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## **What is GATHER?**

GATHER is an action-oriented initiative of Seeds of Peace, an organization that has worked towards developing new leadership in conflict-affected areas for more than 20 years. The specific remit of GATHER is to encourage, nurture and support change models and to utilize a regular convening opportunity to benefit such objectives through the exchange of ideas, the sharing of expertise and, where possible, by initiating connections that could ultimately lead to alliance, investment or any other input that could accelerate accomplishment. The work of GATHER will focus on accelerated leadership development through: Ongoing training, mentorship, and networking; the creation of a fellowship and small grants program; and the launch of a convening and leadership incubator for Seeds of Peace graduates and the larger community of changemakers.

## **What is GATHER+962?**

GATHER+962 is the first convening of the GATHER initiative scheduled to take place at the Dead Sea, Jordan between Feb-26- Mar-1, 2015. In its first year the focus of GATHER+962 will be around the role of business and entrepreneurship, media and technology, and women's empowerment in social change and peacebuilding. The program is open to applications from the graduate alumni of Seeds of Peace as well as all the doers and change-makers who share the same commitment to action, and to positive change in and across their communities. A portion of GATHER+962 will be self-generated by the participants to ensure it is dynamic and engaging for all, while rest will be dedicated to panels and other curated sessions that foster sharing of inspiration and success stories.

## **What does +962 mean?**

The suffix +962 is the dialing code of Jordan. As the work of GATHER and its commitment to supporting change models remain constant, the destination of our convening may vary from year's convening to another. With each change we'll use a different dial code, so in future years if you see GATHER+44, GATHER+212, GATHER+1 you'll know where the GATHER community of changemakers will be getting together next.

## **When and where is GATHER+962 held?**

GATHER+962 will be held from Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Participants are expected to arrive and be ready by 6 pm on Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> for the official start of GATHER+962. GATHER+962 will end by 12 pm on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

GATHER+962 is taking place at the [Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea](#) in Jordan. This beautiful [location on the Dead Sea](#) is about an hour's drive from Amman. It is approximately a 65 kms (45 miles) drive from the Amman Queen Alia International Airport and 30 kms (19 miles) from the King Hussein/Allenby Border Crossing. The address of the resort is:

The Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Spa  
Sweimeh, Dead Sea Road, P.O. Box 815538  
11180 Amman, Jordan

### **What will we do at GATHER+962?**

GATHER+962 will include four days and three nights of inspirational talks, experts-led discussion groups, team-building activities, skill-building workshops, breakout space for more intimate discussions, and action-oriented sessions. Through the different agenda activities, we will showcase the most promising work, ideas and initiatives of our participants, and present successful (and unsuccessful) case histories and consider the invaluable lessons they impart for aspiring change-makers. Our aim is to foster relationship building, facilitate professional encounters, and empower our participants with the -knowledge, know-how, connections, inspiration- resources needed to amplify their work and realize their ideas after they leave Jordan and go back to their communities. For more information on the GATHER+962 schedule, please visit our homepage: <http://gather.seedsofpeace.org>

### **How will I benefit by participating in GATHER+962?**

By attending GATHER+962 you will have the opportunity to showcase your work to a like-minded audience; to pitch, improve and test your ideas with the aim of learning, identifying opportunities for partnerships, leveraging resources, exchanging best practices that can assist your efforts. You can also apply for grants to support your ideas and work; meet with investors, philanthropists, and representatives from leading social enterprise groups; and learn about our leadership incubator program that will debut for select participants in 2015.

### **What is after GATHER+962?**

Seeds of Peace will launch the Seeds Fellowship Program as a follow-up to GATHER+962. The Seeds Fellowship program will benefit a cohort of established leaders and change-makers whose work and ideas reflect innovative and practical approaches to advancing positive change in conflict, with potential for wide societal impact. Awarding of the Fellowships will be based on Fellows' expertise, engagement with the field, ability to advance a significant and innovative set of ideas and proposals for work.

Applications for the Fellowship will be open for GATHER+962 participants, in March 2015.

Selected Fellows will convene in the summer of 2015 in London for a Leadership Incubator program. From the time of GATHER+962 through their time in London, the Fellows will be asked to make significant progress on a stated project, and arrive with a series of questions and proposals that they will bring to their London-based working group and to other leading experts for feedback. In London, Fellows will spend a week in a combination of group working sessions and explorations, site visits and conversations with NGO, business, philanthropic, and other leaders, and intensive skill-building workshops and trainings. Fellows will then be asked to report the progress on their work over the course of a year and share findings, insight at the larger GATHER convening of the following year.

### **Who should apply to GATHER+962?**

Through GATHER Seeds of Peace is focusing on 'leadership development' and we interpret 'leaders' as those who are, or have the potential to be, proactive changemakers and can serve as role models within their communities, not necessarily, as is traditionally seen, those in positions of authority. We are, therefore, looking for established leaders, with the experience and knowledge, as well as emerging leaders

who demonstrate strong potential through their personal merits and commitment to advancing positive change. We are looking for individuals who are motivated by a strong sense of purpose in advancing social change, and who are looking to connect to other changemakers to exchange inspiration for new and effective approaches to disrupting the status quo. At GATHER+962 we will be focusing on the role of business and social entrepreneurship, media and technology and women's empowerment in social change and peacebuilding. As such, we are looking for individuals whose work and ideas for change intersect with these professional tracks.

### **Is GATHER+962 only open to Seeds of Peace alumni?**

The GATHER initiative and upcoming GATHER+962 convening are open to Seeds of Peace alumni and other changemakers.

### **How do I apply for GATHER+962?**

Apply today on our website, <http://gather.seedsofpeace.org>. You will find an "RSVP" button in the upper right corner of the main homepage.

### **When is the GATHER+962 application deadline?**

We accept applications on a rolling basis, but we encourage applications to be submitted at your earliest possible convenience to guarantee a spot at GATHER+962.

### **How do I nominate someone to attend GATHER+962?**

Yes, you can. Once you have applied and are accepted, you will be able to nominate others to apply. More information about nominations will be found in your Registration Form.

### **I'd like to lead a session or speak at GATHER+962. Is that possible?**

Yes! Please indicate this in your Application Form.

### **When will I hear if I was accepted to participate in GATHER+962?**

We respond to applications on a rolling basis. As soon as we complete the reviewing process, you will be contacted with our final decision.

### **What is the total cost of attending GATHER+962?**

The total cost of attending GATHER+962 is the combined cost of the Registration Fee, lodging at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, and travel to and from GATHER+962 from your home country.

### **What's does the Registration Fee cover? And how much is it?**

The Registration Fee contributes to your meals and to all activities throughout the four days/three nights of GATHER+962. The Registration Fee does not, however, cover your travel expenses to/from the Dead Sea or lodging at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea which you will need to cover for yourself (scholarships are available for early birds!).

There are two categories of the Registration Fee: \$300 for Professionals, Corporation, Foundation/Trust; and \$200 Students, NGO, Government, or Academic Institution. Once applied and accepted, you will be asked to register for GATHER+962 and pay your Registration Fee. Registration Fees are non-refundable.

Seeds of Peace does not make a profit on GATHER+962; we just cover costs to fund the convening's expenses.

### **How much will lodging cost?**

You are responsible for making your own lodging arrangement but we encourage all participants to stay at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, the venue of GATHER+962.

For your convenience, we have blocked a limited number of rooms for GATHER+962 attendees at a *special rate*; single occupancy is priced at JD95 for per night, and double rooms at JD105 per night (on B&B basis; subject to taxes and service charges). This rate will last for the duration of the GATHER+962.

At registration, you can also indicate if you would like to share a double room (and split the room rate) with another GATHER +962 participant.

### **How do I book my room and make use of the special GATHER+962 Mövenpick rates?**

Once you apply and are accepted, you will be provided with the link that will allow you to book your room and make use of the special GATHER+962 room rate at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea.

### **Can I share my room with another GATHER+962 participant?**

You can share a double room with another GATHER+962 participant. Once you apply and are accepted you can indicate this in the Registration Form. You can either request the name of another accepted GATHER+962 participant or the GATHER+962 will room you with another participant, of the same gender.

### **Can I bring my spouse to GATHER+962?**

We welcome you to bring your spouse to Jordan but because of limited space at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, GATHER+962 sessions, activities, and meals will only be open to spouses if they are also registered participants. To register your spouse as a full participant, please follow the application process outlined on our website.

### **How much will travel to Jordan cost? Can someone help me with my travel arrangements?**

This will depend on where you are coming to Jordan from.

You are expected to make your own travel arrangements. For your convenience, GATHER+962 has teamed up with **SkyTeam** and **Travel Plus Jordan** to offer you special travel rates and services that are exclusive only to our participants.

If you are arriving to Jordan from overseas, GATHER+962 recommends that you use the airlines of **SkyTeam**, Official Alliance Network for GATHER+962, to purchase your airline tickets. The airlines of

**SkyTeam** offer attractive airfares for GATHER+962 participants. **SkyTeam** comprises 20 leading international airlines serving 1,052 destinations in 177 countries.

For help on arranging visas, ground transfers and any pre- or post-GATHER+962 excursions and tours in Jordan and in the region, we recommend that you contact our local travel partner, **Travel Plus Jordan**. **Travel Plus Jordan** will help with all your needs, all at great prices, especially if you act early!

You will receive the special **SkyTeam** booking URL and Event ID, and **Travel Plus Jordan's** contact information once you have applied and registered.

### **How can I get to the Mövenpick Hotel from the Airport/Border Crossing, and back?**

GATHER+962 will be organizing complementary shuttle services to and from Amman Queen Alia International Airport and the King Hussein (Allenby) Border Crossing on February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for arriving and departing participants. More information on the shuttle services will be made available closer to the GATHER+962 dates. If you are arriving into Jordan from a different border crossing please let us know by email: [gather@seedsofpeace.org](mailto:gather@seedsofpeace.org).

### **What are the visa requirements for Jordan?**

Jordan requires that all foreigners have visas upon entering. Some nationalities require visa clearance prior to arrival to Jordan (such as Afghanistan and Pakistan). Other nationalities do not require prior visa clearance (such as India, Egypt, Israel, United States, and United Kingdom). The cost of one entry visa for all nationalities is JD40 (around \$56.51) obtained upon arrival at the airport; for multiple entries for all nationalities it is JD60 (around \$84.76) and can be obtained at the nearest embassy/consulate. For more information visas, please visit the [Jordan Tourism Board](#) website. Once your application has been accepted and you have registered you will also be provided with the contact information for **Travel Plus Jordan**, our local travel partner in Jordan, who would also be able to help you with visa queries.

### **Is GATHER+962 offering scholarships to assist with the cost of attending?**

Yes, GATHER+962 is offering a limited number of scholarships to assist with the cost of attending. Scholarships are awarded based on applicant's need -as presented in the Application Form- and the availability at the time of application. If awarded, Scholarship funds would contribute to cover travel expenses and/or accommodation at the Mövenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea. Scholarships do NOT cover Registration Fees. You can apply for financial assistance in the Application Form.

### **Why did GATHER+962 change its dates from October 2014 to February 2015?**

In light of this summer's escalation of violence in Palestine and Israel, and the horrific events in Gaza, the GATHER team decided to shift the GATHER+962 dates to February 26-March 1, 2015. While we were ready to proceed as planned, the shift in date allowed us more time to meaningfully address the changing priorities and new realities in the Palestine and Israel. GATHER is not exclusive to the Middle East nor issues faced there, of course, but as many of our participants are from there, we wanted to be sure to be able to address the realities there as strongly as possible. Indeed, the need to come together for the purpose of creative thinking and practical action could not be more called for than now.

**I applied to GATHER+962 before the date change. Does that impact my application?**

The short answer is 'No'. If you have already applied to GATHER+962 the change in dates will not impact your application, so we hope you can still pencil in the new dates (Feb-26 to Mar-1) in your calendar. We will be reaching out to participants soon to update you on the status of your Application. If you haven't applied, then we encourage you to do as soon as possible.

**How do I notify you if I'm unable to make it to GATHER+962 because of the date change?**

Just let us know [here](#) if you are, or unable, to make it to GATHER+962 in February 2015.

**I paid the registration fees but I can't make it anymore because of the new dates. Can I get a refund?**

Yes, if you have already paid your registration fee for GATHER+962, and are now unable to attend GATHER+962 due to the change in dates, please alert us through [this link](#) and we will start processing the refund of your registration fee.