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*The Closing Ceremony held on 20 April 2015 in Amman marked the successful Twinning project. From left: Her Excellency Dr. Joanna Wronecka, Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; His Excellency Dr. Qasem Al-Zubi, Director General of DoS; MS Project Leader Ms Charlotte Juul Hansen of Statistics Denmark; BC Project Leader Mr. AbdelWadoud Matouk, Technical Assistant to the Director General; Resident Twinning Adviser Mr Thomas Olsen; His Excellency Mr. Patrizio Fondi, Italian Ambassador to the Embassy to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; MS Junior Project Leader, Ms Tiziana Pellicciotti of Istat.*

The EU Twinning project with the Department of Statistics in Jordan (DoS) held its Closing Ceremony on 20 April 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Amman and celebrated its results together with participants in the project, users and stakeholders.

Around 60 people took part in the event, which marked the successful conclusion of the project and the fulfillment of its key objective: to improve the production and dissemination of statistics by introducing good practices closely aligned to European standards and principles of high quality.

The Director General of DoS, Dr. Qasem Al-Zubi, opened the Closing Ceremony stressing the tangible and remarkable achievements for the DoS and the positive cooperation among all partners involved in the project.

The Ambassador to the EU Delegation to Jordan, Dr. Joanna Wronecka, stressed how statistics are of interest for everyone and a vital requirement for the proper functioning of every society. She congratulated the parties involved in the project for a job well-done.

The Project Leader of DoS, Mr. AbdelWadoud Matouk, presented the background for why the four components (national accounts, sampling methodologies,

quality and metadata, and IT and online dissemination) were chosen as topics for the Twinning project and presented the overall results of the project.

The Project Leader of Statistics Denmark, Ms. Charlotte Juul Hansen, talked about the importance of statistics of high quality and how every national statistics institution around the world need to continue making sure that statistics are relevant, meet user needs and are accessible, are reliable and accurate, produced according to sound methodologies and consistent over time.

Finally, RTA Mr. Thomas Olsen presented in detail the project results: an improved description of the Jordanian economy, improved skills and knowledge within the organization, growing awareness and attention to the quality of the information produced, and improved availability and accessibility of the statistics produced by DoS.

Statistics Denmark would like to thank everyone involved in the project for their dedicated efforts in achieving the mandatory results and for making this project a success!

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The project flyer and other information like mission reports can be found on the project's website:

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