

**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT**

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF  
JORDAN**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF  
GERMANY**

ON

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENERGY PARTNERSHIP**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Sides” and in the singular as “a Side”) wish to further promote friendship and cooperation between Jordan and Germany. They are determined to enhance the bilateral partnership and practical cooperation between the Sides in the energy sector by establishing an energy partnership which builds on and further enhances the ongoing successful cooperation programmes and dialogues between the Sides in the energy, environment and water sectors. The main objective of the energy partnership is improving and developing a sustainable energy infrastructure, in particular through the increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Furthermore, the Sides recognise the urgent need for measures in the energy sector in Jordan, as around 95% of the country’s energy is imported and is largely based on fossil fuels with the respective consequences for the climate. The high cost of Jordan’s energy generation and imports constitutes a significant burden on the Kingdom's economy. Against this background, the Sides emphasise the urgent need for Jordan to harness the significant potential of renewable energy and energy efficiency and to create a modern energy system, and the desirability in so doing of benefiting from German experience, expertise and technical support.

This Joint Declaration of Intent (JDol) is intended to replace the existing Joint Declaration of Intent on the Establishment of an Energy Dialogue, signed between the Sides in October 2016, and aims to provide the strategic framework for Jordanian-German

development cooperation in the energy sector. It complements the Joint Declarations of Intent on Jordanian-German Cooperation in the Area of Water, Environment and Emergency Assistance of the German Federal Foreign Office (AA), the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The energy partnership will provide a general framework for political dialogue and cooperation in the energy sectors of the Sides, using synergies between existing bilateral partnerships on energy and climate issues. The Sides acknowledge activities under various existing bilateral and multilateral dialogue formats.

The main objective of the joint energy partnership is improving and developing a sustainable energy system, in particular through the increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The Sides take note of the recent advances in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies, the available renewable energy resources in Jordan and the consequent opportunities for their widespread application. They recognise that the creation of an appropriate market environment for the increasing role of private sector activities along with an enabling framework for strong public-private partnerships is vital for successful commercial applications and for the availability of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Therefore, the Sides have come to the following understanding:

## **1. OBJECTIVE**

The Sides underline their shared objective to guarantee the secure and sustainable supply and utilisation of energy, also in the light of international efforts to mitigate climate change. The Sides further recognise the importance of private sector participation in promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency. Therefore, the Sides intend to intensify their cooperation in these areas.

## **2. SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

The Sides intend to foster the energy transition focusing on the following areas:

- (1) Dialogue on governmental energy policies, planning and regulations for sustainable energy.
- (2) Promotion of renewable energies and their integration into the grid.
- (3) Promotion of energy efficiency.
- (4) Improving the framework for private sector investments in sustainable energy.

- (5) Sharing of expertise on energy technologies.
- (6) Capacity building, including public awareness-raising and training.
- (7) The Sides accept the adequate and effective protection of intellectual property rights, in accordance with World Trade Organization regulations and national and international law, which stem from the activities carried out in implementation of this Joint Declaration of Intent.

### **3. COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The competent authorities responsible for coordinating the partnership and joint activities under this Joint Declaration of Intent will be:

- (a) in the case of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR); and
- (b) in the case of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMW).

The following Ministries will also participate in the partnership:

On the Jordanian Side:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Ministry of Environment, and Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.

On the German Side:

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), the Federal Foreign Office (AA) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The BMW will coordinate and chair the steering group on the German Side. Thus, the BMW will be the primary focal point for this JDol and the activities carried out thereunder. Furthermore, the BMW should call convene coordination meetings as deemed appropriate.

### **4. FORMS OF COOPERATION**

The Sides have decided on the following forms of cooperation:

- (1) Visits by (high-ranking) governmental officials for sharing experience and best practices on planning, regulations and incentives to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- (2) Visits and study tours for Jordanian energy sector stakeholders to German institutions and enterprises to build expertise and exchange experience.

- (3) Workshops by German experts in Jordan, including business-to-government formats.
- (4) Thematic studies that support the discussion on specific topics in the field of sustainable energy.

## **5. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Sides will establish a joint High-Level Steering Committee with representatives of the relevant authorities from each country. The High-Level Steering Committee will be responsible for the implementation and the monitoring of the JDol. It will meet annually.

The High-Level Steering Committee can establish sub-group(s) where necessary to develop cooperation in specific areas and topics, inter alia those listed in section 2. The sub-group(s) will a) identify, b) plan, coordinate and follow up, c) review the progress on the implementation of the joint activities. The Sides, which will nominate relevant stakeholders or representatives to constitute the High-Level Steering Committee, will chair the sub-group(s). The sub-group(s) should meet once every year in conjunction with the High-Level Steering Committee or within such intervals as may be required for an in-depth dialogue on the areas of cooperation.

The agenda, time and place of the High-Level Steering Committee meetings as well as working group(s) will be jointly decided upon by the Sides. The meetings should be held alternately in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Federal Republic of Germany. The minutes of the meetings will be approved and signed by the appointed representative of each Side.

The following areas are suggested as possible main topics for cooperation:

- (1) Long-term energy planning
- (2) Effects of renewable energy projects on the economy and refugee influx
- (3) Market mechanisms and legislative adjustments with falling prices and rising shares of renewable energies
- (4) Integration of variable renewable energies into the grid
- (5) Energy saving through energy efficiency
- (6) Digitalisation and the creation of a modern energy system.

The Sides can by mutual consent decide on additional main topics of cooperation in view of the fields of cooperation mentioned in section 2 above.

## **6. EXPENSES**

The Sides understand that the subsistence and travel expenses of participants attending the working group meetings and meetings of joint activities, programmes or projects under this JDol will be borne by the respective Side or its designated authorities. This will also include costs for venues, activities in the aforementioned working fields under section 2 and 3, or any other activity that one of the Sides proposes.

## **7. CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Sides share the opinion that the proceedings of Working Group meetings under this JDol will only be published if both Sides consent to this in writing, whether or not this cooperation is subsequently terminated.

## **8. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

Any dispute between the Sides arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this JDol will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Sides.

## **9. EFFECTIVENESS**

This Joint Declaration of Intent will be effective from the date of signature thereof.

## **10. AMENDMENT**

This Joint Declaration of Intent may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of both Sides.

## **11. NOTIFICATIONS**

Any notifications concerning this Joint Declaration of Intent will be effected in writing.

## **12. DURATION AND TERMINATION**

This Joint Declaration of Intent will remain in effect until either Side informs the other in writing, at least six months in advance, of its intention to terminate the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent.

Signed in Berlin on 9. April 2019 in duplicate in the English language.

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