



Borrowers' Platform

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Excellencies, dear colleagues

Syria joins the Borrowers' Platform because our immediate priority is recovery and reconstruction, focusing on infrastructure, public services, health, education, and the productive sectors. After nearly four decades without World Bank operations, we now have an active grant-financed program under implementation, proving that arrears clearance and reform performance unlock vital access.

I want to emphasize three core principles as we launch this Platform:

First, Development Finance for Development: Post-conflict countries need long-term, affordable instruments that enable investment and job creation, not just emergency windows. Our borrowing must grow the economy rather than finance deficits or crowd out essential services. We are committed to a sustainable debt-to-GDP path, supported by domestic capital market sequencing, from treasury bills and sukuk to private placements.

Second, Cooperation over Fragmentation: Global challenges require collaboration. For Syria, the multi-donor trust fund being discussed with the World Bank embodies this collective effort. We need technical assistance hubs and capacity building because strong institutions convert financing into real outcomes.

Third, A Stronger Collective Voice: Countries emerging from conflict and arrears have few places where their experiences are heard. This Platform fills a critical gap by allowing developing borrowers to coordinate positions, share peer-learning experiences, and shape a more balanced international financial architecture.

Syria is fully committed to this initiative. We look forward to working together to ensure the global financial safety net rewards reform and supports sustainable, resilient growth.

Thank you