

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PROMOTION OF THINK TANK WORK ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC REFORMS AND THE IMPACT OF REGIONAL DYNAMICS ON JORDAN

Within the framework of its project on the promotion of think tank work in the Middle East and North Africa, including Jordan, the German Council on Foreign Relations' (DGAP) MENA Program aims to strengthen the scientific and technical capacities of civil society actors in the region and the EU who are engaged in research and policy analysis and advice. The objectives of the project are: 1) *Analysis* of pressing issues and developments in selected countries and the region 2) *Training* to develop new and enhance existing capacities in the field of policy analysis and advice; 3) *Networking* with peers, political decision-makers, and senior experts to exchange experiences and increase visibility and credibility. The project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

Target group and thematic focus for Jordan

The main target group are mid-level professionals from Jordan and Europe who work in the field of policy analysis and advice in think tanks, academic research institutions, or comparable organizations. The thematic focus will be on socio-economic reforms in Jordan as well as the impact of regional dynamics and the US MENA foreign policy on Jordan. This can include but is not limited to questions regarding Jordan's tax system, labor market reform and unemployment, e.g. in the rural areas, or the foreign debt challenge. Subjects for the second thematic bloc could be implications of Trump's "deal of the century", Syria and the return of refugees, or the escalation with Iran. Applicants must have a topic relevant background and should demonstrate in their application how participation would benefit their professional activities.

Expectations

Applicants commit to participate in two workshops (see column), one in Berlin and one in Amman. In between the two workshops, each participant will write a policy paper on an issue of their choice related to either social and economic reforms or the impact of regional dynamics on Jordan (paper length: approx. 17.000-20.000 characters, language: English). Selected applicants must submit a first draft (approx. 9000-12.000 characters) latest three weeks prior to the first workshop in Berlin. Participants will receive guidance and feedback on their papers during the workshops and the main writing phase between the two workshops. The final version must be submitted before the second workshop in Amman, during which all papers will be presented to the group and a selection of papers will be discussed with relevant Jordanian and European decision-makers and senior experts. The DGAP may publish high-quality papers online.

Travel costs and accommodation

The organizers will cover accommodation and provide for travel subsidies based on participants' country of residence. For the workshop in Berlin: participants travelling from Jordan can be provided with a subsidy of max. 650€, participants travelling from the EU can receive a subsidy of up to 200€. For the workshop in Amman: participants residing in Jordan are eligible for a subsidy of max. 50€, participants travelling from the EU can be provided with a subsidy of up to 650€. Travel expenses will be reimbursed separately after each workshop.

Workshop in Berlin: 12-15 Sept. 2019

- Two days of topic analysis and discussion with external experts and presentation of first drafts
- Two days of training on policy paper writing and research

Workshop in Amman: 14-16 Nov. 2019

- Presentation of final papers to the group and relevant decision-makers
- One day of training on policy advocacy and communication

The working language is English.

Participation in both workshops and submission of a final paper are mandatory.

How to apply

Applications must include:

- A completed application form
- A CV (max. three pages)
- A letter of motivation

Please send your application to kabis@dgap.org

Kindly note that only complete applications in English can be considered.

Application deadline is 16 June 2019.