

Reform Assessment Questionnaire on

The Amman Out of Court Debt Restructuring Principles

In October 2015, the Central Bank of Jordan and the Banks Association of Jordan endorsed and launched “Amman Out-of-Court Debt Restructuring Principles” – hereafter ‘The Amman Principles’ to facilitate negotiations between a multi-creditor debtor, whose business is viable though facing financial distress, and the debtor’s creditors.

Section 1:

1. Are you aware of the existence of the Amman Principles?
2. If you are aware of the Amman Principles, did your institution already undergo the restructuring of troubled loans granted by your institution, following the framework established by Amman Principles?

(If you answered yes to question 2, kindly go to section 2 below. If you answered no to question 2, kindly go directly to section 3 below)

Section 2:

3. How many cases were initiated in application of the Amman Principles?
4. How many cases were successfully achieved with an approved restructuring plan?
5. Were all recommendations of the Amman Principles applied in practice in the cases successfully achieved?
6. What was the average gross value by case?
7. What is the average number of days to reach agreement on the restructuring plan – from date of the first contact between the debtor and one of their creditors till approval date of the restructuring plan?
8. What were the restructuring tools used to achieve a successful agreement? Debt rescheduling? Write-offs of principal? Write-offs of interests?
9. In these cases where a successful restructuring was achieved, did the borrower continue operating normally or was there a default on the restructured terms of the loan (re-default)?
10. What are the challenges and obstacles faced during the restructuring process? Kindly elaborate.
11. How in your opinion these challenges and obstacles could be fixed? Kindly elaborate.

Section 3:

12. Why did your institution undergo no restructuring of troubled loans in application of the Amman Principles?
13. Did you have trouble to convince other relevant parties – whether other creditors or the debtor? Kindly elaborate.
14. Were the implementation practical steps included in the explanatory notes of the Principles clear? Kindly elaborate.
15. What are the changes in the framework established by the Amman Principles that you would suggest for you to use the framework?