



# TAG-Tenders Newsletter

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## TAG-Tenders

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Tenders (TAG-Tenders) is one of the most promising member firms of the Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global). TAG-Tenders offers a wide variety of services such as tendering consulting, procurement, procurement training and procurement implementation.

Our mission is to offer our clients a complete range of high quality professional services and to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of our economy worldwide. We manage to achieve our mission through two levels. On the most basic level, we seek practical and effective solutions to the problems of our individual clients. On a more holistic basis, we conduct internal brainstorming and strategy sessions with our best consultants, addressing first the problems and then the solutions that need to be presented to the Arab business community.

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## “Abu-Ghazaleh” Completes E-Archiving Project at the Social Security Corporation

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AMMAN – Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global) has completed the electronic archiving of the Social Security Corporation (SSC) documents including files of establishments and institutions subject to the Social Security Law as well as documents relating to daily insurance services.

E-Archiving Department Manager at TAG.Global, Mr. Samer Al-Ramahi, said that it is expected to finalize the e-archiving process of all documents of facilities and institutions, expected to reach nearly 40 million documents, by the end of 2020 through the SSC's Central Filing Department staff to get rid of paper transactions at all the Corporation's branches.

Al-Ramahi pointed out that the Department was established in accordance with the vision of HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of TAG.Global, to keep-up with the knowledge development, assist institutions and departments in their digital transformation, and meet the international standards and regulations on preserving documents from damage, fraud and theft.

In addition, Al-Ramahi said that the E-archiving System assists institutions and departments in freeing up space that was used to store piles of papers in a short time, pointing out that the System can manage all types of documents and allows users to retain them on demand even with no Internet connection with the possibility of access such documents through smart phone devices.

It is worth mentioning that Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global's e-archiving system works in accordance with the international ISO standards. It has an advanced search tool that enables users to access information through any available electronic device (laptop, smart phone or any other device) anytime, anywhere. TAG.Global's e-archiving services include scanning, indexing, document management, document management consulting services, workflow and archiving solutions.

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## Abu-Ghazaleh finalizes New Book on Smart Cities - “The Inevitable Digital Future”

AMMAN - HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, founder and chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), has finalized a new book on Smart Cities called “The Inevitable Digital Future”. His Excellency enlisted the assistance of one of his senior IT experts, Mr. Shahid Halling, in helping develop the contents of the book in light of the role that technology can play in delivering sustainable urbanization.

Mr. Halling said, “This book comes at a critical time where governments across the globe are facing great challenges in delivering equitable services to their citizens. The recent Coronavirus (COVID) pandemic and the economic stagflation Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh has been instrumental in bringing to the forefront, are putting unprecedented strains on national resources and services. The only solution to achieve sustainable urbanization is for governments to adopt technology and become smart entities.”

In the book, Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh discusses the technologies he sees as being essential for Smart Cities to come about and lessons that can be learnt from failed Smart City initiatives. The book provides a blueprint that can be used to develop holistic Smart Cities of the future. The book also discusses



a range of supportive elements from governance to citizen awareness that are essential in developing successful Smart City implementations.

The book is concise and is written in clear language and that makes it ideal as a guide for decision makers of all levels on what they need to do to meet the challenges of the future.

The English version of the book is currently under print and shall be available by mid-November 2020, with the Arabic version soon to follow.

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## Palestinian Territories' Economic Update – October 2020

After a successful containment of COVID-19 in the spring, the second wave returned by July. Economic activity suffered during the lockdown in the second quarter and is expected only to stabilize in the second half if the current conditions prevail. The fiscal position has worsened not only due to the outbreak but also due to a political standoff that is disrupting the flow of revenues. The outlook remains precarious and subject to numerous political, security and health risks.

Following three consecutive years of economic growth below 2%, 2020 is proving to be an exceptionally difficult year as the Palestinian economy faces triple reinforcing crises: i) resurgent COVID-19 outbreak, ii) a severe economic slowdown, and iii) another political standoff between the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Government of Israel (Gol), disrupting clearance revenues.

A difficult year is already assured even with no further escalation of public health measures. While some measures to curb the movements and gatherings are still in place, the great majority of activity remains open. Assuming that



the lockdowns remain limited, the severe first half contraction will likely avoid repetition, though not sufficiently to offset the losses in the first half. Consequently, GDP for 2020 is expected to contract by about 8%. A modest bounce back is expected in the forecast period with growth averaging 2.5% as full normalization of activity is not expected to occur before the second half of 2021. The poverty rate is projected to stall around 27.5% in 2021.

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## 'Abu-Ghazaleh Tenders' Publishes Tender Opportunities on its Website

AMMAN - Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Tenders (TAG-Tenders), a member of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global (TAG.Global), has recently started publishing tender opportunities on its website (<http://www.tagtenders.com>) from all over the world.

The main purpose of creating a section for invitations for bids is to help clients easily find out about tender opportunities in their countries, noting that the source of publishing these opportunities is public and government websites, platforms and local newspapers.

It is worth mentioning that TAG-Tenders also offers a wide variety of services to support organizations in different fields including business development, bid management, expert recruitment and partner selection, in addition to providing consulting and training services for developing procurement and tendering guidelines for public and private entities in line with local legislation.

### **About TAG-Tenders**

TAG-Tenders has extensive experience in both public and private sector procurement and tendering systems. Procurement has become a more and more complex mission. Today, procured goods and services make up a major part of any institution's budget and resources. Therefore, it is now more important than ever for institutions to put in practice sound procurement procedures, through standardization and greater transparency, in order to minimize costs, maximize efficiency, and promote good governance. TAG-Tenders offers customized services giving our clients the tools necessary to implement and improve procurement procedures and better meet user requirements and specifications.

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