



Permanent Mission of Norway
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Jordan National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security Roundtable Discussion

Venue: Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN, 245 E 47th St, New York, NY 10017

Date and Time: Thursday, 14 March 2019, 1pm-2:15pm

Context

Eight years into the Syria crisis, Jordan is currently hosting 1.3 million Syrian refugees, of whom approximately 670,000 are registered with UNHCR, with 20% residing in camps and the remainder in host communities. The situation has stretched already limited national resources and caused severe stress on Jordan's economy, public services, and natural resources. From food insecurity to gender-based violence, Syrian refugee and vulnerable Jordanian women are exposed to multiple vulnerabilities, which are exacerbated by the limited access to sustainable and gender-responsive livelihood opportunities.

From 2015-2017, UN Women provided the Government of Jordan with technical support for an inclusive, participatory process that culminated in the Jordanian National Action Plan (JONAP) for the implementation of UNSCR 1325. This important policy document was approved by Jordan's government in December 2017 and launched in March 2018. The overall goal of the JONAP is to contribute to Jordan's stability and security by improving operational security responses, as well as ensuring that the framework through which Jordan approaches peace and security issues recognizes the specific needs of women and their human rights. The JONAP consists of four strategic goals in the areas of:

- 1) Security sector reform and peace operations;
- 2) Preventing violent extremism;
- 3) Response to women and girl refugees in Jordan; and
- 4) Building a culture of peace and gender equality with a particular focus on youth and preventing gender-based violence.

The JONAP is the first national plan of its kind to have a dedicated pillar on preventing violent extremism (PVE). Jordan's Government, with support from UN Women, ensured a realistic costing of the JONAP was undertaken as a first step towards sustainable financing. In addition, JONAP governance and coordination structures for implementation have been established and generated wide ownership with key national and international stakeholders on a pooled funding mechanism that will ensure holistic implementation

of the JONAP across all its pillars. The mechanism is currently supported by the United Kingdom, Canada, Finland, Spain and Norway.

Roundtable Discussion

This roundtable discussion aims to bring together current partners of the JONAP pooled funding mechanism at the level of Deputy Permanent Representatives based in New York, in order to present the JONAP as well as Jordan's experience in advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda in a resiliencebased operating context. International partners and stakeholders will reflect on key opportunities moving forward with the JONAP implementation. The event will take place on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 1pm2:15pm.

Agenda

1.00 – 1.10 pm	Welcome by H.E. María Bassols, Deputy Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations
1.10 – 1:15 pm	Opening remarks by H.E. Dr. Sima Sami Bahous, Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations
1.15 – 1.20 pm	Remarks by Ms. Paivi Kannisto, UN Women Chief of Peace and Security
1.20 – 1.40 pm	Presentation of the Jordan National Action Plan on UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security by Dr. Salma Nims, Secretary General, Jordanian National Commission for Women, and Mr. Ziad Sheikh, UN Women Jordan Representative
1.40 – 2.10 pm	<p>General discussion on JONAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations - H.E. Ms. Mari Skåre, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations - H.E. Mr. Stephen Hickey, Charge D’Affaires, UK Mission to the United Nations <p>Q&A</p>
2.10 – 2.15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closing remarks by Mr. Michael Callan, Director for Conflict Prevention, Stabilization & Peacebuilding, Government of Canada