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From left: Reform Secretariat Director Feda Gharaibeh, World Bank's Resident Representative in Jordan Holly Benner, President of the Legislation and Opinion Bureau H.E. Feda Hmoud, and Director of the Decision Support Unit at the Prime Minister Office, Mutassam Mariyan

BUILDING BLOCKS OF A WELL-FUNCTIONING REGULATORY SYSTEM

The Government of Jordan (GoJ) continues its commitment to improve regulatory predictability. As many of the uncertainties and administrative burdens faced by investors and businesses are a function of insufficient governance practices related to the way rules impacting businesses are prepared, coordinated, consulted, implemented, and updated.

In order to tackle the uncertainties faced by businesses, the Reform Secretariat organized a series of workshops over the course of four days as part of the essential role that it plays in supporting GoJ agencies throughout the implementation of related reforms. The series of the workshops started with an introductory session for the three pilot entities which was conducted by the World Bank Group on Monday 22 November 2021 and chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Feda Hmoud, President of the Legislation and Opinion Bureau (LOB). The workshop aimed to introduce officials to the basic concepts of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) which is intended to serve as a basis for subsequent work in each of the three pilots. Furthermore, participants shared their current experiences with collecting and using evidence throughout the regulatory process. The workshop covered the most common qualitative and quantitative impact assessment methods, and briefly introduced methodologies such as Cost-Benefit Analysis; Cost-Effectiveness Analysis and Multi-Criteria Analysis. The introductory workshop concluded with observations about lessons learned and additional knowledge needs required for successful implementation of the forthcoming pilots. Finally, a workshop by each of pilot agency was conducted to identify the most common issues that the RIA will be conducted on and a short presentation by each of the three agencies was presented to explain the reason behind selecting each of the pilot projects.

“ The importance of conducting impact assessment studies is to help determine the expected impacts on people, environment and property, and this may also reflect the social impacts. The impact assessment aims to incorporate environmental, economic and social considerations in the planning phase for any project.

- H.E. Feda Hmoud President of LOB

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Good Regulatory Practices framework is enhanced, codified, operational and systematically contributing to evidence-based, consultative and predictable rule-making.

2018

The Council of Ministers issued the “Code of Governance Practices of Policies and Legislative Instruments in Government Departments”. The new code aims to increase legislative predictability to ensure the confidence of citizens and the business sector and the stability of legislative instruments that affect the services provided.

In September 2019, six GoJ entities have conducted online consultations for new business regulations.

2020

Council of Ministers issued a “Legislation Data Memorandum” which is a document that all GoJ entities submitting new regulations will be required to fill out. The memorandum provides information on the type and details of consultations conducted with the public and private sector including providing sufficient proof that the parties impacted have been consulted.

By end of 2024, GoJ will issue a legislative instrument to formalize Good Regulatory Practices (GRP) across government agencies that captures the process of producing/amending any current or new regulations.

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The GoJ is updating its Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) guidelines to be used by all GoJ entities. Furthermore, the GoJ is working to establish a unified public consultation portal that will enforce all GoJ entities to conduct consultations on all their regulations. Also, as part of GoJ commitment to implementing RIAs, three GoJ agencies, Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, initiated to conduct the pilot Regulatory Impact Assessments on Flexible Work, Home-Based Childcare Licensing and Adventure Tourism Licensing.

By the end of 2025, more than 20 ex-ante / ex-post impact assessments conducted.

TECHNICAL DONORS MEETING ON THE UPDATED REFORM MATRIX



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From left: Reform Secretariat Director Feda Gharaibeh, MoPIC Secretary General H.E. Marwan Al Refai, Reform Secretariat Deputy Director Omar Fanek

As part of the coordination and consultation with our stakeholders in order to fulfil our function and mandate, the Reform Secretariat held a Technical Donors Meeting which was chaired by H.E. Secretary General of Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation to present the updated Reform Matrix post COVID-19 with representatives from donors, embassies and international financing institutions such as the World Bank and European Bank for Construction and Development.

Outcomes of the meeting:

- The Reform Secretariat will form working groups that comprises of both GoJ implementing agencies and international community who will meet on regular basis to discuss a particular reform area.
- The Reform Secretariat is working on a robust monitoring framework for the Reform Matrix which will include intermediate and outcome results which in turn will be captured in our reports that convey the impacts of these policy reforms.

Full article in English: [Reforms to accelerate economic recovery 'more important than ever before'](#)

“ The Reform Matrix is now more important and relevant than ever before, as it deeply contributes to economic recovery following the pandemic, and most importantly, it reshapes the economy towards more competitiveness and efficiency. For this, the government is putting all means of political and administrative to support smooth implementation of the reform matrix.

- H.E. Marwan Al-Refai, the Secretary-General of MoPIC

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