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Reforms Catalysts

LAUNCHING THE REFORM SECRETARIAT'S WEBSITE

In-Depth Insight into Jordan's Economic Reforms

The Reform Secretariat's commitment to enhancing transparency and engagement with all stakeholders is evolving! In this spirit, over the past months, the Reform Secretariat has developed its website, a dynamic platform dedicated to providing you with comprehensive insights into Jordan's economic policy and structural reforms as outlined in the Reform Matrix. the website will provide:

- Overview of the progress made in each reform pillar outlined under the Reform Matrix.
- Insights into the various programs managed by the Reform Secretariat.
- Latest news and publications providing deeper insights into the Reform Secretariat ongoing work.
- Ways to get actively involved with the Reform Secretariat, such as joining reform working groups, exploring tender opportunities, applying for open vacancies, share suggestions, provider feedback, and express concerns.

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"The Trade Facilitation Working Group"
Held Its First Meeting in Preparation for
Establishing a Collaborative Framework
to Enhance Jordan's Trade
Competitiveness

The "Trade Facilitation Working Group" is the first among six working groups that the Reform Secretariat is seeking to establish as part of its efforts to establish collaborative frameworks through the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), including: investment, government procurement,

business environment and good regulatory practices, in addition to trade facilitation.

The "Trade Facilitation Working Group", cochaired by the Reform Secretariat and the Jordan Customs Department, convened its first meeting in mid-October at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. Attended by representatives of relevant ministries and donors, the meeting aim to coordinating efforts and strengthening cooperation to reduce trade barriers, facilitating trade procedures, and making them more effective, flexible, and efficient. The meeting is an important step

towards enhancing Jordan's trade environment and making it more integrated, paving the way for the Group's role in guiding development efforts and making them better able to enhance Jordan's trade competitiveness.

Discussions during the meeting covered various topics, with a primary focus on establishing the operational framework of the Group and cooperative strategies to enhance coordination, maximizing its impact. Emphasis was placed on the central role of the Group in promoting Jordan's competitive position in global trade, and the importance of concerted efforts and resource-sharing to fortify Jordan's economic growth through the implementation of the trade facilitation initiatives.

Launch of Green Finance Strategy 2023-2028



On November 13, 2023, a significant milestone was achieved through coordination between the Reform Secretariat and the Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ). A groundbreaking Green Finance Strategy for the financial and banking sector (banks, insurance companies, and microfinance companies) was officially launched. This strategy, the first of its kind in the Middle East and North Africa, reflects the CBJ's commitment to addressing climate change risks. The strategy aims to keep up with the best and latest practices in green finance, focusing on investments and environment-friendly projects to mitigate climate change's impact on the national economy. It was prepared in cooperation with the World Bank and in partnership with various sectors and financed by (MDTF).

Read the strategy: <u>Green Finance Strategy - English Version -</u> 10 Nov 2023.pdf (cbj.gov.jo)



Reform Secretariat Newsletter









Third workshop to update Jordan's national transport policy

In early November, the Ministry of Transport conducted the third and final workshop to update Jordan's national transport policy aligning it with the Economic Modernization Vision 2033 and to identify the mechanism for adopting the proposed recommendations for the development and adoption of the updated policy document. This workshop is part of the MDTF technical assistance programme delivered by the World Bank in coordination with the Reform Secretariat and in cooperation with the consulting firm CPCS and with the participation of all public and private partners.

Improve social and administrative services in Jordan

A Practical discussion on the status of government services provided to all groups of the Jordanian society including individuals, government institutions and businesses was held by the World Bank with the participation of the Ministry of Digital Economy Entrepreneurship and the Prime Ministry and in cooperation with the Reform Secretariat. The discussions aimed to provide tools to enhance the quality of services by supporting the Government in the development of mechanisms to monitor service performance, helping to understand and manage key aspects measuring and reporting on service performance, increasing the overall user experience on the government services move through deploying digital platforms to better respond to citizens' demands, and raising the overall efficiency of the public sector. It should be noted that the number of government services on the Sanad Service Platform now hosts 2,700 government services, with 645 thousand electronic identifications have been activated. This reflects Jordan's commitment to advancing digital infrastructure for accessible and efficient public services.