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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE INDEX**  
**LANDING IN JORDAN**  
*26-28 MARCH 2019*

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 13 MARCH 2019

This is an open call for the youth in Jordan (aged 18-30) to participate in the Global Knowledge Index (GKI) 3-Day Workshop tackling the results of Jordan in the GKI 2018. Participants have an opportunity to win a valuable prize – details of the prize will be announced during the workshop.

Deadline for submission: 13 March 2019

In line with the continuous effort to promote the Global Knowledge Index (GKI) as an advocacy tool and to widely disseminate and embed it in policy debates, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF), under the umbrella of the Knowledge Project, and in partnership with the Ministry of Youth in Jordan and Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, are launching a GKI Workshop in Jordan. We are calling the youth in Jordan to weigh the results of their country in the Global Knowledge Index, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and come up with policy recommendations on how to enhance their living conditions.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

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- ARE YOU
- a university graduate or undergraduate?
  - capable to process data and produce analysis and recommendations?
- DO YOU
- have a vision for your country?

APPLY NOW to join the Global Knowledge Index 3-Day Workshop – and to team up with other youth from Jordan and become part of an exciting and challenging workshop to submit the best policy recommendations based on the main findings of Jordan in the Global Knowledge Index. All the applicants' expenses will be covered by the organizers.

## AREAS TO BE ADDRESSED

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The Global Knowledge Index 2018 ranks Jordan 76<sup>th</sup> out of 134 countries with a score below the world average. The workshop aims at joining Jordanian youth to design a detailed action plan to solve the intractable challenges preventing the Jordanian society from being a knowledge society. Participants are expected to perform analytical and logical reasoning to generate practical recommendations, which will be presented to decision makers to reinforce the efforts towards building a knowledge-based society. The performance of Jordan on the Global Knowledge Index 2018 will be the starting point.

### Sectors of the Global Knowledge Index to be covered:

- ☞ Pre-university education
- ☞ Research, development and innovation (RDI)
- ☞ Technical and vocational education and training (TVET)
- ☞ Information and communications technology (ICT)
- ☞ Higher education
- ☞ Economy

- ✦ Participants are requested to select one or two sectors to work on.
- ✦ Participants will work on the analysis during the first two days of the workshop and will present their findings/recommendations during the last day to decision-makers.
- ✦ Detailed topics will be shared before the workshop.

## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

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Interested applicants are expected to submit a [complete application form](#).

- ✦ **Incomplete submissions** will be automatically considered non-eligible.
- ✦ You can present your submissions in English or Arabic.
- ✦ Participants are expected to be living in Jordan.
- ✦ Female candidates are encouraged to apply.
- ✦ Individuals from minority groups and persons with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.
- ✦ Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted by 15 March 2019.
- ✦ This call is not open for staff/intern working at any UN agency.

Send your complete application to the following email

[AKP@undp.org](mailto:AKP@undp.org)

An evaluation committee from different fields – development practitioners, economists, and statisticians – will select 100 youth to participate in the GKI 3-Day Workshop in Amman.

On the last day of the GKI Workshop, the evaluation committee will select the top team to win a prize – details of the prize will be announced during the workshop

### GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE INDEX 3-DAY WORKSHOP – 26-28 MARCH 2019

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Under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Jordan Dr. Omar Razzaz, the workshop will bring together 100 applicants to participate in an exciting and challenging event to collectively think and engage with one another and assess the results of Jordan in the GKI, and accordingly come up with policy recommendations under the above-mentioned topics.

- ✦ The working languages of the workshop are English and Arabic.
- ✦ The workshop will take place in Amman, Jordan.

The workshop is being carried under the umbrella of the  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)  
and  
Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF)  
Knowledge Project

In partnership with  
Ministry of Youth – Jordan  
and  
Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation

## BACKGROUND

### Objectives of the Global Knowledge Index Workshop

The workshop comes as a part of a series of workshops and seminars to promote the Global Knowledge Index (GKI) as an advocacy tool and to widely disseminate and imbed it in policy debates. The workshops and seminars aim to drive active conversation, raise awareness, and inform stakeholders and audiences about the key features and anticipated outcomes of the Global Knowledge Index and the relation between knowledge and development.

### About the Global Knowledge Index

*The only index that measures knowledge on the global level.*

The Index aims to measure the multidimensional concept of knowledge. The concept is a fluid one, often linked to related concepts such as 'knowledge economy' or 'knowledge society'. It is also sometimes restricted to a narrow understanding that limits the focus to education or technology.

Given the variations in its use and meaning, the GKI aims to introduce a more systematic understanding of knowledge in two respects:

→ It breaks down the concept into its constituent components - i.e. pre-university education, technical and vocational education and training (TVET), higher education, research, development and innovation (RDI), information and communications technology (ICT), and economy, in addition to the general enabling environment. Therefore, it recognizes the multidimensional nature of knowledge systems in all contexts and applications relating to economic and social structures. This allows a more meaningful and insightful exploration of knowledge policies in relation to different sectors.

→ It also enables a more scientific and evidence-based linkage between development and a multidimensional concept of knowledge, in keeping with the notion of human development as applied by UNDP as well as the concept of sustainable development agreed by world leaders in 2015 in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

### About the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a set of 17 aspirational and global goals with 169 targets. This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom.

"Leave no one behind" is the foundational principle of the United Nations' Agenda 2030, which, with its Sustainable Development Goals, targets, and implementation plans, form the most comprehensive blueprint for eliminating extreme poverty, reducing inequality and protecting the planet.



## About the Knowledge Project

### *UNDP-MBRF Partnership*

The Knowledge Project aims to promote knowledge societies and policies as transformational means to achieve sustainable development. The project contributes to driving active conversation and raise awareness on the importance of knowledge and knowledge-based policies for sustainable development.

The project encourages using the knowledge products, namely the Global Knowledge Index, as advocacy tools, aiming to widely disseminate and embed in policy debates.

The partnership between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF) goes back to 2008, with the establishment of the Knowledge Project.

Under the umbrella of this partnership, the Knowledge Project has published three regional reports about knowledge in the Arab region, two of which involved original field research and country case studies, the Arab Knowledge Index 2015 and 2016, and the Arab Reading Index 2016. Then came the Global Knowledge Index in 2017, which is the only index that measures knowledge on the global level as a broad concept that is intricately related to sustainable development. In 2018, the second edition of the Global Knowledge Index was released, in addition to an analytical report on the GKI 2017 results under the title “Knowledge and the Fourth Industrial Revolution” and a foresight report on the “Future of Knowledge.”

The Knowledge4All portal was launched in 2015 as a digital platform for knowledge, followed by a mobile app in 2016.

UNDP and MBRF had built a remarkable partnership throughout the past decade, sharing a vision of promoting and strengthening knowledge-based sustainable development in the Arab States and beyond.

## About the Knowledge Summit

The Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF) launched the Knowledge Summit in 2014, offering a global knowledge platform and bringing together prominent decision-makers, academics, and experts from various sectors to engage in constructive discussions, explore best practices, and propose solutions to address future challenges.