). The project builds on the analysis and findings of the OECD regional report “[Youth in the MENA region: How to bring them in](#)”.

In Jordan, the project will support the Ministry of Youth, line ministries and sub-national government as well as Royal NGOs and foundations, and youth associations and civil society in the following areas:

1. Supporting the process of formulating and implementing the National Youth Strategy 2017-25 by conducting a review of the public governance frameworks for youth policy and engagement and deliver actionable policy recommendations based on OECD principles and good practices from OECD member countries;
2. Scaling up the institutional and legal framework to foster youth engagement and representation in public life at the central and sub-national level;
3. Promoting innovative forms of engaging young men and women in decision-making and public governance to mainstream young people’s demands in public policies.

Objective of the conference

The conference will bring together high-level representatives from the Ministry of Youth, line ministries with a significant youth portfolio and representatives from local government, as well as Royal NGOs and foundations, civil society and youth associations to discuss ways to encourage a new partnership between the government and youth in Jordan.

With the participation of a peer from Germany, Slovenia and Tunisia, the conference will provide an occasion discuss the elaboration of the National Youth Strategy 2017-25 with a view to raise awareness among youth stakeholders and provide for an open and inclusive process that allows young people to play an active role in this process. It will highlight the need to strengthen coordination mechanisms between all stakeholders involved for the successful formulation and implementation of the strategy.

The OECD

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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 supports the implementation of the G7 Deauville Partnership, its MENA Transition Fund, and assists MENA countries in meeting the eligibility criteria to become a member of the Open Government Partnership (OGP). By drawing on its network of peer experts and policymakers, the Programme brings together high-level practitioners from MENA and OECD countries to exchange good practices, build capacities and provide implementation support in view of addressing the demand of citizens to benefit from open and inclusive policy making, responsive public services, and transparent and accountable government institutions.

More information

- **Find more information** on our work to support [youth engagement in public life](#) and related working fields, such as in the area of [open government](#), [gender equality](#), and [local governance](#).
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Agenda

08:45 Registration

10:00 - 11:00 Launching of the G7 MENA Transition Fund project “Youth in Public Life: Towards open and inclusive youth engagement” in Jordan

Master of Ceremony: Mr. Hussein Al Sarirah, Ministry of Youth

- **H.E. Rami Al-Wreikat**, Minister of Youth
- **H.E. Giovanni Brauzzi**, Ambassador of Italy to Jordan
- **Ms. Miriam Allam**, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD

11:00 - 11:30 Family photo and coffee break

11:30 - 12:45 Plenary Session : Towards a new partnership between the government and youth in Jordan

This session will discuss the necessary steps to establish a new partnership between the government and youth in Jordan. It will highlight the current and planned activities undertaken by the Ministry of Youth and youth associations and share good practices from Slovenia and Tunisia, and the German Federal Council for Youth.

Moderator: Mr. Hussein Al Sarirah, Ministry of Youth

- **H.E. Satam Awad**, Secretary General, Ministry of Youth
- **Dr. Sami Hourani**, Executive Director, Leaders of tomorrow, Jordan
- **Dr. Peter Debeljak**, Director Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Youth, Slovenia
- **Mr. Tim Schrock**, Co-ordinator for e-participation tools, German Federal Youth Council, Germany
- **Ms. Maha Trabelsi**, Director General in charge of Governance, Ministry of Youth, Tunisia

Open discussion.

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 -
15:30

Parallel panels: How to strengthen communication, participation and coordination in the National Youth Strategy?

Representatives from ministries, royal NGOs, international organisations and youth associations will be invited to make short introductory statements (3 min. max) before the floor is opened to all participants to engage in an interactive debate in a roman amphitheatre set-up.

Panel 1: How to strengthen communication tools and involving youth in the Strategy across the different levels of government?

This session will discuss the tools and mechanisms at the disposal of government to involve youth in the formulation and implementation of the Strategy. In line with its objective to strengthen active citizenship, it will discuss practical approaches to raise awareness and foster a bottom up approach to overcome the communication gap between government and youth and make them a partner in the identification of needs and priorities.

Moderator: **Ms. Shourooq Hijazi**, Journalist

Rapporteur: **Ms. Yusour Hassan**, King Abdullah II Foundation

- **Dr. Yassein Al Hulayel**, Director of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth
- **Mr. Qussi Al Zoubi**, Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs
- **Youth associations**

Wrap-up: **UNDP**

Panel 2: How to ensure effective coordination between all stakeholders at the central and sub-national level?

This session will discuss the importance of effective coordination mechanisms both between the Ministry of Youth and line ministries (e.g. health, education, labour) and official institutions with a significant youth portfolio as well as the critical role of a coordinated approach between the central and the sub-national level of government in delivering youth-related services.

Moderator: **Ms. Intesar Krishan**, Journalist

Rapporteur: **Moritz Ader**, Project Co-ordinator, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD

- **Dr. Salam Al Hassanat**, Director of Youth Leadership Center, Ministry of Youth
- **Ms. Samer Al Keldani**, Director Manager, El Hassan Youth Award
- **Mr. Hesham Al Qouassmeh**, Ministry of Education

Wrap-up: **Mr. Ahmad Obeid**, Senior Program Officer, National Democratic Institute

15:30 –
16:00

Conclusions and the way forward

The rapporteurs of both break-out sessions will provide a short summary of the discussions before the closing remarks will be delivered.

- **H.E. Satam Awad**, Secretary General, Ministry of Youth
- **Mr. Jacob Arts**, Programme Manager Education and Youth, Delegation of the European Union to Jordan
- **Ms. Miriam Allam**, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD

Biography

H.E. Rami Al-Wreikat



H.E. Rami Al Wreikat is the Jordan Minister of Youth appointed 2016. Prior to this, he was serving as Secretary General of the Ministry of Political and Parliament Affairs since 2013. He has held a variety of roles in public service, he started his career at the cabinet as Protocol Director between the years 1998-2001, then assigned as Special Executive Secretary for the Prime Minister from 2001 to 2003, after that he moved into the Investor Unit at the Prime Minister office in the capacity of the Director of the Investor Unit from 2004-2006. In 2006 he was the Advisor at the Prime Ministry. H.E. was born in 1969 in Amman, and holds an MA degree in Law and BSc in Business Administration.

H.E. Giovanni BRAUZZI



Mr. Giovanni BRAUZZI is the Italian ambassador to Jordan. He entered Diplomatic Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981 and has served as First Secretary (Commercial) at the Embassy of Italy in Lagos, Nigeria; as a Counsellor at the Embassy of Italy in Nairobi Kenya as well as Deputy Director General for Sub-Saharan Africa at Ministry of Foreign Affairs back in 2010. Mr. Brauzzi holds a Degree in Law from the University of Roma.

Ms.Miriam Allam



Ms. Miriam Allam is heading the MENA-OECD Governance Programme. As part of her work she manages peer reviews and cross country research projects on public governance in MENA countries. She has published widely on issues of political economy and stakeholder involvement in rule-making processes. Before joining the OECD, she worked as a trainer at the European Institute of Public Administration in Warsaw and was responsible for training activities on public sector reforms. Miriam has lectured at the London School of Economics and the Polish National School of Public Administration. She holds a BA from Queen's University, Belfast, (Northern Ireland), a MA from the University of Osnabrück (Germany) and a PhD from the London School of Economics.

Mr. Sattam Awad



Mr. Sattam Awad is the Secretary General of the Ministry of Youth since June 2016. Before, since April 2014, he served as the Secretary General of its predecessor, the Higher Council for Youth, and as the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education (2010-2014). Mr. Awad holds a Master's degree in Administration from Jordan University. He is a board member of the Faculty of Educational Science at Jordan University, the Committee of Technical Training, Working and Education (2012) and the High League of H.H. Queen Rania Award for Excellence in Education (2011).

Mr. Sami Hourani



Dr. Hourani is the founder and the executive director of the regional organization Leaders of Tomorrow and the innovative social accountability initiative, Diwanieh and the new and creative qualitative research methodology FADFED. He is a fellow at Ashoka, largest hub for social innovators world wide. He received King Abdullah II Demograti award in 2014 and EUROMED youth award in 2013. He was also elected as the Jordanian Role Model of 2011 and received the Jordanian title “Knight of Change” in 2008.

Mr. Peter Debeljak



Peter Debeljak, born in 1976, is a politologist, with MA in policy analysis (European aspects) and PhD in sociology. He started his professional career as a project coordinator in the Slovenian state protocol. He has been a member of the cabinet of the minister of European affairs and has served as a chief of cabinet of the minister of education. Since 2008 he is the director of the Slovenian youth office.

Ms. Maha Trabelsi



Ms. Maha Trabelsi is Director General of the General Inspectorate and Head of the Governance Unit in the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs. She has nearly 17 years' experience in the Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs in statistics and planning, public policy evaluation, management control, dissemination of governance culture in And implementation of the "participation" component of the department's programs. She is a member of the COPIL of the 2nd OGP Open Government Partnership Program of Work for the period 2016-2018. She is also a member of the COPIL "Tunisian Youth in Public Life: Towards open and inclusive youth engagement", led by the Ministry of Public Service and Governance and the OECD. She holds a Masters in Law from the Faculty of Law in Sfax.

Mr. Job Arts



Job Arts is Attaché and programme manager for Education and Youth at the EU Delegation in Amman. He is responsible for all EU support in the area of basic education and higher education serving both Jordanians and Syrians. Specifically on the youth portfolio the EU promotes youth participation, youth employment, youth representation in the elections and education exchange programs under various initiatives. Mr Arts has 35 years of professional experience in working in the field of education and training.