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G7 Deauville Partnership MENA Transition Fund project

How to integrate the perspective of young people across the whole of government?

Presentation of the Discussion Paper to the Steering Committee

18 May 2017

Al Hussein Youth City Club, Amman



Context

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 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 arrangements for youth engagement and empowerment and deliver actionable policy recommendations based on OECD principles and good practices;
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 to mainstream their demands in the design and delivery of public policies and services.

Objective of the high-level conference session

Through a series of three fact-finding missions at central and subnational level (December 2016, February and March 2017), and the support of peers from Slovenia, Germany and Sweden, the OECD Secretariat has prepared a synthesis of the key challenges raised by the interviewees from line ministries, NGOs and foundations, youth(-led) associations and civil society organisations. Based on a descriptive analysis, the Discussion Paper offers a first assessment of the public governance arrangements for youth engagement and empowerment in Jordan and to what degree the current legal, institutional and policy framework and practices lead to policy outcomes that are responsive to the needs and demands of young men and women. For each of the ten areas identified the Discussion Paper present good practices from OECD member countries:

The technical workshop will bring together the members of the extended Steering Committee (e.g. line ministries, NGOs and foundations, representatives from universities, CSOs), established in November 2016, to engage in an interactive dialogue about the key findings of the Discussion Paper. The meeting will serve to further clarify the priorities addressed by the OECD Review and to raise awareness for the areas in which information gaps are yet to be filled.

More information

- **For more information on the seminar**, please contact **Mr. Moritz Ader**, Policy Analyst and Project Co-ordinator (Moritz.ADER@oecd.org) or **Ms. Aichetou Tafa**, Consultant (Aichetou.TAFA@oecd.org).
- **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](#).
- **You can tweet** about today’s event using the hashtag **#shabab4MENA** and **@OECDGov**.

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10:00-10:15	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yassein Halyal, Ministry of Youth • Ms. Miriam Allam, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD
10:15-11:45	<p>Working session 1: How to ensure that public policies and services are youth-responsive, coherent and outcome-oriented?</p> <p><u>Intro:</u> Mr. Moritz Ader, Policy Analyst and Project Co-ordinator, MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD</p> <p><u>Remarks:</u> Ministry of Youth and Ministry of Planning and International Co-operation</p> <p><i>The first working session will provide an occasion to present and discuss the preliminary findings of the discussion paper along the following thematic areas:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Towards an inclusive and outcome-oriented National Youth Strategy 2017-25 and aligning programming among different state and non-state actors;</i> ✓ <i>The capacities of the Ministry of Youth and inter-ministerial coordination;</i> ✓ <i>Tools and mechanisms to integrate a youth perspective in policy formulation and service design.</i> <p><i>Following a short presentation of the evidence gathered and draft assessment, participants will be invited to provide feedback, challenge assumptions and share further information to inform the analysis.</i></p> <p>Open discussion.</p>
11:45-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:30	<p>Working session 2: What tools and mechanisms work to build successful partnerships with public authorities across all levels of government?</p> <p><u>Intro:</u> Ms. Miriam Allam, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD</p> <p><u>Remarks:</u> Mr. Rakez Al-Khalaylah, Ministry of Municipality Affairs</p> <p><i>The second working session will discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Ways to encourage youth to vote and run as candidates in the 2017 local elections and lever the decentralisation to empower youth;</i> ✓ <i>Levering the national open government agenda: Mechanisms to foster communication, civic engagement & political participation of youth (associations)</i> ✓ <i>Addressing the double challenge faced by young women.</i> <p>Open discussion.</p>
13:30-13:45	<p>Conclusion and next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yassein Halyal, Ministry of Youth • Ms. Miriam Allam, Head of MENA-OECD Governance Programme, OECD
13:45-14:00	Lunch