



Al Urdun Al Jadid Research Center



Amman, 28 November 2006

International Workshop focuses on Possibilities for Reform Ahead of the 2007 Elections in Jordan

On Tuesday 5 December Democracy Reporting International (DRI) and the Al Urdun Al Jadid Research Center (UJRC) will be hosting a joint work-shop on Jordan's Electoral Framework. DRI and UJRC are inviting political parties and civil society along with media and government representatives to engage in a dialogue on what may lie ahead to fulfil the government's pledge to make parliamentary elections scheduled for next year a priority.

DRI and UJRC have been analysing legislation relevant to holding elections in the context of Jordan's unique situation in the region. At Tuesday's work-shop "The Electoral Framework of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan: Prospects for the 2007 Elections" stakeholders will be discussing what steps may be needed to be taken to ensure that the next Parliamentary Elections will be a further step towards democratic reform.

Democracy Reporting International's research in Jordan is part of DRI's wider programme of Electoral Framework Assessments in the Middle East and Southern Mediterranean Region. DRI electoral experts are also currently studying the electoral frameworks of Morocco, Egypt and Algeria in relation to international commitments. Tuesday's workshop on Jordan's electoral framework will be followed up by a comprehensive report in January. Upon publication all reports will be made available in Arabic and English at www.democracy-reporting.org.

DRI is a non-partisan, independent, non-for-profit network of European election experts. DRI promotes political participation of citizens, accountability of state bodies and the development of democratic institutions world-wide. DRI analyses, reports and makes recommendations to the public and policy makers on democratic developments and helps finding local ways to promote the universal right of citizens to participate in the political life of their country.

Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2006

Time: 09:30 – 17:30 hours

Location: Crown Plaza Hotel, Amman

Further Information: Contact Hani Hourani : 06-5533114 or

Michaela Küfner: 0776270778

Or visit our websites: <http://www.ujrc-jordan.org> and www.democracy-reporting.org