

## Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security A Call For Policy Papers

<b>Target Group</b>	Jordanian Young to Mid-Career Researchers and Professionals
<b>Requesting Party</b>	The West Asia-North Africa (WANA) Institute
<b>Project Duration</b>	July 2020 – January 2021
<b>Project Cycle</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receive Training on Research and Public Policy-Making;</li> <li>2. Produce Public Policy Papers on Jordan-EU Relations and Human Security Issues;</li> <li>3. Present the Papers to Jordanian and EU Policy-Makers.</li> </ol>

### Description

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Jordan Office and West Asia-North Africa Institute (WANA) is launching a joint project entitled: “Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security Issues.” The project seeks to engage with 5-8 young Jordanian experts and professionals from diverse backgrounds to produce public policy papers and present to Jordanian and international stakeholders including government representative and possible EU representatives. Shall COVID-19 developments allow for the physical travel, the candidates will also have the opportunity to present their papers to EU officials in Brussels, Belgium. Potential costs associated with this work trip will be covered by the project.

The aim of the project is to raise awareness on the issues of importance and priority that Jordan should address in 2020, from a non-governmental perspective, cementing the culture of informing and enhancing exchange of knowledge that is able to influence public policies in Jordan and how to enhance the dialogue between the European Union and Jordan on security and human security.

KAS and WANA will jointly hold an expert roundtable in Amman in **October 2020** whereby the young professionals will present their papers before policy makers, after having received a specialised training on research and policy-papers writing by the WANA Institute. **The policy papers will then be compiled, edited and published in a joint KAS-WANA publication.**

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.

## Target Group

The project is inviting 5-8 young Jordanian scholars, experts, and professionals from diverse backgrounds. Ideal candidates should have some previous research experience and are well-informed on issues of relevance to Jordan-EU relations and Human Security.

## Project Goal:

The idea behind this project is simple: inform public policies in Jordan by offering the input of non-governmental professionals and stakeholders. By doing so, **the project seeks to achieve the goal of addressing the public policy-making gaps in Jordan and enhance Jordan-EU dialogue** by devising policy recommendations and solutions to issues of relevance to the “Jordan-EU Dialogue on Human Security Issues” framework.

## Thematic Issues:

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

- Political relations between Jordan and the EU;
- Foreign policy and geopolitical shifts;
- Security Issues related to countering violent extremism and combating terrorism;
- Financial cooperation with Jordan, trade and economic reform;
- Issues of human rights and democracy, and support to Jordanian civil society;
- Human development in terms of education and social protection;
- Cultural cooperation; and
- Issues of sustainable development, from climate change and the environment, to water and energy.

## Time Frame:

- July 2020: Call for Applications, Screening and Selection of Participants
- August 2020: Training delivered by WANA, Drafting of Papers
- September 2020: Feedback, Editing and Finalising of Papers
- October 2020: Roundtable & Initial Presentation of Papers
- November 2020: Sharpening of Papers, further Edits based on the Roundtable
- December 2020 – January 2021: Compiling of Papers in addition to WANA/KAS commentary and publication.

## Application Process:

Interested candidates are requested to send in a completed application form along with a CV (three pages maximum) and a letter of intent. The letter should state the candidate’s interest in the project and their initial topic, and grant a space for the candidate to tell us about themselves.

Papers will be written in English, with limited exceptions for Arabic papers granted in special circumstances.

Kindly direct your application and/or any inquiries to Barik Mhadeen, Senior Researcher and Project Manager, at: [barik.mhadeen@wana.jo](mailto:barik.mhadeen@wana.jo), copying Shereen Shaheen, Director of Programmes at WANA, at [Shereen.Shaheen@wana.jo](mailto:Shereen.Shaheen@wana.jo).

Deadline for receiving resumes and letters of interest is **15 July, 2020**.