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Jordan's First Green Bond Working Group: Charting a Sustainable Financial Path

For the first time in Jordan, the governmental green bond working group held its first meeting on January 18th, a collaborative effort between The World Bank, the Ministry of Finance, and the Reform Secretariat at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. This meeting marks the establishment of a dedicated group comprising 20 experts from various government entities. In this meeting, the working group discussed the roadmap and benefits of Jordan issuing a sovereign Green Bond, focusing on environmental impact projects. The next meeting is scheduled for February to dive deeper into technical aspects and roles.

New Instructions for Licensing Homebased Food Preparation and Processing

The Jordan Food and Drug Administration with the technical support from the Employment-oriented MSME Promotion Project implemented by GIZ Jordan on behalf of the German Government and in partnership with The

Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, and in coordination with the Reform Secretariat, has taken a monumental step to empower small-scale and homebased businesses. In January, new instructions for licensing homebased food preparation and processing for 2024 have been issued in the Official Gazette.

This new instruction applies to anyone in Jordan who prepares, processes and sells food from their home kitchen as an economic activity. Furthermore, this initiative not only legitimizes and streamlines operations for home-based food businesses but also paves the way for elevated standards in food safety and hygiene. It's a significant milestone for Jordan's business landscape.

[Read the instructions in Arabic.](#)

Cabinet Approves 2024 Nursery Bylaw to Ensure a Safe Environment for Children and Women's Empowerment

The Ministry of Social Development, with technical support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in collaboration with the Reform Secretariat, has amended the Nursery Bylaw. This crucial initiative aims to streamline the registration process for home-based nurseries and review procedures and conditions



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across all nursery types, including institutional, private sector, and home-based facilities. The overarching goal is to provide women with access to safe and stimulating environments for their children. These amendments stem from extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders including civil society organizations, private sector, NGOs, and government institutions.

In a significant development, the Cabinet, in the last week of January, approved the draft nursery bylaw for the year 2024. The draft bylaw outlines licensing procedures for various types of childcare facilities, sets forth regulations for monitoring and inspection, and penalties for violations. This milestone underscores the government's commitment to fostering a conducive environment for childcare facilities, thereby enhancing support for parents and promoting early childhood development across Jordan.

Consultation session on Carbon Market with the Private Sector



Continuing efforts to respond to climate change in Jordan, the Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with the World Bank and the Reform Secretariat, held a consultation session on Carbon Market in January with representatives from both the private and public sectors. This session aimed to enhance participants' understanding and capacities regarding carbon transactions and policies outlined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This article allows countries to voluntarily cooperate with each other to achieve emission reduction targets set out in their National Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Carbon transactions are type of trade for the reduction of CO2 emissions. These transactions can occur between countries and companies. During the session, discussions focused on best practices, climate-responsive approaches, and next steps for carbon transactions, both regionally and internationally. Participants also shared insights on their current climate-responsive agendas, particularly focusing on mitigation strategies, and the way forward for launching “Jordan’s National Policy Framework for Cooperative Approaches under Article 6 and other international Carbon Markets.”

Roundtable Discussion on Climate-Related programs for Jordan's Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification System

The Ministry of Environment, alongside the World Bank and the Reform Secretariat, organized a hybrid roundtable discussion in January to address the importance of private sector reporting on climate-related investments and programs on Jordan's Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) System. The event was attended by numerous representatives of the private sector, focused on newly developed guidelines designed to encourage and facilitate climate reporting efforts within the private sector.

While private sector reporting is currently voluntary, the developed guidelines are designed to be flexible and continuously updated through ongoing consultations with private sector stakeholders. This approach ensures that the guidelines remain relevant and responsive to the evolving needs of businesses in Jordan. This will promote transparency on climate-related actions, this initiative aligns with the objectives outlined in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement.

[Guidelines for Private Sector Reporting on MRV](#)

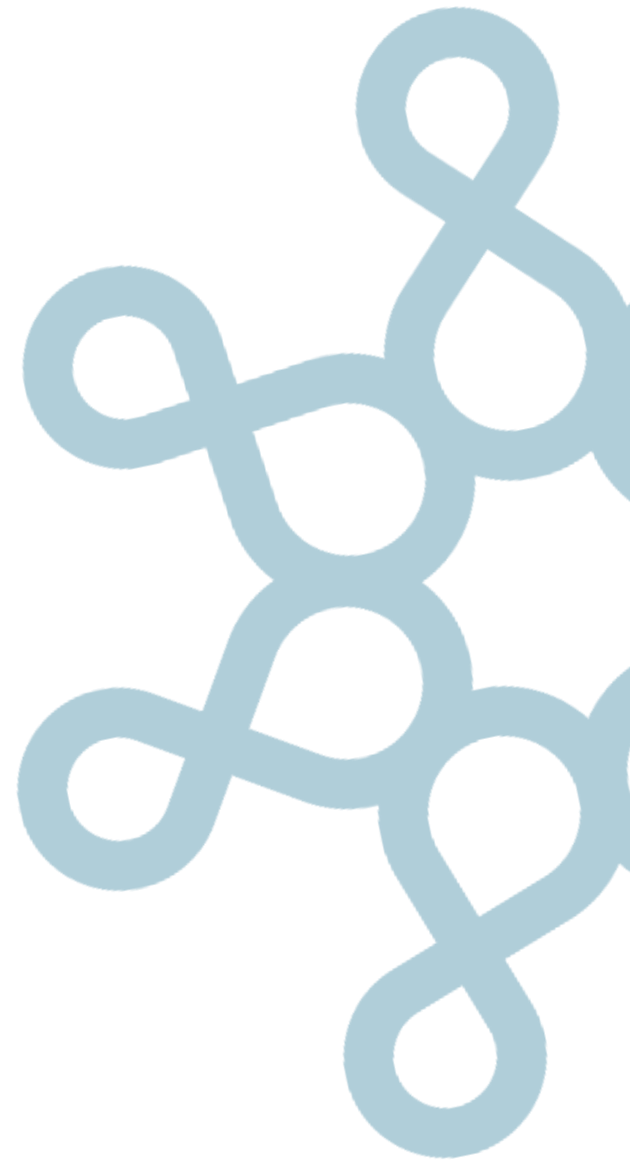


Training Workshop on Community Participation in Government Projects



The Reform Secretariat through the Jordan Growth Multi-Donor Trust Fund supported a comprehensive two-day workshop in January. The workshop, organized by the Public Investment Management Unit at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, aimed to enhance community participation in government capital and investment projects. Government employees were equipped with essential tools and methodologies crucial for fostering community involvement in various projects. Additionally, the workshop provided insights into monitoring and evaluating implementation methodologies by government agencies, ensuring effective project management at every stage.

Aligned with the government's commitment to transparency and inclusivity, this workshop corresponds with the 6th commitment under the Open Government Partnership. It underscores the importance of engaging stakeholders throughout the project life cycle, from inception to execution and beyond.



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