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Dear Friends and Partners of the Renaissance Strategic Centre (RSC), the think tank of the Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD),

As we enter 2026, we welcome you to the sixth edition of the RSC Bulletin. At a time of ongoing conflict, shrinking humanitarian space, and mounting governance challenges across the Arab region, this edition highlights ARDD and RSC's work in advancing inclusive governance, social justice, and rights-based responses. From participatory governance and women's and youth leadership initiatives to sustained engagement on the question of Palestine, forced displacement, and social protection, the Bulletin reflects both the urgency of the moment and the resilience of those driving change on the ground.

In the words of Chan Hellman, "hope is the belief that we have the

power to make it so." Guided by this belief, we remain committed to evidence-based analysis, meaningful partnerships, and amplifying marginalized voices. We hope this edition offers reflection, insight, and renewed purpose as we work together toward a more just and inclusive future.

In the Spotlight



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- [ARDD Highlights Legal Protection as a Cornerstone of Sustainable Solutions at the Global Refugee Forum 2025](#)
- [ARDD in the National Forum to Review Refugee Pledges](#)
- [ARDD took part in The Fund for Global Human Rights' convening, "Strengthening Strategic Fundraising," held in Greece in December](#)
- [ARDD Participates in the Third Civil Society–UN Dialogue on Peacebuilding](#)
- [ARDD and the National Alliance for Combating Narcotics in Jordan \(NACNJ\) Participates in the Liaison Officers' Meeting to Follow Up on the Implementation of the National Drug Prevention Strategy.](#)
- [ARDD & ID Diplomat held Training on Global Diplomacy Strategies and Local Realities](#)
- [ARDD and Comenius Leadership Group Continue Exchange on Leadership in the Arab Region](#)
- [Amna visit to ARDD as part of the Prevention and Protection Interventions Project](#)
- [From Inside Juvenile Education and Rehabilitation Centers... The Law as They've Never Known It Before!](#)
- [Participants in the "Call for Change/ Nidaa for Change" project launch the "Building Hope" initiative to integrate people with disabilities into education](#)
- [TFGBV and Women's and Girls' Awareness During the 16 Days of Activism Campaign Against Violence](#)



Dialogue Series

Refugees, Humanitarian Challenges, and Shared Responsibilities



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- [Webinar under ARDD Europe / Euro-Mena Initiative on Refugees, Humanitarian Challenges, and Shared Responsibilities](#)

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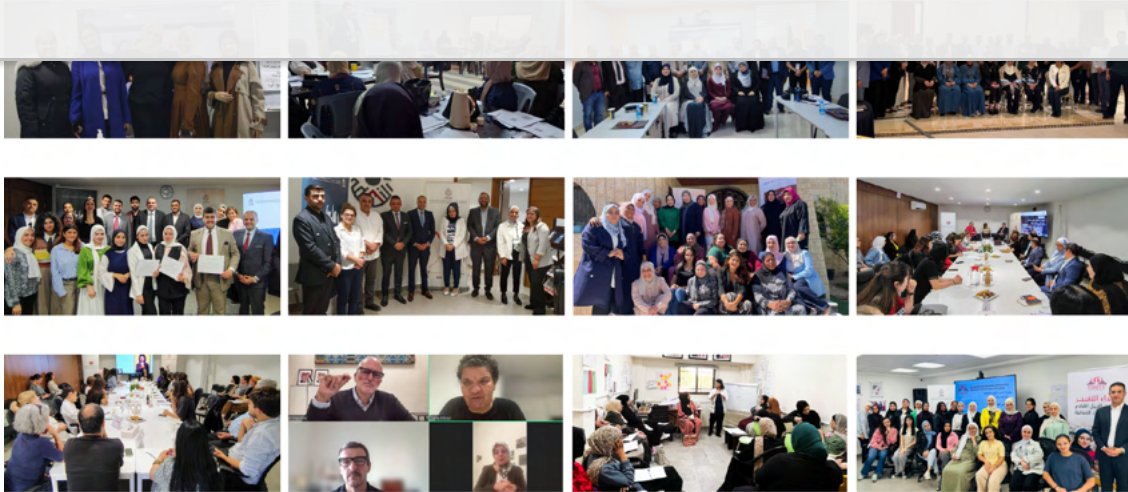
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Women & Youth Empowerment



ARDD Campaign marking the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

- [Reclaiming the Future: Women, Peace, and Justice in the Arab World](#)



- [As part of efforts to empower young women and girls, participants in the Nidaa for Change project, implemented by ARDD, launched four innovative initiatives this December](#)
- [Equal Opportunities through Empowering Each Other: Women and Girls Strengthen Their Roles in Leadership and Community Engagement](#)
- [Together We Break Barriers: Men Supporting Women Across Jordan under Empowering Each Other Project](#)
- [Panel Discussion to Promote Women's Leadership, Civic Engagement, and Social Cohesion in Jordan](#)
- [Youth Voices Shaping Change: New Generation" Celebrates Active Youth Civic and Political Participation](#)
- [Annual Meeting of the Youth Organizations Coordination 2025: Strengthening Collective Action and Building Partnerships for Effective Youth Participation](#)
- [Tawasol Initiative Empowers Women-Led CBOs in Southern Jordan through Comprehensive Capacity-Building Program](#)
- [Women in Financial Leadership: Ordinary Decisions That Make Extraordinary Impact](#)
- [ARDD in partnership with the Al-Nahda Women Network held a seminar titled: Redefining Peace and Liberation: Palestinian Women and Global Feminism](#)
- [Empowering Women in Gaza: Lessons from Global Contexts on Tuesday 11th November within the framework of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security](#)
- [ARDD in partnership with UN Women and with support from international donors concluded the first phase of The Empowering Each Other Training on civic engagement and leadership](#)
- [ARDD concludes Leadership and Advocacy Training for 41 Young Women in Amman and Mafrq under the project Nidaa' for Change – Empowering the](#)

- [The Journey to Silence: Understanding TFGBV and Its Impact on Young Women's Civic Engagement](#)
- [Our RSC researcher Leen Masoud's contribution to #16DaysOfActivism campaign #ReclaimingTheFuture](#)

Arab Transformation - Governance



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Question of Palestine



- [The GNQP Convenes Emergency Meeting to Discuss Recent Developments in Gaza](#)
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- [GNQP/ARDD Facilitate Publication of Albanese's Genocide Reports with Pluto Press](#)

Analytical Article

- [Realizing the Palestinian Right of Return in a Time of Genocide and Dispersal](#)

Migration, Forced Displacement & Statelessness



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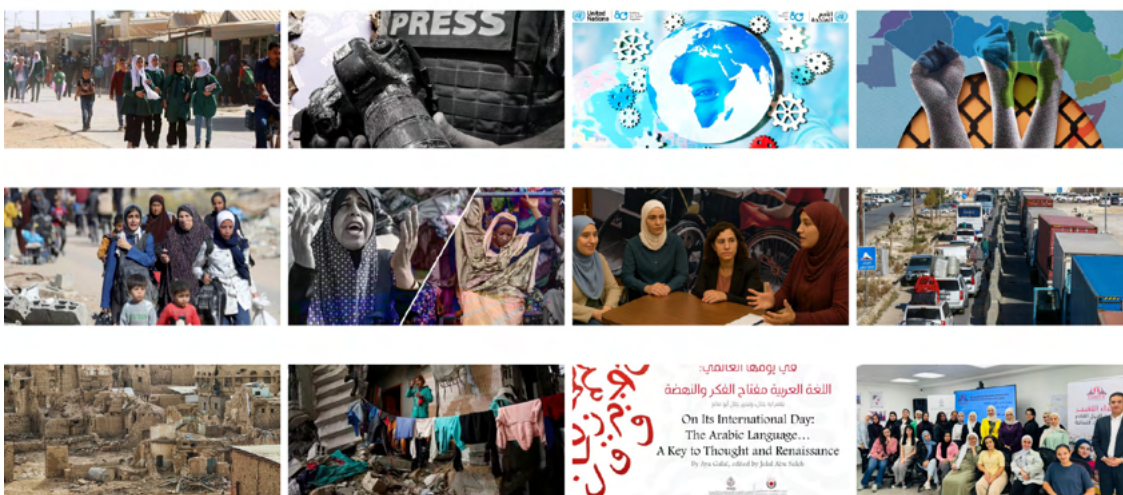


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- [From Behind Bars to Seats of Success: Inmates Writing New Chapters in Their Lives](#)
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- [UNIFIL's Last Stand: The Future of Southern Lebanon After International Withdrawal](#)
- [The Sacrifices of Humanitarian Workers: A Lifeline Under Threat](#)
- [Jordan Amplifies the Voice of Humanity at the United Nations: Signing to Safeguard Humanitarian Workers](#)
- [What to Expect from the 80th United Nations General Assembly](#)
- [The International Day of Democracy: Challenges and Pathways in the Arab Region](#)
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- [Building Resilience at the Jordan-Syria Border: Water, Trade and Cooperation in Times of Crisis](#)
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- [From Sudan to Palestine: Ending Conflict-Driven Violence Against Women](#)
- [Silencing Witnesses: The Global Cost of Crimes Against Journalists](#)
- [Gazan Women's Mental Health in the Shadow of a Genocide](#)
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Joint Capacity, Networks & Statements



- [“Enhancing the Effective Participation of Jordanian Women, Refugees, Young Women, and Women with Disabilities through a Human Rights-Based Inclusive Approach,” as part of a collaboration between ARDD with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development](#)
- [From Local Prospects to National Policies: A Workshop Explores the Challenges and Solutions of Licensing Small and Medium Enterprises in Jordan \(JONAF\)](#)
- [ARDD & JONAF participate in Advanced Training on Advocacy and Lobbying Skills](#)
- [GenG Program Dialogue Session focusing on the new National E-Invoicing System, with associations from the Coordination of Youth Institutions and the Jordan National NGO Forum \(JONAF\)](#)
- [ARDD & JONAF within The European Regional Development & Protection Programme \(RDPP\) support partnerships, protection and solutions for Syrian refugees and host communities, participating in the Season’s Market/ Winter Bazaar](#)
- [ARDD reaffirms its commitment to child protection and participates in a field visit to the Center for the Care and Rehabilitation of Female Beggars in Al-Dhulail and On World Children’s Day, with the blog Let Us Listen to Children in Times of War](#)
- [Silence Is Complicity: A Call for Immediate Action to Stop the Atrocities in Al Fashir, Sudan from ARDD & The Migration and Refugee Forum in the Arab World \(MARFA\)](#)
- [WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SUDAN? Infographic](#)
- [ARDD Strengthens Its Team’s Capacities for Greater Sustainability and Broader Impact](#)

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- [Two Societies, One Struggle: Reimagining Fatherhood and Female Leadership in Egypt and Jordan.](#)



- [Envisioning Change: Aspirations and Perspectives of Jordanian Youth for a Better Future](#)
- [Policy Brief GenG: Passive or Restrained? Youth civic engagement and political participation.](#)
- [Empowering the Future: Jordanian Youth's Role in Driving Meaningful Change.](#)



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The Renaissance Strategic Center

The Renaissance Strategic Center (RSC) is an independent think tank based in Jordan that operates within the organizational framework of the Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD). It was established by ARDD in 2018 to promote new thinking and policy initiatives to address the multiple challenges confronting the contemporary Arab world. The center is a house of knowledge that enables and hosts inclusive dialogue on various issues pertinent to the Arab world to stimulate innovative social solutions.

RSC envisages an Arab world in which the rule of law is fully respected and applied to all who reside within it, with an emphasis on the individual rights of citizenship and participation, and the collective right to self-determination.

Our diverse team of researchers, guided by senior advisors, each a leading expert in their field, conduct evidence-based research, on 6 programmatic areas: Access to Justice; Social Protection and Economic Development (SPED); Arab Transformations; The Question of Palestine Program; Migration, Forced Displacement, and Statelessness in the Arab World, Women and Youth Empowerment.

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