

Jordan is a developing country making important strides in public sector reform aimed at building a resilient economy and adopting efficient public administration practices. In this presentation, Dr. Alshoubaki will discuss the governance context of Jordan, placing a particular emphasis on its privatization and market-based reforms. She will reflect on the Jordanian governance system, its efforts and experiences with privatization, the effects of conditionalities, and the assessment of their outcomes for the economy and society.

## Reforming Governance with Privatization in Jordan: A Market-Based Approach

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