

Challenges of Ending Wars and Peacebuilding in the Middle East

This symposium aims to discuss how to end wars and create sustainable peace in the Middle East, including Gaza and Syria, together with Mr. Abdallah Al Dardari, Assistant Secretary-General, Director of the Regional Bureau for Arab States, UNDP in New York. This symposium is also planning to have experts from the University of Jordan and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to have global dialogue to address this critical question. This is the second event after Sophia University and the University of Jordan signed MoU in May 2025.

Initial Remarks

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Keynote Speech

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Assistant Secretary-General, Director of the Regional Bureau
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Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan