



Terms of Reference

Title:	Nabni Facility Institutional Partnership for Learning and Global Engagement <i>(Learning and Global Engagement Partner)</i>
Expected Start Date:	May 2026
Expected duration of the Partnership Implementation Agreement (PIA):	18 months
Location:	Global/MENA
Deadline for Submission of Expression of Interest	31 March 2026 (23:00/11:00PM Amman time, GMT+3)

1. Background

Nabni is a fund management Facility and initiative that seeks to further the Building for Peace (B4P)¹ approach and which aims to support locally led reconstruction processes in conflict-impacted communities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the KfW Development Bank, Nabni finances and supports local civil society organisations in leading processes and projects that aim to build or rehabilitate physical or social infrastructure, strengthen governance, improve access to essential services, support or create livelihoods opportunities, or reinforce social ties at the local level. Promoting and strengthening peace in communities serves as the primary objective of the work supported by the Facility, and this orientation guides decisions around specific activities and interventions.

Nabni's work as a Facility is centred around three pillars. These are:

- *Financing and equitable partnerships* – multi-year funding and equitable partnerships with local civil society actors in conflict and displacement affected communities in the MENA region.
- *Technical assistance and capacity strengthening* – for identified local civil society actors to support delivery as well as organisational priorities.
- *A platform for knowledge exchange and learning* – both between partner organisations and with a range of actors working on similar issues in the MENA region and beyond.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) functions as the Facility Manager and hosts the Facility Management Unit (FMU) in its Middle East Regional Office in Amman, Jordan. For more information on Nabni, please visit www.nabni-facility.org

To strengthen its mission and deepen its engagement across the wider peacebuilding and development sectors, Nabni seeks to establish an Institutional Partnership for Learning and Global Engagement, formalised through a **mutually beneficial Partnership Implementation Agreement**, with

¹ The Building for Peace (B4P) approach seeks to support the restoration of infrastructure and services in conflict and displacement affected communities provide, to support economic and social empowerment and to contribute to strengthening social cohesion.



a global actor demonstrating expertise in the humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, localisation and civil society support, alongside thematic and programmatic experience in peacebuilding and social cohesion, governance, infrastructure, services delivery and/or livelihoods. The Partner must also have ongoing work and deep connections in the MENA Region. This Partnership with a Learning and Global Engagement Partner (*hereafter: the Partner*) will advance Nabni and KfW's dual objectives of (1) advancing learning and (2) increasing visibility and policy influence within peacebuilding and development stakeholders and networks.

2. Objectives and Scope of Work

2.1. Objectives of the PIA

The overall objective of the PIA is to enhance Nabni and the Partner's contributions to sector-wide policy and practice engagement through a mutually advantageous partnership, building on respective strengths and networks of influence. The specific objectives are:

- Collaborate on the production learning outcomes: provide input, policy advice and sector expertise to enrich Nabni and the Partner's knowledge products and learning initiatives.
- Generate evidence-based impact level findings and recommendations in line with the Facility's and the Partner's aims, as well as relevant mutual learning priorities, including cross-sectoral integrated approaches and furthering localisation approaches in MENA and beyond.
- With the view of informing policy and practice, collaborate to present the work, learning and outputs among identified audiences and decision makers within key peacebuilding and development networks, communities of practice and policy discussions at the regional (MENA) and global levels.

2.2. Scope of Work

The Partnership will benefit Nabni and the Partner in their ongoing portfolio of activities by expanding the space for the two entities. Nabni's Partner for Learning and Global Engagement will collaborate with Nabni on the following:

- **Knowledge Generation and Dissemination**
 - Provide thematic and technical input on key learning themes (e.g., B4P, civil society roles, post-conflict reconstruction in MENA).
 - Collaborate on producing (co-produce) learning outputs including case studies, lessons-learned briefs and thought pieces that highlight emerging trends, challenges, and solutions in sectors of interest (B4P, civil society, post-conflict reconstruction, in peacebuilding, etc.).
 - Support knowledge-to-policy synthesis, through translating findings into actionable, policy and advocacy-oriented notes/briefs for policy and practice communities alongside relevant dissemination strategies.
- **Outreach, Networking and Policy Engagement**
 - Co-convene events and jointly engage in global fora through public or semi-public events (e.g., online webinars, panel discussions, expert roundtables) in person (e.g. Europe, MENA, etc.) or online to engage with global policy and practice stakeholders.
 - Expand mutual visibility and influence by jointly identifying opportunities and fora for participation, audiences and collaboration networks, strengthening positioning in policy, practice, thought leadership spaces.



- Provide strategic advice on how findings and lessons learned can inform and shape global debates and policy agendas on BP4, peacebuilding, localisation and the HDP nexus.

3. Expected Deliverables

The following are not deliverables expected from the Partner solely, they are activities and engagement opportunities that will be delivered in collaboration with Nabni based on a mutually agreed upon workplan.

- **Co-develop two policy/lessons learned products per year with Nabni** (briefs, case studies, synthesis papers).
- **Co-convene at least two learning/policy events** per year (public or semi-public, in-person and/or online).
- **Jointly participate in at least two global/regional/national events in policy/practice fora per year** through coordinated attendance (in-person / online) and knowledge contribution (webinars, panel discussions, expert roundtables, etc.).
- **(Co)produce an initial workplan for the 18-month period and submit annual reports** outlining key contributions, insights gained and opportunities for further engagement.

4. Timeframe and Institutional Arrangements

Nabni initially seeking a Partnership Implementation Agreement covering an initial **18-month period**, starting from the date of signing the PIA, with the possibility of renewal/extension based on mutual interest, results and availability of funding. The Global Engagement Partner will work closely with the following key Nabni staff.

- Head of Programme and Learning
- MEL Staff
- Facility Director
- Communications Coordinator
- Nabni/B4P Country Grant Managers
- Nabni Local Partners

Communication needs and specific workplans will be identified together with the Partner at inception phase. Quarterly planning and follow-up meetings (more frequent where relevant) will be planned throughout the period covered by the PIA.

5. Budget

An indicative budget for the Partnership is requested as part of the EoI.

While the financial resources for the implementation of activities under this PIA will be primarily provided by Nabni, the Partnership is expected to represent a strategic priority for the selected Learning and Global Engagement Partner. As such, the collaboration should be grounded in shared objectives and mutual added value, rather than a purely transactional arrangement.



The Partner is therefore expected to demonstrate its commitment through meaningful co-financing and in-kind contributions, including the allocation of senior staff time, technical expertise, networks, and other institutional resources, as appropriate. This co-investment will ensure that the Partnership reflects joint ownership, fosters long-term strategic alignment, and maximises collective impact in advancing learning, policy engagement, and sector influence.

6. Profile of the Partner

- Be a registered organisation (NGO, Think Tank, Academic Institution, or other)
- Be a recognised thought leader and convenor in humanitarian-development-peace (HDP) nexus, peacebuilding, governance, post-conflict recovery and/or localisation fields.
- Have demonstrable expertise in programming or analysis, research and learning from the MENA region.
- Reputable and well known in the MENA region and maintains community acceptance.
- Have proven experience in generating and translating knowledge for sector-wide learning and practice and policy engagement.
- Demonstrate connections to relevant policy, donor, and practitioner networks, particularly in MENA region and/or in Europe.
- Be committed to locally led, inclusive approaches in peacebuilding and development.

7. Expression of Interest and Partner Selection

Nabni will identify a suitable Partner through a structured Expression of Interest (EOI) process. The process will include:

- **Call for Expression of Interest**
 - Nabni will issue an open call inviting eligible and relevant organisations to express interest in the Partnership.
- **Submission of Expression of Interest**
 - The Expression of Interest template is available for download alongside the TOR
 - Interested organisations are required to fill the template (in English) and submit it to: info@nabni-facility.org with the subject line **[Eoi] Learning and Global Engagement Partner + Name of the Applicant**
 - **Deadline:** 31 March 2026 (23:00/11:00PM Amman time, GMT+3)
- **Shortlisting and Engagement**
 - Shortlisted organisations will be invited for a meeting with the Nabni Facility to discuss the potential for collaboration and any further details.
- **Due Diligence Check for Shortlisted Organisations**
- **Notification and Agreement**
 - A final Partner will be selected based on alignment with Nabni's strategic objectives, complementary expertise, due diligence results and potential for mutually beneficial engagement.
 - The selection will initiate discussions to finalise the Partnership Implementation Agreement and the details therein.

For inquiries, reach out to: info@nabni-facility.org with the subject line **[Question] Learning and Global Engagement Partner**