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**To the attention of
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We, the undersigned civil society organizations, welcome you to your new role as the Head of EBRD Office in Amman, Jordan. We hope that your professional background and experience in the region will bring an added value towards the relations between EBRD and Jordan.

We believe that the actual presence of the permanent office in Jordan will be a positive step for the implementation of the projects but we call this opportunity to be used as well to improve the model of consultations between the EBRD and civil society organizations and to enable transparency and access to information.

We would like to remind you that during the course of earlier consultations taking place in Jordan, civil society organizations received the **draft Concept Note that serves as a basis for the preparation of Country Assessments and Operational Priorities documents only one day before the actual meeting took place, leaving literally not enough time to prepare for that meeting¹. In this regard, we would like to take your attention to the consultation model proposed (attached) by local organizations from the region and presented by the Arab NGO Network for Development and Bankwatch to the attention of EBRD officials earlier in April 2012.**

We believe that civil society organizations have a role in monitoring the interventions by the EBRD from a development and human rights perspective. Whereas certain channels exist at EBRD level for civil society organizations' engagement, we believe that there is a gap in ensuring more access to information and influence by local communities to projects that affect them and their livelihoods.

We hope with your new role, you will show commitment to increase accountability by disclosing qualitative and independent evaluations with regard to Jordan and reporting annually on how the EBRD loans are contributing to the EU's goal for external action, particularly on development and poverty eradication in Jordan.

Yours sincerely,

Signing organizations:

1. The Arab NGO Network for Development (www.annd.org)
2. CEE Bankwatch Network (www.bankwatch.org)
3. Phenix Center for Economic and Informatics Studies (www.phenixcenter.net)
4. Lawyers for Defending Human Rights Society-Jordan

¹ <http://bankwatch.org/news-media/blog/ebrd-should-listen-better-civil-society-arab-spring-countries>