

Call for Applications – Nafas Jdeed Talks Facilitator

Looking for a facilitator/presenter for two open dialogues.

Title: Open Dialogues Facilitator (m/f/d) - Lebanon Office

Starting Date: October 2021

Duration: October – November 2021 (up to six days)

Location: Beirut and other regions, Lebanon

Position: DRI is looking for an experienced facilitator to conduct two open dialogues called “Nafas Jdeed Talks” and to support the technical team in the post-production phase. The aim of these talks is to promote citizen-centred engagement on democratic discourse and political reform in Lebanon.

How to apply: Please send your application (CV and cover letter) via email to info.lebanon@democracy-reporting.org cc'ing e.haddad@democracy-reporting.org until **26 September 2021 at 17.00 local time (Beirut)**

Background

Democracy Reporting International (DRI) is a non-partisan, independent, not-for-profit organisation registered in Berlin. It has been established in Lebanon since 2016. DRI promotes political participation of citizens, accountability of state bodies and the development of democratic institutions worldwide. Democratic discourse is the basis of our mission and vision. In our work, we facilitate discussion and exchange about democratic government and the need for a continuous discourse adhering to democratic rules.

In the framework of a pilot project, DRI is working to expand the democratic space for a civil society-led debate on systemic change in Lebanon. The project is premised on the theory of change that, if citizens and marginalised voices are given a platform to engage in the democratic space, and have increased awareness of the political debate, then the vision of Lebanon’s future political model will be more inclusive, because new thought leaders can engage and discuss new proposals for citizen and people-centred political change. In the long-term, citizens are encouraged actively participate in the governing of their own country in an inclusive and participatory manner.

The project consists of two (2) open dialogues (“Nafas Jdeed” Talks) with thought leaders. The Talks will be held in person with an audience of around 30 people and will be published online on Instagram [@nafasjdeed_dri](#) and YouTube [DRI Lebanon](#) channel.

1. Your Tasks

The facilitator will ensure that inclusive platforms for democratic dialogue and debate are created, allowing target groups to participate and share solutions for political reforms.

Your mission will be to research the dialogue topics, write an introduction/script, moderate the session and organize the debate in addition to supervising the video editing of each talk in the post-production phase while ensuring that DRI’s editorial guidelines and values are adhered to. The assignment is up to six days.

Under the overall supervision of DRI’s Country Representative, you will work closely with the Project Team to prepare and facilitate each dialogue session.

2. Key Responsibilities

In close coordination with DRI, you will:

1. Support the identification of guest speakers who are emerging thought leaders in line with DRI objectives;
2. Prepare and facilitate two open dialogues with the guest speakers and an audience estimated at 30 per talk;
3. Prepare a script and a list of questions for the guest speakers;
4. Co-design the event agenda and format while ensuring that the talks are lively, engaging, and in sync with current political affairs;
5. Set the tone, pace, and the flow of the content, keeping it relevant for the audience;
6. Ask tough and provocative questions and probing beneath the surface while maintaining a neutral, impartial stance;
7. Direct the guest speakers to talk about specifics rather than generalities and give equal opportunity for all speakers and audience members to contribute to the conversation or interrogate about the discussed topics;
8. Supervise the production and post-production of the Talks in coordination with the production team and DRI to ensure that the Talks meet DRI guidelines and values.

Your Skills & Experience

Interested applicants should demonstrate that they can fulfil all the requested tasks and have the following profile:

Required:

- A seasoned media professional with strong editorial judgment.
- Substantial experience in debate moderation and facilitation.
- Obvious aptitude for public speaking.
- Deep knowledge of Lebanese politics and the civil society scene.
- Fluency in English and Arabic.

Preferred:

- Excellent knowledge of production and post-production cycles, incl. familiarity with video editing.
- Experience in a national or international news channel or political newsroom is an asset.

Please include **“Nafas Jdeed Talks – Lebanon”** in the subject line and refer to the source you have found this opportunity. Incomplete applications will be disregarded.

If you are interested in this assignment, please send your application to info.lebanon@democracy-reporting.org, with e.haddad@democracy-reporting.org cc'd, consisting of:

1. A motivation letter;
2. Your Curriculum Vitae;
3. Samples of your work (portfolio, publications, media products);
4. Your expert daily rate in Euros.

Closing date for applications is **26 September 2021, 17:00 local time (Beirut)**. The vacancy may be filled before the end of the deadline so early applications are encouraged.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Organisation responsible for this vacancy

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