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## REFORMS CATALYSTS

Jordan continued to move from reform design to delivery between May and July 2026, advancing a broad set of reforms aimed at strengthening the investment environment, improving regulatory quality, enhancing public investment management, expanding green finance, and promoting more inclusive and competitive economic sectors. These reforms were advanced under the Reform Matrix, in alignment with the Economic Modernization Vision and the Government's broader modernization agenda.

The Reform Secretariat at the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) continues to support implementing entities in translating reform commitments into actionable plans, strengthening institutional coordination, mobilizing technical assistance, and tracking progress across the Reform Matrix's priority pillars.

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MDTF SUPPORTED IMPLEMENTATION

### Advancing Inclusive and Sustainable Tourism



Jordan continued to advance an inclusive tourism agenda aligned with the Economic Modernization Vision. A technical mission under the "Inclusive Tourism and Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Jordan" project concluded in June under the chairmanship of HRH Prince Mired bin Raad, with participation from MoPIC, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Ministry of Labor, the World Bank, and national partners.

The mission reviewed accessibility assessments and improvement proposals for six priority tourism and heritage sites, supported development of the National Inclusive Tourism Strategy, and piloted Jordan's first national



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Master Trainers Programme on Inclusive Tourism, building a national pool of specialists able to transfer knowledge and apply accessibility standards across tourism and heritage sites.



In parallel, the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, working with the Reform Secretariat and the World Bank and with MDTF support, continued finalizing updated hotel classification standards, strengthened to incorporate disability inclusion and accessibility requirements in line with international good practice.

Further details: [Inclusive Tourism mission](#)

## Sectoral Licensing Reform Moves from Framework to Implementation



On May 3, the Council of Ministers approved the Executive Action Plan for reforming the sectoral licensing system for priority licenses and adopted unified Executive Rules as a binding national reference for government entities issuing licenses. The Action Plan introduces a more modern regulatory approach based on risk, necessity testing, procedural simplification, institutional coordination, and good regulatory practices, including the “silence is consent” principle within defined timeframes.

To support implementation, the Reform Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Bank and with support from the Jordan Growth

MDTF, conducted a two-day capacity-building workshop for regulatory authorities on July 21–22, 2026. The workshop combined technical sessions with practical exercises covering risk-based regulation, licensing requirements, procedural efficiency, license renewals, fees, institutional coordination, transparency, predictability, and fairness. Participants included representatives of authorities responsible for licensing in the transport, media, interior, agriculture, telecommunications, and sports sectors.

Together, the Cabinet decision and the capacity-building programme mark a shift from policy development to practical implementation. They are expected to harmonize licensing practices, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, improve regulatory certainty, and strengthen Jordan's investment competitiveness.

Further details: [Executive Action Plan approval](#) | [Capacity-building workshop](#)

## Transport Sector Begins Licensing Reform Review

Building on the national framework for sectoral licensing, the Ministry of Transport, in collaboration with the Reform Secretariat at MoPIC, commenced the review of the transport sector's legal and licensing framework. The first technical meeting was held on 29 July 2026 to initiate the review of transport legislation and identify opportunities to simplify, modernize, and improve licensing requirements.

The work is supported through the Jordan Growth MDTF and is intended to apply the unified Executive Rules to the transport sector, improve regulatory consistency, reduce unnecessary requirements, and enhance the efficiency and predictability of services for operators and investors.

## US\$700 Million Approved to Support Investment, Competitiveness and Job Creation



In July 2026, the World Bank approved US\$700 million for the second phase of the Jordan Growth and Competitiveness Development Policy Financing. The operation is designed to help Jordan translate macroeconomic stability and reform momentum into stronger private investment, improved access to finance, and more and better employment opportunities.

The second phase supports two mutually reinforcing reform objectives under the Economic Modernization Vision: improving the attractiveness and predictability of the business environment, and deepening access to finance and innovation. Supported measures include simplifying sectoral licensing, modernizing the legal framework for electronic and cross-border transactions, expanding social protection coverage for flexible and part-time workers, encouraging private investment in the electricity sector, modernizing capital markets, enabling new financing instruments, strengthening green finance, and advancing the digitalization of government payments.

The operation builds on the first phase of the Jordan Growth and Competitiveness Development Policy Financing and the policy reforms advanced through Jordan's broader reform agenda. The Reform Secretariat supports coordination and monitoring across relevant government entities, helping connect the financing programme's policy actions with RM 2.0 and national implementation priorities.

Further details: [World Bank financing announcement | Jordan Growth and Competitiveness DPF I | Jordan Growth and Competitiveness DPF II](#)

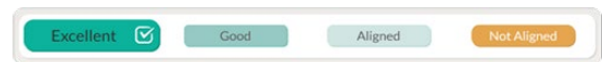
## Jordan's Sovereign Green Bond Framework Receives “Excellent” Assessment



### Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Second-Party Opinion — Green Bond Framework

*Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a West Asian nation of about 11.5 million people that has an economy driven by services, industry and agriculture. The issuer published a green bond framework that includes nine use of proceeds (UoP) categories. Transactions under the framework are aligned with the core pillars of the ICMA Green Bond Principles 2025 (GBP) and LMA, LSTA and APLMA Green Loan Principles 2025 (GLP).*



Jordan's Sovereign Green Bond Framework received an “Excellent” alignment assessment from Sustainable Fitch through its Second-Party Opinion. The assessment confirmed full alignment with the ICMA Green Bond Principles and leading international green-loan principles.

The Framework covers nine eligible green categories, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, sustainable water management, climate adaptation, green buildings, biodiversity, and pollution prevention and control. It also includes an exclusion list and commitments on transparent allocation and impact reporting.

The Ministry of Finance led the development of the Framework with support from the Reform Secretariat and World Bank experts. The achievement advances reforms under the Reform Matrix related to sustainable finance, green growth, and mobilizing investment for Jordan's transition toward a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

Further details: [Jordan's Sovereign Green Bond Framework Receives “Excellent” Second-Party Opinion](#)

## Strengthening Government Capacity in Public Investment Management



The Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation organized a specialized training workshop to strengthen government capacity in Public Investment Management and investment project preparation. The programme covered financial, technical, and developmental aspects of project design and aimed to improve the quality, readiness, and appraisal of capital and Public-Private Partnership projects submitted through the National Registry of Government Investment Projects.

The workshop also addressed links between capital and operational expenditure, alignment with the Economic Modernization Vision and sector strategies, and the integration of environmental, climate, social, and gender considerations throughout the project cycle.

Eng. Sireen Al-Adwan, Sectoral Reforms and Climate Change Officer at the Economic Reform Implementation Support Unit, delivered a dedicated session on integrating national environmental and climate considerations from the early stages of project planning and preparation, highlighting the importance of incorporating these considerations into government investment projects to enhance their sustainability and alignment with national priorities.

Further details: [Planning and International Cooperation Organizes Training Workshop to Strengthen Government Capacity in Public Investment Management and Investment Project Preparation](#)

## Site Management Planning for Archaeological and Tourism Sites



Following completion of the Amman Citadel Site Management Plan earlier in 2026, work progressed on developing a Site Management Plan for Karak. These plans provide an integrated framework for conservation, visitor

management, accessibility, institutional responsibilities, and sustainable site development.

Work also commenced on an environmental and social framework covering selected archaeological sites. A consultation session was held in July with responsible stakeholders to discuss the framework and ensure that environmental and social considerations are embedded in the planning and management process.

The next step is to advance the formal adoption of the site management plans by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and the Department of Antiquities, supporting more coordinated, sustainable, and inclusive management of Jordan's cultural heritage assets.

## FEATURE STORY

### Modernizing Jordan's Statistical System: Building the Evidence Base for Inclusive Growth



Better policies begin with robust evidence. Across Jordan, government institutions increasingly depend on high-quality data to design reforms, allocate resources, and track progress toward national priorities. To support this practice, the Department of Statistics (DoS) is undertaking a major transformation to strengthen the country's capacity to produce, share, and use data for national development.

Through the Jordan Growth MDTF, the Reform Secretariat at MoPIC, in partnership with the

World Bank, has supported DoS in advancing priority reforms under the Economic Modernization Vision by coordinating technical assistance, mobilizing international expertise, and strengthening institutional and analytical capacities.

A stronger institutional and legal foundation for official statistics is central to this transformation. In April 2026, Jordan approved the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS 2026–2029), creating a unified roadmap for statistical development and aligning data-producing institutions with the EMV (2023–2033). New statistics regulations further strengthen this foundation by expanding DoS's mandate to coordinate, produce, and disseminate official statistics with greater transparency, consistency, and accountability.

The initiative is also improving how data is translated into policy insights. With Growth MDTF support, DoS is developing ten thematic and multi-sectoral analytical reports on priority development issues, including gender, labor, and health. The first two, on gender and labor, were published in December 2025; the remaining reports are work-in-progress within the next two years.

The transformation also includes major investments in digital infrastructure. DoS is establishing the National Data Center (NDC), expected to launch in August 2026, serving as a national hub linking data producers and users across government by integrating administrative data and statistical information into a unified, machine-readable system — making official statistics more accessible to researchers, development partners, and the public through user-friendly dashboards and interactive data tools.

*transformative initiative that will strengthen the production, integration, and use of official data across government.*



*Dr. Haidar Ferihat, Director General of the Department of Statistics*

These reforms are helping government institutions move beyond data collection toward more effective use of evidence in policymaking and service delivery, helping ensure that public policies and programs respond more effectively to citizens' needs.



Most importantly, sustainability is built into the model. Continued investment in institutional capacity, digital infrastructure, and human capital will help ensure these gains are maintained over time. With strong national ownership, an enabling legal framework, and a modern data system in place, Jordan is laying the foundations for a more evidence-driven public sector.

Prepared by RS and the World Bank MDTF Secretariat.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE REFORM DEVELOPMENTS

### Investment Environment Bylaw Amended

The Cabinet approved an amended Investment Environment Bylaw for 2026, reducing overlaps, standardizing regulatory concepts, and introducing “licensing as a condition for compliance” in development zones, allowing a license to be granted against an investor's commitment to meet requirements within one year. [Cabinet decision](#)



*The Jordan Growth MDTF has been a key partner in supporting our efforts to modernize Jordan's statistical system, enabling us to produce policy-oriented analytical reports while advancing the National Data Center, a*

## Cabinet Decision Supports National Industry by Raising Procurement Preference to 20%

The Council of Ministers increased the price preference granted to national industrial products in government tenders from 15% to 20%, strengthening the role of public procurement in supporting domestic manufacturing and reinforcing local value chains.

[Cabinet decision](#)

## Draft Amendments to the Arbitration Law Advance

The Council of Ministers approved the justifying reasons for the 2026 draft law amending the Arbitration Law, part of continued efforts to strengthen the legal framework for commercial transactions and dispute resolution and support a more predictable business environment. [Cabinet decision](#)

## 2027 Budget Preparation Prioritizes Strategic Investment

The Prime Minister directed ministries to begin preparing 2027 budgets, emphasizing strategic capital projects in water, transport, and energy, alongside continued priority for health, education, digital transformation, and a strong social protection network. [Read more](#)

## New Secretary General Appointed at MoPIC

The Council of Ministers appointed Mr. Omar Fanek as Secretary General of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Fanek served as Director of the Reform Secretariat for several years, leading its work to coordinate, monitor, and support the implementation of Jordan's economic and structural reforms, while fostering collaboration across government entities and with development partners.

The Reform Secretariat also witnessed a leadership transition with the appointment of a new Director, Eng. Thamer Shoshan, ensuring continuity in leading the Secretariat's work on coordinating, monitoring, and supporting the implementation of Jordan's national reform agenda. [Cabinet announcement](#)

### LOOKING AHEAD

## What's Next for the Reform Agenda

During the next period, the Reform Secretariat will continue working with implementing ministries and public entities to advance RM 2.0 priorities, monitor delivery, address implementation bottlenecks, and strengthen alignment between reform needs and available technical and financial support.

Immediate areas of focus include operationalizing sectoral licensing reforms across priority sectors; advancing investment-climate reforms; supporting reforms related to financial stability and insurance oversight; expanding social security coverage for flexible and platform workers; strengthening the governance and performance of State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs); advancing reforms related to cooperatives; supporting climate-resilient water resources management through the Jordan Valley Authority; integrating climate and social considerations into public investment; advancing sustainable-finance initiatives, including green public procurement guidance; and progressing tourism-related reforms, including standards and site management plans, toward formal adoption and implementation.

Continued emphasis will be placed on measurable implementation and institutionalization, so that reforms translate into improved public services, a stronger investment environment, greater private-sector opportunities, more inclusive growth, and better outcomes for citizens.



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