

Workshop on
Strengthening Capacities of Women Organisations
25th October 2017 - Amman, Jordan



Programme

09:30 – 10:00	OPENING SESSION Dr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe H.E. Ms Hala Lattouf, Minister of Social Development, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ms Nuha Zaidah, Deputy Secretary General and Policy & Programs Manager, Jordanian National Commission for Women H.E. Ms Nafsika Krousti, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ms Samar Muhareb, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD)
10:00 – 11:30	PANEL 1: PROMOTING PARTICIPATORY AND TRANSVERSAL APPROACH: THE JORDANIAN CASE Moderator: Ms Hana Al Araj, Media Anchor, Jordan Today TV, Trainer-Consultant H.E. Mr Baker Abbadi, Secretary General of the Political and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry Dr Sawsan Majali, Expert-Consultant with Durrat Al Manal for Development and Training (DMDT) and Board Member of National Centre for Human Rights Mr Nasser Al Nsour, Legal Counselor of Ministry of Interior for Decentralisation Issues Ms Wafa Bani Mustafa, Member of Parliament, Jordanian House of Representatives H.E. Mr Andrea Matteo Fontana, Head of the European Union's Delegation in Jordan
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 13:30	PANEL 2: THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN THE REGION Moderator: Ms Hana Al Araj, Media Anchor, Jordan Today TV, Trainer, Consultant Ms Jamila Debbech Ksiksi, Member of the Tunisian Assembly of the Representatives of the People H.E. Mr Nicolae Comanescu, Ambassador of Romania to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan Ms Nadia Ait Zai, Chair of Ciddef Foundation for Equality, Algeria Ms Simona Granata-Menghini, Deputy Secretary of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
15:00 – 16:30	DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS Rapporteur: Ms Nuha Muhreiz, Freelancer consultant woman and community empowerment, President of Women Helping Woman Network
16:30 – 17:00	CLOSING H.E. Mr Basel Al-Tarawneh, Jordanian Government Coordinator for Human Rights Dr Jean-Marie Heydt, President of the Executive Committee of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
17:00 – 19:00	<i>Networking and Cocktail</i>

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Activity Description

FRAMEWORK

In line with the Council of Europe Policy towards Neighbouring regions and the Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2014 – 2017, and responding to UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 that aims to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, the North-South Centre's mission strives for the empowerment of civil society organisations, in particular, women, in the Southern Mediterranean region. Based on a bottom-up approach, the North-South Centre acts as an effective regional platform for cooperation, dialogue, partnership and solidarity and contributes to strengthen the capacities of institutions and organisations through peer-to-peer exchanges and networks.

In this context, the North-South Centre is contributing to the empowerment of women in the Southern Mediterranean region by organising, in partnership with Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD), a workshop on "strengthening capacities of women organisations" in Amman. By bringing together expertise on women's rights and gender equality and encouraging exchanges of best practices from different countries of the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean region and Europe, the workshop attempts to reinforce cooperation between the four levels of the *Quadrilogue* (governments, parliaments, local and regional authorities and civil society organisation) in order to encourage a participatory approach in designing and implementing reforms.

Targeted outputs

- Enhancement of participatory consultation processes involving all levels of governance (government, parliament, local and regional authority and civil society organisations);
- Challenges and opportunities for the effective protection of women rights are identified in the framework of current reforms in Jordan and in the region;
- Recommendations for the different members of the *Quadrilogue* on how to confront the identified challenges are agreed and put forward.

Targeted outcomes

- The consultative role of women civil society organisations (CSO) is reinforced in the decision-making processes in Jordan and the region;
- Structured dialogue among the different *Quadrilogue* members is standardised as a joint platform for discussion with recognition in the national reforms and the democratic consolidation processes;
- International and regional cooperation is enhanced, in particular among networks of CSO's to reinforce the impact of their advocacy work;
- Council of Europe's standards are recognized as useful tools that can be adapted to specific needs and contexts.

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