

Jordan Model Parliament' 2025-2026



Be King... is not a gain I seek, it is a responsibility... what I cherish the most, is the honor of being a descendant, of our for father Prophet Mohammad.
King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein

Name of the Committee: Climate change

President's Name: Daniel Gao

Issue: Insufficient Clean Water in the Midst of Climate Change & High Heat

Dear Delegates,

Ever seen the viral tiktok of people cooking eggs on burning floors? It wasn't so far off for us this year in Jordan, 2025. According to WCC, The hottest temperature ever recorded in Aqaba, Jordan, was this year, 49.6 degrees celcius, on August 13, 2025. The absolute highest temperature recorded in Amman was 43.7°C on August 8, 2023.

In the last few years, climate change has emerged as a massive word, yet many people around the nation or even the world don't realize how closely it actually is connected to our life. Specifically, me and you together, are going to dive deep into one of the most urgent issues in Jordan, and the entire Middle East: Water Scarcity and Stress. You will engage in debates and discussions, but more importantly, you will have the opportunity to learn from the perspectives and voices of other young students across Jordan. Always challenge yourself and stand firm in your opinions. I encourage you to not give up on your own ideas or twist your own words.

Jordan is one of the most desperate countries in the world for clean water sources. There are two major rivers in Jordan: The Jordan River, and the Yarmouk River. However, the amount of clean potable water filtered through these two bodies of water are far from enough in supplying the entire nation. Therefore, Jordan relies heavily on foreign water import. Also, The style of water supply in most Jordanian households is through roof-top water tanks that are old and inconvenient. Not to mention that Jordan has ridiculously low rain-fall yet high evaporation from increase in temperature. Therefore, amidst rising temperatures, what can we do, together, to address this challenge? Please check the "Facts about topic" section for more information.

Jordan's renewable freshwater resources per person are extremely low — for example UNICEF says “annual renewable water resources are less than 100 m³ per person” in Jordan. A recent National Water Strategy (2023-2040) gives ~61 m³ per person per year. The internationally used threshold of “absolute water scarcity” is about 500 m³ per person per year. Jordan's level (e.g., 61 m³) is far below that. According to Stanford University research, Groundwater levels in some areas in Jordan drop by more than 1 m per year; flows in the large Yarmouk River basin have declined due to upstream diversions and stress.

What is the Jordan government thinking:

Under the Water Sector Green Growth National Action Plan 2021-2025, Jordan aligns its water sector with climate adaptation and green growth objectives — this emphasises resilience, resource efficiency, sustainable use.

I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU to look at the Aqaba–Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project (AAWDC). Think about flaws and advantages of the program.

Statistics:

I encourage you all to use websites ending in .org, .gov, .edu, for the most of the time; they are reliable sources for your research. However, please keep in mind not all sources/news outlets are reliable.

Note: The following three examples are NOT enough for you to understand and research the topic. Please at least read or learn from 5 different sources.

Follow examples are great sources for you to start and see what I am looking for:

1. International Comments on Jordan Water Crisis and Climate Change:

https://www.unicef.org/jordan/water-sanitation-and-hygiene?utm_source

2. Jordan Government's Official Account of Water Crisis caused by Climate Change:

https://www.mwi.gov.jo/EBV4.0/Root_Storage/AR/EB_Ticker/National_Water_Strategy_2023-2040_Summary-English_-ver2.pdf?utm_source

3. International-Jordan effort Projects:

<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099052623124518529/pdf/BOSIB0d4798d310db097bc06922e98e0ee3.pdf>

Question:

- Why would any country or organization lend you money?
- Considering the substantial disadvantage of Jordan's economy, how would you frame the issues so that the media/public would accept or agree with your resolution?
- Who would benefit, and how?
- Always be specific in your resolution, what parties, who, and where would the resolution take place.
- Is your approach realistic and can actually be pursued? If so, long term or short term, and how long will it take into effect.