# الإعلام المجتمعي في العصر الرقمي

COMMUNITY MEDIA
IN THE DIGITAL AGE

16-15 November

## Landmark Hotel

Amman – Jordan

25 Years
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# Welcome to Amman - the pioneering city of community media

We are delighted that you have chosen to join our conference and exhibition on the theme "Community Media in the Digital Age." We look forward to engaging with you—and with many local, regional, and international experts in community media—as we explore both the opportunities and the challenges that the digital age presents.

We've organized two full days of discussions, while also allowing generous time for networking and learning about the diverse experiments and initiatives taking place in this field. Please take time to visit the exhibition booths, connect with the creative minds behind them, and discover the many ways you can expand your knowledge and skills amid the ever-evolving opportunities that the digital era offers media practitioners.

Our dedicated team leaders and volunteers will be available throughout your stay to assist you both during and outside the conference sessions. Our friends at Nebo Tours are also on hand should you wish to extend your visit and explore the wonderful sights and sounds that make Jordan such an exceptional destination.

Welcome once again to Amman—and allow us a moment of pride to note that the city which inspired the name of our first internet radio station, ammannet.net, launched 25 years ago, is perhaps the pioneering capital of community media in the Middle East and North Africa region.

**Daoud Kuttab**
Director, Community Media Network
Founder, AmmanNet.net

# Opening Ceremony Program

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| 09:30 – 09:00 | Registration and Welcome |
| 09:40 – 09:30 | The Royal Anthem of Jordan |
| 09:40 – 09:30 | Opening Remarks – CMN : Etaf Roudan - Deputy General Manager Director of Radio Al-Balad |
| 09:50 – 09:40 | EU Ambassador- Pierre-Christophe Chatzisavas |
| 09:55 – 09:50 | Jesper Højberg, IMS – Denmark |
| 10:10 – 09:55 | Dr. Ramnath Bhat President, AMARC Asia-Pacific |
| 10:25 – 10:10 | Presentation – History of Amman Net Network – Daoud Kuttab |
| 10:35 – 10:25 | Dr. Mohammad Al-Momani, Minister of Government Communication - Spokesperson of the Government |

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# Day 1

First Session

12:00–12:15
Royal Hall

# Community Media in the Age of Digitalization: Where To? Technological Challenges and Solutions

**Waleed Batrawi**

member of the IPI executive board

**Khaled Mansour**

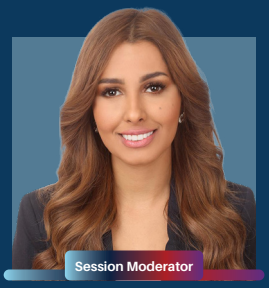
Journalist and Writer, Member of the Content Committee, Meta – Egypt

**Dr. Amjad Al-Qadi**

Former Secretary - General of the Higher Council for Media and Former Dean of the Faculty of Mass Communication at Yarmouk University

**Steve Buckley**

Former President of the Community Radio Association, Founder of Sheffield Live Radio, United Kingdom




**Hadeel Nammas**

Alaraby TV Reporter

Second Session

12:30–02:00
Royal Hall

# The Role of Community Radio in Sustainable Development and Youth Empowerment

**Dr. Zaid Mohammad Al-Nawaiseh**
Secretary-General, Ministry of Media and Communication

**Ahmad Sameh**
Journalist and Human Rights Activist, Director of Horytna Radio, Egypt

**Dr. Basheer Aldhorai**
Researcher, and Media Development Practitioner

**Nouzha Albouchi**
Founder and Director of the First Community Radio in Tunisia and North Africa (Radio 6 Tunisia).

**Fadi Abu Sa'da**
Palestine, First Presenter at AmmanNet Radio

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Parallel Workshops

03:00–04:00
Royal Hall

# Behind the Scenes of Cross-Border Investigative Reports with Impact from Gaza (2025–2024)

**Rawan Al-Damen**
General Director, ARIJ

**Farah Al-Jallad**
Senior Editor – ARIJ

Session sponsored and organized by ARIJ – Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism

Parallel Workshops

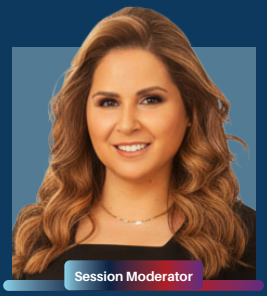
03:00–04:00
Royal Hall

# Jordanian Community Radios: How They Contribute to Empowering and Developing Local Communities

## Brainstorming session with the participation of community radios

**Etaf Roudan**
Director of Radio Al-Balad

**Dr. Hadi Alnsour**
Director of the Digital Media Directorate at the Media Commission




**Dr. Rula Abu Al-Rous**
Editor-in-Chief, Al Mamlaka TV

# Day 2

Session 3

09:30–11:30
Royal Hall

# Protecting Media Independence: Legislative Reforms to Ensure the Freedom of Community Media

**Mohammad Qutaishat**

Lawyer, Former Director General of the Media Commission

Former Legal Advisor to the Prime Minister

**Nasser Abu Bakr**

President of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, Vice President of the International Federation of Journalists, Ramallah - Palestine

**Nabeel Ghishan**

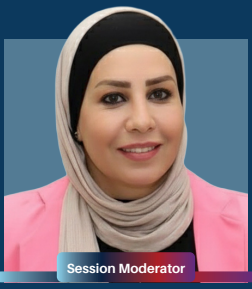
Chairman, Jordan News Agency (Petra)

**Siruan H. Hossein**

General Manager Radio Arta

**Hadeel Abdulaziz**

Executive Director, Justice Center for Legal Aid




**Taghreed Al-Dughmi**

Lawyer and President of the Community Media Network

Session 4

12:00–02:00
Royal Hall

# The Future of Engagement: Innovation and Diversity in Digital Content for Community Media and Citizen Journalism Support

**Francesco Diasio**
Former Director, AMARC, Italy

**Raed Neshiewat**
Founder and GM of Kuplix Software Solutions

**Dr.khaled Alshogran**
Editor-in-Chief of Al-Rai Newspaper

**Mohammed Rjoub**
Journalist and Media Consultant – Ajyal Palestinian Radio

**Dr. Mirna Abu Zeid**
Faculty of Information Lebanese University

**Dr. Rawan Jayousi**
Executive Director, "Madaraj" Digital Media Incubator

Parallel Sessions

03:00–04:00
Royal Hall

# Digital Media: Balancing Benefits and Community Protection

**Dr. Muhannad Alazzeh**

Secretary General, Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Ahmad Awad**

General Manager, Phoenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies

**Mohammad Al-Ersan**

Editor-in-Chief, Radio Al-Balad and AmmanNet Website

**Nadine Al-Nimri**

Director of Advocacy, Media, and Communication, Save the Children – Jordan

**Mahmoud Al-Halabi**

Journalist

Parallel Sessions

03:00–04:00
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# How Digital Media Supports Development in Local and Marginalized Communities and Paths Toward Sustainability

**Thamer Al-Awaisheh**
Trainer and Expert in Digital Media and Media Strategy Development

**Ahmad "Mohammad Ali" Humeid**
Founder and CEO, SYNTAX

**ABDALLAH BANI-ISSA**
Director of Digital Media Department (Al-Rai Newspaper)

**Samar Haddadin**
Accelerator Manager
Country Advisor-Jordan
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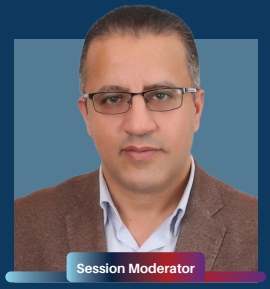


**Omar Maharmeh**
Managing Editor / Addustour Newspaper

Closing Session

04:00–05:00
Royal Hall

## Closing Session and Recommendations Reflections from UNESCO

**Noha Bawazir**
**UNESCO** Representative to Jordan and Head of Office

**Daoud Kuttab**
Director General of the Community Media Network

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