The **objective** of the stakeholder consultation is to build and strengthen partnerships between the private sector, development actors and national counterparts to develop innovative and feasible solutions that expand economic opportunities for host communities and refugees in Jordan. The consultation will identify and respond to existing challenges faced in the implementation of the recommendations made in the report *Jobs Make the Difference, Expanding Economic Opportunities for Refugees and Host Communities* (JMD).

The **expected outcomes** are as follows: (i) raise awareness of private sector regarding the current employment framework regulations and incentives related to the employment of refugees, including women's employment; (ii) receive feedback on current initiatives by private sector for stronger future engagement; (iii) develop collaborative, durable solutions formulated to strengthen the economy, attract investment and create jobs through the implementation of the recommendations of the JMD Report or other innovative solutions; and, (iv) enhance support to and partnerships between the private sector and partners.
**DAY 1: SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY**

- **Registration**
- **High Level Panel Official Opening of the Stakeholder Consultation**
  - Anders Pedersen, UN Resident Coordinator, Jordan
  - Nadine Fayad, Microsoft
  - HE Mohannad Attar, Amman Chamber of Commerce
  - Yusuf Siddiqui, Chairman Shell Companies in Jordan
  - HE Andrea Matteo Fontana, EU Ambassador to Jordan
  - HE Ali Alghezawi, Minister of Labor, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

  The opening will give a brief update on the current state of the resilience agenda, expected outcomes, and highlight important details from the livelihoods and jobs agenda. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Samuel Rizk, Manager, UNDP Sub-Regional Response Facility (SRF).

- **10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

- **10:45 - 12:00**

  **SESSION 1: EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOST COMMUNITIES AND REFUGEES.**

  - Presentation by Susan Razzaz, Lead Author of Jobs Makes the Difference. Nathalie Bouche, UNDP will be a discussant. This panel will be moderated by HE Andrea Matteo Fontana, EU Ambassador to Jordan

  Bringing evidence to the Syria crisis livelihoods and economic opportunities agenda, Jobs Makes the Difference examined the opportunities and challenges in meeting the 1.1 million jobs target in the region emanating from the London Conference. The presentation will focus on the recommendations and key actions specific to Jordan.

- **12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH AND NETWORKING**
SESSION 2: ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONDON COMMITMENTS: A STOCKTAking EXERCISE.

Oxfam, UNHCR, ILO, UNDP and WFP, Ms. Zeina Toukan, International Cooperation Department, Director Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (TBC)

The London Conference paved the road for policy change in aid cooperation as well for more resilience investment in the sub-region, including the establishment of the Jordan Compact. Actions taken in response and as a consequence of the jobs targets are multiple.

This session will provide perspectives on how UN and partners have supported the Government of Jordan in the implementation of policy commitments. As the resilience agenda seeks to reinforce, not replace, capacities, how has the response strengthened these systems through support, resources, and programming?

The panelists will answer the question of whether a new approach has developed to better support expanding economic opportunities for refugees and host communities; what policy changes, (Compacts, integration into labor markets, etc.) have reflected the trends?

SESSION 3: EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

UNWomen, UNFPA, RBK, HE Peter MacDougall, Ambassador of Canada to Jordan (Moderator) will identify the challenges and opportunities in expanding economic opportunities for women.

Both the government and the international community have recognized that investments in education will not be returned, and economic growth will not occur, if countries in the region are not able to bring women into the economy as contributors towards GDP growth.

The panelists will discuss policy reform that can improve women’s access to employment and initiatives that will match job demand and address barriers to women’s employment.
SESSION 4: DEFINING THE CHALLENGES AND POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES,
Sara Ferrer Olivella, UNDP

Closing Remarks

COFFEE BREAK

3:45 - 4:45

4:45 - 5:00

7:00 - 9:00

Reception

DAY 2: MONDAY, 29 JANUARY
APPLICATION OF HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN

Day 1
Hear Define

Day 2
Ideate Prototype Test

Taking the outcomes of Day 1 into consideration (hear, define), Day 2 of the consultation will apply the next steps of the human-centered design approach: ideate, prototype and test.

9:00 – 9:45

FROM CRISIS TO THE SDGS, A PATHWAY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Marcos Neto, Director, Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development, UNDP

Ziad Homsi, Jordan Chamber of Industry

Ahmed Alzubi, Representative from the Government of Jordan (Mafraq Governorate) [TBC]

Yaron Schwartz, Private Sector Partnerships Advisor, Tent Foundation, New York City

Mohammad Zawahreh, Head of Local Development Unit, Zarqa Municipality

The Resilience Agenda has brought new and innovative partnerships to the crisis response. The next generation of crisis response requires more complementarities between humanitarian and development efforts and leadership by the private sector. How can governments, UN agencies, NGOs and CSOs and the private sector work together to better response to protracted crisis?

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