

Mohammed Al-Tarawneh (Jordan)

Date and place of birth: 17 March 1960, Karak, Jordan

Working languages: English, Arabic

Current position/function:

Currently working as a Senior Technical Adviser/Manager with ARD, Inc., implementing the Jordan Local Governance Development Project, funded by the Millennium Challenge Corporation and administered by USAID working with nine pilot municipalities in Jordan. The component that Mr. Al-Tarawneh is managing is the Elections Participation and Gender Integration component. Citizen participation is the core of the component with special focus on youth and women.

Main professional activities:

Worked as the Director of Special Building Codes (Accessibility), Municipality of Greater Amman; Chief Adviser to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Disability; Country Director and Chief Expert on Disability for Iraqis with Disabilities Voter Education Programme for IFES, Inc., in Jordan; Senior Technical Adviser/Manager, ARD, Inc.; and as a civil engineer specialized in accessibility. He has gained tremendous experience developing, managing and implementing donor-funded projects by the United States Government, the United Nations, the European Union and other agencies. Has excellent knowledge of human rights issues and field experience in advocacy, awareness-raising, lobbying, networking and outreach for disability issues, especially accessibility and political participation of marginalized groups (i.e., women, children and people with disabilities). Also possesses experience coordinating and liaising with government agencies, community service officers and non-governmental organizations.

Educational background:

MA, Peace Diplomacy and Development, 2001, University of Juba, Sudan (the main focus was International Development and International Relations).

BSc, Civil Engineering, 1984, University of Alabama, Birmingham (the main focus was structural design and specialized in removal of architectural barriers — Accessibility).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Attended actively six of the ad hoc meetings that took place at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Served as the Special Adviser to the United Nations Special Rapporteur, Shaika Hessa Al-Thani, for one year when she was first appointed. Deep knowledge of the United Nations Standard Rules, the Arab Decade for Persons with Disability and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was recently adopted by the United Nations and signed and ratified by several countries, including Jordan. Established and managed the only department dealing with the removal of architectural barriers (Accessibility) in the Middle East and North Africa region at the municipal level.

List of most recent publications in the field:

Conducted several training workshops on awareness-raising, capacity-building and social outreach on persons with disability, disability mainstreaming and integration, and accessibility; and also several training seminars on political participation for persons with disability on civic and political rights. Member of the Royal Committee on the Jordanian National Disability Strategy.
