



#ResilienceForum

Resilience Development Forum (RDF)

08 and 09 November 2015. DEAD SEA, JORDAN

Why? The protracted nature of the Syria crisis and its global impact demand a **consistent and collective vision** that clearly articulates short, mid and long-term milestones. The Resilience Development Forum (RDF) will **provide a platform** for a wide range of partners – governments from the region, humanitarian and development donors, national and international organizations, private sector and financial institutions - to deepen this joint vision and endorse a **resilience agenda**.

What? The Agenda will consist of a set of relevant action points and recommendations – jointly drafted by abovementioned partners in a series of **country consultations** - that address **main bottlenecks and unresolved challenges**, clustered around below key topics:

- (a) *Making aid architecture fit for resilience:* How can the existing aid architecture and funding instruments for Middle Income Countries (MIC) be best utilized?
- (b) *Social stability:* How to best provide sustainable and affordable access to limited resources and basic services, and address growing competition within communities?
- (c) *Private sector engagement:* What are next steps to engage and unlock private sector capacities, networks and resources for resilience building?
- (d) *Resilience inside Syria [for partners in Syria]:* How can the resilience approach best be applied within local communities inside Syria?

Where? The RDF will take place at the **King Hussein Convention Centre** at the Dead Sea in Jordan.

When? On 09 November, the RDF will be conducted at ministerial level. Hosted by the Government of Jordan and organized by the United Nations Development Programme within the framework of the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP) and the Regional United Nations Development Group, the RDF will provide the platform to discuss and agree on a **resilience agenda**.



On **08-09 November**, a **Resilience-building and Innovation Marketplace** will provide a space for affected countries and implementing partners to share innovative strategies, good practices and technologies developed in response to the challenging environment of the Syria crisis.

How? The success of the RDF will rely on the quality of prior **country consultations** that address abovementioned bottlenecks and unresolved challenges, and catalyse and capture recommendations on how to address these questions. Four generic **Discussion Papers** on the above mentioned topics (a), (b), (c), and (d) help frame this debate with identified opportunities, challenges, and a set of **guiding questions**. The country consultations will be organized under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinators in close collaboration with country counterparts.

The resulting country resilience agenda will list agreed **action points/milestones** capturing how partners in countries plan to address the four bottleneck topics. UN Resident Coordinators and their government counterparts will present the outcome documents at a **regional meeting** with the objective of identifying **regional patterns** as well as **country specificities**. These findings will constitute the first draft of a **resilience agenda**.

Who?

Key note speakers

Helen Clark, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator
António Guterres, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Invited High-level Panelists

Building a Resilience Agenda

Representatives at ministerial level from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey.

Making Aid Architecture Fit for Resilience

Imad Najib Fakhoury, Minister of Planning and International Cooperation, Jordan; Ferid Belhaj, World Bank Director for the Middle East; Stefan Kapferer, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD; Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy; Justine Greening, International Development Secretary, UK; Abdulwahab Al-Bader, Director-General of the Kuwait Fund; Jan Egeland, Secretary-General of the Norwegian Refugee Council; Ulrika Modéer, State Secretary for International Development Co-operation of Sweden.



Social stability

Anthony Lake, Executive Director of UNICEF; William Swing, Director-General IOM; Annick Girardin, Minister of State for International Development and Francophony, France; Neal Keny-Guyer, CEO of Mercy Corps; Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of OXFAM; Nancy Lindborg, President of the US Institute of Peace; Reem Abu Hassan, Jordanian Minister of Social Development; Andreas Gies, Director-General for Development Cooperation of Germany.

Private sector engagement

Amir Abdallah, Deputy Executive Director of WFP; Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali Al Madani, President of the Islamic Development Bank; Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Organization, Lise Kingo, Executive Director of UN Global Compact; Judith Rodin, President of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Resilience inside Syria

TBD.

EVENT AGENDA				
Innovation and Resilience Marketplace (8 November)			Resilience Development Forum (9 November)	
09:00 09:30	Opening		Opening	
09:30 11:30	Round Table 1 (tbd)	Round Table 2 (tbd)	Report back from Day 1	
			Building a Resilience Agenda <i>(Governments of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey)</i>	
11:30 13:00	Round Table 3 (tbd)	Round Table 4 (tbd)	High Level Panel 1 <i>Making Aid Architecture Fit For Resilience</i>	High Level Panel 2 <i>Resilience Inside Syria</i>
1300 1400	Lunch		Lunch	
14:00 16:00	Round Table 5 (tbd)	Round Table 6 (tbd)	High Level Panel 3 <i>Social Stability</i>	High Level Panel 4 <i>Private Sector Engagement</i>
16:00 18:00	Report back from Country Consultations		Resilience Agenda Closings remarks	