# Terms of Reference (TOR)

# Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security: Refugees and Forced

# Migrants in Focus

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| **Target Group** | Jordanian Young to Mid-Career Researchers and Professionals |
| **Requesting Party** | The West Asia-North Africa (WANA) Institute |
| **Project Duration** | March 2021 - October 2021 |
| **Project Cycle** | 1. Receive Training on Research and Public Policy-writing; 2. Produce Public Policy Papers on Jordan-EU Relations and Refugees and Forced Migrants Issues; 3. Present the Papers to Jordanian and EU Policy-Makers. |

Description

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Jordan Office and West Asia-North Africa Institute (WANA) have launched “Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security: Refugees and Forced Migrants in Focus”. It follows the success of the project, “Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security Issues”, completed by the partners in December 2020. The project engaged with eight young Jordanian experts and professionals from diverse backgrounds to produce public policy papers and present them to Jordanian and international stakeholders, including EU and government representatives.

Project Objective

Focusing on a key human security area, the aim of the current project is to raise awareness about important issues concerning refugee and forced migration pertaining to both the EU and West Asia-North Africa regions. This would enhance the culture of dialogue and knowledge exchange, which would then be able to influence Jordanian and EU public policies related to refugees and forced migration. WANA is thus partnering with KAS to traineight Jordanians from diverse backgrounds to **devise policy recommendations to issues of refugees and forced migration as they relate to the EU and WANA regions.**

Target Group

The project is inviting **eight Jordanian scholars, experts, and professionals from the ages of 21 to 35 with an interest in refugee and forced migration issues**. Ideal candidates should have some previous research experience and be well grounded in refugee and forced migrant issues, as well as other issues relevant to Jordan-EU relations.

# Project Output and Outcomes

The output of the training program would be a series of policy papers that add a rich mix of regional perspectives to EU and Jordanian public policies. It would also lead to several long-term outcomes: 1. Enhancing the skills of these professional researchers; 2. Creating a cadre of professional researchers who can help **localise refugee and forced migration discourse**, so that Jordan can become a more meaningful stakeholder and contributor to EU refugee policy; 3. Contributing to the knowledge created around the societal needs from a **local perspective**; 4. Helping to close public policy-making gaps in Jordan and enhance Jordan-EU dialogue by offering the input of non-governmental professionals and stakeholders.

Thematic Issues

Potential topics of interest might relate – but are not limited to – the following thematic issues:

* Jordanian and EU roles and responsibilities in refugee crisis management, perceived both domestically and internationally.
* Refugee and forced migration burden-sharing in a globalised world.
* The role of refugee crisis management in EU-Jordan relations and foreign aid.
* The role of third-party humanitarian organisations in EU-Jordan refugee and forced migration relations.
* Comparative policy studies of Jordanian and EU approaches towards refugee and forced migration integration.
* Strengths and limitations of current EU and/or Jordanian refugee asylum and forced migration policies.
* Factors weighing in refugee and forced migrant preferences for EU/and or Jordanian host country resettlement.
* Domestic and international security challenges related to refugee host country affairs.
* COVID-19 a new layer affecting refugees.

Project Activities

In a developed framework, this round proposes a number of **activities** to reach the above-listed outputs. The activities will be distributed in **five phases**:

1. **Inception:**

* A call for applicants/applications are announced;
* Applications are screened;
* Applicants interviewed and selected.

1. **Developing and holding the training:**

Applicants undergo a training workshop on preparing policy papers. In brief, it will be a 4-day workshop, covering theoretical issues such as the role/ importance of policy research, and technical training on how to draft policy papers, what characteristics should they include, and a day/section to explore potential channels of communicating such policies to policy-makers (could be a panel).

1. **Development of policy papers:**

* Policy papers are drafted by trainees with close guidance from WANA and KAS;
* Commentary and feedback are given;
* Papers’ drafts finalised.

1. **Paper validation and learning:**

Trainees present papers to a selected group of policy-makers, and civil society in Jordan at a learning workshop, to receive feedback and commentary, based on which papers are amended and finalised.

1. **Dissemination:**

* Papers compiled, designed and finalised, **in a joint KAS-WANA publication.**
* An introductory chapter to the compiled documents and published,
* Policy papers are presented and discussed in roundtable, whereby policy papers are presented to stakeholders, including government representatives.
* Outreach and communicating the results, social media, radio, etc.

The project shall contribute to the knowledge created around Jordan-EU relations from a **grassroot/civil society** perspective. It hopes to challenge the **culture of public policy-making** in Jordan by allowing more non-governmental actors to offer their input into this process, and by **building the capacity** of young to mid-career researchers and professionals by training them on how to draft policy papers, and work closely with them to identify potential channels for communicating and advocating their insights.

Time Frame

* March 2021: Call for Applications, Screening and Selection of Participants
* April 2021: Training Delivered by WANA, Drafting of Papers
* May-June 2021: Feedback, Editing, and Finalising of Papers
* July 2021: Roundtable and Initial Presentation of Papers
* August 2021: Sharpening of Papers, Further Edits Based on the Roundtable
* October 2021: Roundtable in Amman and Final Paper Presentations
* November 2021: Compiling of Papers in Addition to WANA/KAS Commentary.

Trainer’s Bio

Kareem Al-Sharabi has worked in the development field since 2013. He has worked with the UN and its affiliated organisations in both Washington DC and Lebanon's refugee camps. He completed a Master’s Degree in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago (’18). There, he also worked at the writing center, leading nine undergraduate writing seminars per academic quarter. Since January 2019, he has worked at the West Asia-North Africa Institute in Amman, Jordan, in the areas of human security research and business development, as well as an editor for the communications division.

His training in this project will focus on transferring technical skills such as writing and research, as well as content on the fundamentals of refugee studies.

Application Process

The project seeks candidates with creative and original research topics. Candidates are requested to submit the **completed application form** along with their **CVs** (no longer than 3 pages). Papers will be written in English, with limited exceptions for Arabic papers given in special circumstances.

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Please email application form as well as CVs to [info@wana.jo](mailto:info@wana.jo) with the subject heading “Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security” by **22 March, 2021.**