



**The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**  
**Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation**  
**Open Government Unit (OGU)**  
**Call for Joining Work Group on the OGP's 5<sup>th</sup> Action Plan 2021-2023**

**Deadline for Submitting Applications is 20 May 2021**

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**Introduction**

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) initiative is a multilateral initiative first launched in 2011 on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly meetings. The initiative aims to secure concrete commitments from participating governments in promoting transparency, empowering citizens, fighting corruption, and harnessing new technology to strengthen good governance. To date, there is a total of 78 member countries, with the membership initiated on a voluntary basis.

Jordan joined the initiative in the same year it was announced and was the first Arab country to fulfil the membership criteria. Since joining the initiative, the Jordanian Government has submitted four National Action Plans (NAPs), the latest of which is the current 4<sup>th</sup> NAP which will end in June 2021. The Government is preparing to submit the 5<sup>th</sup> NAP for the period 2021-2023 during the third quarter of this year.

As part of Jordan's continued efforts to be a model in the adoption and implementation of best practices based on widespread participation in the NAP's development, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MoPIC) is currently developing the 5<sup>th</sup> OGP NAP for the period 2021-2023, expected to be launched on 31 August 2021. The NAP's development activities involve the formation of a voluntary working group to monitor the plan's development activities according to the published methodology, and to provide advice and guidance during the process and until the plan's final outcome. The MoPIC believes in the importance of the partnership between governmental and non-governmental parties to achieve national plans and priorities and to reinforce transparency and accountability.

The working group will have nine members headed by the MoPIC, with four members from government agencies and four members from non-governmental entities representing civil society organizations, the private sector, academia, and experts. Members will be selected according to the transparent and published selection criteria. The selection process will also ensure equal gender opportunities.

**What is the role of the 5<sup>th</sup> OGP NAP Working Group?**

The working group of the 5<sup>th</sup> OGP NAP 2021-2023 will monitor the methodology's progress and implementation until the achievement of the draft initial plan. The working group's members are expected to join the following meetings:

- 1st Meeting: Review suggestions and commitments submitted by citizens and stakeholders to express their opinions and to select the best submission to enter the second stage of the selection process before 30 May 2021.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting: Listen to those who submitted suggestions, make decisions regarding the final ideas, and inform the applicants of the decisions. 7 June 2021.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting: Review , comment on, and amend final commitments concluded by the working groups to be examined by the multilateral forum (next activity). 27 June 2021.
- Monitor the activities to develop commitments and express opinions about the latest version of the commitments.
- Review the last copy of the plan and express opinions about it before sending it out for public commenting before 12 July 2021.

#### **What are the criteria for joining the working group?**

- The applicant must be a Jordanian citizen (for individuals) or a representative of a local non-governmental organization (for institutions).
- The applicant may not be a participant or plans to participate in activities to develop commitments (to avoid conflict of interest).
- The applicant must have a minimum experience of 5 years in planning and building strategies.
- The applicant must have at least 5 years of experience in building and measuring indicators.
- The applicant must have experience in governance, accountability, public participation, and access to information and any relevant subjects related to the OGP initiative.
- The applicant must have a minimum of 5 years in research and evaluation.

Last date for joining the working groups:

Please fill out the application and send it before 20 May 2021 to <https://bit.ly/3ewTz4R>

- To learn about Jordan's participation in the OGP initiative, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/3uUiBRr>
- To examine the creation methodology of the 5<sup>th</sup> OGP NAP 2021-2023, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/3ePN3Xh>
- For enquiries, please send an email message to: [ogunit@mop.gov.jo](mailto:ogunit@mop.gov.jo)