The Italian Consul General inaugurates a Master of Palestinian ruling class formation at Bethlehem University

The Master in International Cooperation and Development (MICAD) opens today at the University of Bethlehem, with the support of Italy. The courses were inaugurated by the Vice-Rector Peter Bray and the Consul General of Italy, Fabio Sokolowicz, who referred to the importance of investing in human capital to mitigate economic and social differences, and to train future men and women as leaders of a Palestinian state that lives in peace and alongside the Israeli state, within the prospect to the two-state solution. The University of Bethlehem, the second Palestinian university founded in 1973, now hosts over 3,400 students who attend six different degree programs. Among its peculiarities, the strong female presence, with almost 80% of female students, which makes it one of the reasons behind Italian intervention, given the priority given by the Italian Development Cooperation to strengthening the role of women in Palestine. The courses are the result of a joint project with the University of Pavia and VIS - International Voluntary Service for Development, supported by the Italian Consulate General in Jerusalem and the Italian Development Cooperation Agency.