



## REFORM WORKING GROUP TRADE FACILITATION WORKING GROUP CRAFTING JORDAN'S COMPETITIVE EDGE

The Trade Facilitation Working Group (TFWG) is a dynamic initiative co-chaired by the Reform Secretariat at MoPIC and Jordan Customs Department (JCD) in partnership with key stakeholders in the trade business environment. TFWG mission is to minimize non-tariff barriers, i.e. simplify and streamline cross-border trade operations and customs procedures to make trade more efficient and cost-effective, as well as advance the "Economic Modernisation Vision & Reform Matrix" and bolster the nation's trade environment and establish a convenient and attractive environment for foreign investments.

This Working Group serves as a pivotal platform for constructive discourse concerning critical aspects of enhancing trade facilitation within our borders. It offers a unique opportunity to harmonize policies across targeted trade sectors and collaboratively formulate strategies for an integrated trade facilitation approach.

### Why TFWG Matters?

**Strategic Collaboration:** By convening domestic and international stakeholders, TFWG harnesses collective resources and expertise to maximize the desired outcomes of trade facilitation efforts.

**Coordination and Synergy:** TFWG fosters the development and deliberation of synchronized trade initiatives, ensuring that partners' technical support aligns with GoJ's objectives. It addresses any challenges requiring coordination and harmonization.

**Empowering JC:** The TFWG works closely with MoITS, and JCD to execute the Trade Facilitation initiatives, implement trade related reforms, and overcome hurdles encountered during the execution of trade facilitation activities and other vital action plans contributing to trade enhancement.

**Economic Modernization Vision (EMV) and Reform Matrix:** TFWG plays a pivotal role in recalibrating monitoring and evaluation metrics to realize EMV's trade targets and reforms under reform area 4.2 Trade Facilitation and Export Promotion. Leveraging the networks, resources, and technical proficiency of TFWG member administrations is instrumental in achieving reform implementation outcomes and EMV and Reform Matrix objectives.

**Sustainability Emphasis:** TFWG puts forward essential insights on environmental and social considerations that must be systematically factored into trade decisions, driving sustainable trade choices, and fostering a green economy in our nation.

**Strategic Engagement:** Engaging key stakeholders is paramount for impactful trade facilitation and trade climate improvements. TFWG advises MoITS, and JCD on the development and execution of engagement and communication plans to secure support from vital stakeholder groups, including other government ministries, donors' community, and business associations.

**Knowledge Sharing:** TFWG encourages information exchange, constructive collaboration, and complementarity among various programs, initiatives, and projects. Leveraging expertise helps identify best practices in trade capacity development.

### TFWG Membership

This group is open for all interested organizations and entities including: the Government of Jordan entities, International Community, Private Sector (domestic & foreign), Civil Society Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Academia, and Media.

### How TFWG Works?

The members of this working group will meet in hybrid mode on a quarterly basis or on need to discuss specific topic related to trade facilitation and provide update on the strategy implementation and identify areas for improvement and needed support. In addition, will evaluate compliance with trade related international conventions, benchmark with best international practices, and follow up on the implementation of ongoing relevant programs and initiatives. The working Group will issue a yearly report of all the activities, efforts and accomplishments of the past year.

### Information Sharing and Avoiding Duplication

It is essential for the members of the working group to be aware of each other's efforts and activities related to trade facilitation. This is crucial to prevent duplication of work and to ensure that resources are utilized efficiently.

### Coordinated Communication

This includes choosing a suitable method of communication to update each other on the ongoing activities (email newsletter, WhatsApp groups, quarterly meetings,) based on the group's preferences and needs.