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REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The economic potential of diasporas

Organised by the

**Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies of the
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**

Hosted by the

**Jordanian House of Representatives
Amman (Jordan), 18th September 2019**

Address:

Grand Hyatt Amman Hotel
Jabal Amman, Hussein Bin Ali Street
P.O.Box 831159, Amman11183, Jordan

PROGRAMME



WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09:30 – 10:45 OPENING SESSION

Opening addresses:

Dr. Nassar Alqaisi, The First Deputy Speaker of the Jordanian House of Representatives.

Mr Duarte Marques, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas

PHOTO OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

Presentation of the Jordanian experience

Ambassador Mr Hussam Al Hussein, Director Human Rights and Human Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate

Mr Omar Nuseir, Senior Coordinator Humanitarian Relief Coordination Unit, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

Ms Zhr Abu Dhaim, Senior Financial Analyst, Central Bank of Jordan

10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 PLENARY SESSION I

DIASPORA CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Mr Egidijus Vareikis, Member of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas

Speakers:

Ms Laila Tomeh, Representative of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Jordan
Recommendations to Enhance Jordanian Expatriates Contributions to Development in Jordan

Mr Pierre-Yves Le Borgn', President of Europeans Throughout the World
The economic impact of diasporas: examples and reflections

Ms Fatina Toukan, Coordinator of the Programme Migration and Diasporas (PMD) – Jordan and Palestine, Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM), GIZ Office Amman
The role of migrants in development – introducing the Programme Migration and Diaspora.

OPEN DISCUSSION

12:30 – 14:00 *Official lunch offered by the Council of Europe*

14:00 – 16:45 **PLENARY SESSION II**

**NEW APPROACHES TO THE MOBILISATION OF DIASPORA
RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Moderator: Mr Kais Zayadin, Representative of the Jordanian House of Representatives

Speakers:

Mr Ali Bazzi, Member of the Lebanese National Assembly, Rapporteur of the National Economy, Trade, Industry and Planning Committee, member of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants Committee

The role of Lebanese diaspora in the economic development

Mr Alaa Jalal Abbassi, Lead Financial Sector Specialist at the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), managing partner at Abbassi Law Office, Jordan

Mr Maher Azzouz, Chair of Syrian American Medical Society Foundation
Syrian American Medical Society's response to the Syrian crises

Ms Violeta Moskalu, Head of board, Global Ukraine Foundation
#GlobalSmartNations, an innovative community management platform to strengthen the economic potential of diasporas

OPEN DISCUSSION

16:45 – 17:00 **Coffee break**

17:00 – 17:30 **CONCLUDING SESSION**

ADOPTION OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK

Closing address by:

Mr Riyadh Alazzam, Representative of the Jordanian House of Representatives

Mr Duarte Marques, Coordinator of the Parliamentary Network on Diaspora Policies and Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Diasporas

19:00 ***Departure from the Hyatt Hotel for a dinner offered by the Jordanian House of Representatives at Zuwwadeh restaurant***

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