

Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES)

Objectives

The Amman Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is responsible for activities in Jordan and at the same time coordinates activities in Iraq. The FES Amman Office has been registered as an independent, non-governmental organization with the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) since 1986.

The work of the FES in Jordan is financed by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). For Iraq activities, the FES receives funding from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AA) and the United Nations (UN).

Activities

FES-Amman cooperates with a wide range of partner institutions from civil society and the political sphere to establish platforms for democratic dialogue, organize seminars, hold workshops and publish policy papers and background reports on current political questions.

1. Democracy means Participation

Democratization calls for a political process in which all sectors of society participate. In line with this policy, the FES supports efforts of civil society organizations to become accepted partners of public bodies, encourages the formation of a pluralistic and professional media landscape in Jordan, furthers political dialogue between decision-makers from Jordan, Iraq, Germany and the region and strengthens the participation of women and youth in the political process.

2. Shaping Economic Globalization

In a world of ever increasing globalization, a political steering process is essential. To strengthen this process, the FES is committed to bolstering the relation between trade unions and political decision-makers. For this reason, FES coordinates activities with Jordanian trade unions and the Global Union Federations for the MENA region and enhances dialogue between the social partners. The FES wishes to contribute towards developing just and fair solutions to economic problems and assists decision-makers in analyzing best practices and in enhancing dialogue and cooperation between Jordanian, Iraqi, Middle Eastern and European institutions.



3. Promoting Women's Rights and Gender Equality

Sustainable political and socio-economic development cannot take place without the participation of women. The FES assists women organizations in Jordan in developing and implementing strategies for an active role of women at all levels of society, and in encouraging and qualifying women to run for local and national elections and to take over political responsibility.

4. Supporting Jordan's Efforts in Working for Peace in the Middle East

Located at the crossroads of several conflicts, Jordan's foreign policy strives for stability and a peaceful and just solution to the Middle East Conflicts. In the spirit of these principles, the FES provides decision-makers with analyses on current topics of interest and also organizes dialogue meetings of CSO representatives from Israel, Jordan and Palestine.

5. Activities in Iraq

The FES aims at strengthening civil society and a democratic political culture and is committed to a stable and united Iraq. For this purpose, the FES and its Iraqi partners organize workshops, seminars and training activities in Jordan and Iraq. A special focus of these activities deals with the revision of the Iraqi constitution and with areas of cooperation between Iraqi decision-makers and representatives of Iraqi civil society. By the end of 2008, the FES has – through its partner networks in Iraq – trained 20,000 election observers for the Governorate Councils elections and other planned elections in Iraq. Furthermore, the FES seeks to monitor the political situation in Iraq and informs German and European decision-makers on current political developments in Iraq.



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