

**His Excellency Mr. Asem Haddad Speech**

**Kick-off Event**

**Opening Speech**

**13/07/2021**

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**Your Excellencies Ms. Maria Hadjitheodosiou, Ambassador of EUD, Mr. Lucjan Karpiński, Ambassador of Poland, Mr. Marian Banas the president of SAI of Poland (NIK), Dear representatives of European Delegation, our colleagues From the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation Mr. Marwan Al-Refai, Acting Secretary General, Mr. Nizar Awad, Program Administration Office (PAO), our colleagues form the Audit Bureau of Jordan, ladies and gentlemen.**

**It is a great pleasure to greet you all, on behalf of the Audit Bureau of Jordan, and to thank you all for being here. I am honored to speak to you at this Kick-off event of the EU funded Twinning Project between the Supreme Audit Office of Poland and The Audit Bureau of Jordan.**

**Special thanks to our colleagues from Poland who travelled a long way to be with us today and I'm confident that the presence of our distinguished guests is the reflection of our strong joint commitment to successfully implementing this twinning project.**

**Let me further extend our gratitude to the European Union for the dedicated support in this project that will give us access to specialized expertise for enhancing and strengthening the capacities of our Audit Bureau of Jordan. The EU has always been a major supporter for the Audit Bureau in different occasions; this twinning project is the third EU funded project after the twinning project with the National Audit Office, UK, and the SAI of Germany in 2006 and the project with consortium of Spanish Court of Accounts, Netherlands Court of Audit, and Estonian National Audit Office in 2012.**

**Also, special thanks to our colleagues from MOPIC & PAO, Mr. Marwan Al-Refai and Mr. Nizar Awad for their appreciated effort in this project, they**

have been with us since the beginning and helped us in formulating the project.

Since I assumed the presidency of the Audit Bureau of Jordan at the end of 2019, and based on the directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II to strengthen the role of the controlling entities and the Audit Bureau in preserving public funds and ensuring its proper spending, I have always had a keen interest in modernizing and developing the resources and the work procedures in the Bureau being the supreme audit institution in the country, as well as to keep pace with International Standards for Supreme Audit Bodies (INTOSAI), we have already moved forward with those two directions; The Bureau started the process of modernization and digital transformation of all operations in line with the Preliminary Transformation Strategic Plan 2020-2022 which is reflected in the strategic plan for the years 2021-2023 in pillars, the most important of which are Infrastructure Preparation, Software and Capacity Building, and IT Audit, this twinning project consider as one of the main instruments Bureau's endeavors in the process of modernizing and upgrading out institution.

I believe that this twinning project strengthening the capacities of the Audit Bureau of Jordan which coincided with the Kingdom's celebrations of the Centennial of the founding of the Jordanian state, that is a historical occasion that embodies Jordanian achievements; will bring about concrete results in the main three components that it covers and will secure sustainability.

The focus on this project is set out in line with the sustainable development goal # 16 aiming at developing effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels, and to support the AB in improving its capacities in many aspects, mainly in applying a comprehensive and risk-based audit approach, undertaking quality assurance reviews using guidelines compliant with INTOSAI standards, and producing audit documentation and quality audit reports.

we are confident that we will have the necessary support in all project activities, owing to the fact that our Twinning partner are highly reputable institution with high qualifications and long experience, and we herby

**confirm our full commitment to the project and we are ambitious that all results and KPI's will be successfully achieved.**

**Thank you very much and you are welcome in our premises.**