

Maha Bahou

CEO of Jordan Payments and Clearing Company

Ms. Maha serves as CEO of JoPACC since June 2018. The Company is mandated with enhancing and promoting digital payments, digital financial services, and FinTech in Jordan and is the operator of several payment systems in the country. Before JoPACC, Ms. Maha worked at the Central Bank of Jordan for 30 years, where she was most recently the Executive Director in the Digital Payments and Domestic Banking Operations and Financial Inclusion Department. She has done consulting work in Libya and has experience as a lecturer at the University of Jordan and as a trainer in cooperation with Philadelphia Consulting, the Institute of Banking Studies, the Central Bank of Jordan, and different NGOs.

Ms. Maha holds a Master's Degree in Banking and Finance, a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration, a Leadership and Strategic Management Certificate from The Royal Military Academy of Sandhurst, as well as a Financial Inclusion Certificate from The Fletcher School at Tufts University. She has been honored by King Abdullah II with the Distinguished Government Leader Award for the year 2016. During her tenure, JoPACC was awarded the Order of King Abdallah Ibn Al Hussein II for Excellence – First Class in 2025.

Ms. Maha has been appointed a member of Jordanian Senate from 2022 till 2024. She currently sits on several local and international boards, including Innovative Start-ups and SMEs Fund (ISSF), and Interledger Foundation in Orlando. She has served on the board of the Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) of the World Bank and a board member at Karandaaz Pakistan from 2017-2024, to guide strategy, ensure governance, and support initiatives.