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Shared Calendar of Events

Please click on link to see a full calendar of aid coordination meetings:

http://www.ldf.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Wednesday, 21 March 2017:** Enabling Environment Thematic Group meeting at 10:00 at the meeting room of the MoNE.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

- **Elections Working Group Meeting, 2 March 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30334
  - CEC – 2017 Local Elections Timeline, 2 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30335

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - Continuing access restrictions by the de facto authorities in Gaza add to humanitarian concerns, 29 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30369
  - Protection of Civilians, 7 – 20 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30353
  - OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin – February 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30338

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 19 –23 March2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30366
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 12 –16 March 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30339

- **UN Women**
  - Path to Justice – Paving the way for specialized judicial services on violence against women cases in Palestine, 24 March 2017

https://unwpalestine.exposure.co/path-to-justice

- Justice for Peace – Open Day on Women, Peace and Security, 10 November 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30340

❖ **WHO**

- Health Access for Referral Patients from the Gaza Strip – January 2017, 23 March 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30348

❖ **WFP**

- The WFP State of Palestine Country Brief, 31 March 2017 is available at the following link:
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30376

❖ **UNRWA**

- UNRWA Gender Equality Strategy 2016-2021, November 2016
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30374

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Palestinian Energy & Natural Resources Authority

Donors Open Session "Establishment of a New Electricity Market in Palestine 22 March 2017

Under the Patronage of His Excellency Dr. Rami Al- Hamdallah, Prime Minister of the Palestinian Government, PENRA invited donors and international community and organizations to an Open Session on March 22nd 2017. The session's main topic was "Creating of New Electricity Markets in Palestine".

H.E. Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah, spoke of Gaza as a focus in the Government's agenda hoping an agreement is reached soon to end electricity issues despite the obstacles. H.E. thanked PENRA and Office of the Quartet for their efforts to prepare the reports and plans and encouraged supporting the implementation so that it is accomplished timely and efficiently as Energy and Electricity sector is a major component on the National Policy Agenda and its goal of putting citizens first.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30359

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Statement of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the announcement of a new settlement in the West Bank, 31 March 2017

The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses serious concern over the announcements, from the Israeli Government, of the construction, for the first time after more than 20 years, of a new settlement in the West Bank, as well as of the expropriation of new lands in the West Bank. These

decisions are contrary to international law, stave off the resumption of negotiations between the parties and the prospect of two States for two Peoples.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30377

UN

Statement attributable to the Spokesman for the UN Secretary-General on settlement activity in the occupied Palestinian territory, 31 March 2017

The Secretary-General took notice with disappointment and alarm of the decision by Israel to build a new settlement in the occupied Palestinian territory.

The Secretary-General has consistently stressed that there is no Plan B for Israelis and Palestinians to live together in peace and security. He condemns all unilateral actions that, like the present one, threaten peace and undermine the two-state solution.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30375

Briefing by Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, 24 March 2017

Today I devote my regular briefing to the Council on the Situation in the Middle East to reporting, on behalf of the Secretary-General, on the implementation of resolution 2334.

In this first report, I will focus on developments on the ground in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, including on regional and international efforts to advocate and advance the peace process.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30354

UNESCO

UNESCO Ramallah Office Organized a workshop on the management of cultural heritage sites in Palestine, 24 March 2017

In the framework of the project Local development through the rehabilitation and revitalization of the historic environment in Palestine, funded by the Government of Sweden, UNESCO Ramallah Office organized in Amman, Jordan, a two-day capacity-development workshop on management of Palestinian cultural heritage sites. The activity, conducted by two international experts on cultural heritage management and conservation, gathered some 27 Palestinian professionals from Palestinian Ministries, Municipalities, universities and cultural heritage organizations.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30363

PCBS - PMA

Results Announcement: Palestinian Balance of Payments - Fourth Quarter 2016, 28 March 2017

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) have announced the preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP) for the Fourth quarter of 2016 under the joint issuance cycle for the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP). It should be noted that the data excludes that part of Jerusalem which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

The preliminary results of BoP for the Fourth quarter of 2016 showed:

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30360 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30361 (in Arabic)

PCBS – PMD

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestinian Meteorological Directorate (PMD) press release on the Occasion of World Meteorological Day (WMD), 23 March 2017

Every year on the 23rd March, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), consisted of 189 members, and the global meteorological community celebrate the World Meteorological Day around a chosen theme. This year's theme is "Understanding Clouds".

In Palestine, this day is celebrated by Meteorological specialists, mainly (PMD).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30349 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30350 (in Arabic)

PCBS – PWA

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) press release on the Occasion of World Water Day, 22 March 2017

On the occasion of World Water Day, March 22, PCBS and PWA Issue a Press Release. The UN announced that the theme of World Water Day 2017, is "water and wastewater".

104 localities had wastewater networks and 508 localities were connected to public water networks Data showed that 104 localities in Palestine in 2015 were connected to wastewater networks out of 557 localities.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30344 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30345 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Palestinian Producer Price Index – February 2017, 30 March 2017

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015=100) reached 98.85 in February 2017, as it decreased by 0.20% compared to January 2017.

Producer Price Index for locally consumed products (December 2015=100) reached 98.16 in February 2017, which indicates a decrease by 0.23% compared to January 2017.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30370 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30371 (in Arabic)

The PCBS press release on the Eve of the 41st Anniversary of Land Day March 30th, 2017 entitled, 29 March 2017

Israeli Occupation Authorities laid hand over more than 85% of the total area of historical land of Palestine, which totals about 27,000 km2. Arabs comprise 48% of the total population, but utilize only 15% of the land. The Palestinian people remember the confiscation of 21 thousand dunums of land in Al-Jalil, Al-Muthalth and Al-Naqab on 30 March 1976. On this day, the Israeli Authorities expropriated the land and responded violently to the protestations, killing six young demonstrators.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30367 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30368 (in Arabic)

Preliminary Estimates of Quarterly National Accounts (Fourth Quarter 2016), 28 March 2017

Preliminary estimates at constant prices showed an increase of 1.3% in GDP in Palestine during the 4th quarter 2016 compared to the 4th quarter 2015, (increase 1.1% in the West Bank and increase 1.7% in Gaza Strip compared to the 4th quarter 2015). And it showed a decrease of 1.3% in Palestine compared to the 3rd quarter 2016 at constant prices, meanwhile the base year is 2004. GDP for the 4th quarter 2016 at constant prices was USD 1,505.3 million for the West Bank and USD 492.0 million for Gaza Strip. **The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30364 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30365 (in Arabic)

Ms. Ola Awad, President of Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" declare the publishing the Statistical Yearbook of Palestine 2016, 27 March 2017

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has issued the Seventeen Statistical Yearbook of Palestine 2016, which is considered a comprehensive statistical reference covering the up-to-date indicators for all population, social, economic and geographical.

Ms. Ola Awad, President of the (PCBS) announced that since its inception, PCBS has sought to build an official database of statistics based on local needs and in accordance with standards that guarantee full membership in the international statistical community, and to provide continuous time series data that make it possible to study general trends in different fields, by relying on primary data sources, including censuses and surveys.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30357 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30358 (in Arabic)

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during February, 26 March 2017

Slight Decrease in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential buildings reached 103.27 with a slight decrease of 0.02% in the West Bank during February 2017 compared with January 2017 (base year 2013=100).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30355 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30356 (in Arabic)

Ms. Ola Awad, President of Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics "PCBS" presents the Statistical Achievements of PCBS in 2016, 23 March 2017

It is my great pleasure to present to you the 2016 annual report of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS); the report highlights the milestones of the year.
Of the 2016 milestones, we most importantly highlight the preparation for the Population, Housing and Establishments Census 2017. This third census in Palestine fulfills the requirements of the General Statistics Law for the year 2000. It is particularly important since it will be the first census to use tablet-supported data collection methods.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30351 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30352 (in Arabic)

Ms. Ola Awad, President of PCBS presents the Key Statistical Figures and Indicators on Palestinian Mothers on the occasion of Mother's Day 21st, March 2017 and extends her deepest appreciation to them, 22 March 2017

Ms. Ola Awad, President of Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics presented the reality of Palestinian women through key statistical figures and indicators on the occasion of Mother's Day this Tuesday 21st, March 2017. On this occasion, she expressed her deepest appreciation to mothers all over the world, particularly to Palestinian mothers, for their patience, resilience and steadfastness; saying that they are the guards of the dream and the makers of future generations.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30346 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30347 (in Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of January, 21 March 2017

Exports decreased in January, 2017 by 6% compared to December, 2016. While it increased by 27% compared to January, 2016 and reached around USD 79 Million.
Exports to Israel decreased in January, 2017 by 7% compared to December, 2016 and represented 88% of total exports in January, 2017.
The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30341 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30342 (in Arabic)

Victimization Survey Main Findings 2016, 16 March 2017

PCBS conducted the Sixth round of the Victimization Survey of 2016. Data collection was conducted during the fourth quarter of 2016 (09/10/2016 – 05/01/2017).
The main objective of the survey is to monitor key indicators concerning current status of households and individuals who were subject to criminal offenses.
The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30336 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30337 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **The Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, March 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30372

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, March 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30373

Job Vacancies

- **Sawasya II Joint Programme working under UNDP/PAPP**

No.	Title	Level	Duty Station
1.	Programme Assistant (2 vacancies)	SB3/1	Ramallah
2.	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	SB4/4	Ramallah
3.	Legal Translator	SB3/2	Ramallah
4.	Legal Expert Gender Child Justice	SB4/4	Ramallah
5.	Human Rights Coordinator	SB4/4	Ramallah
6.	Legal Expert Family Law	SB4/4	Ramallah
7.	Legal Expert (Aid)	SB4/4	Ramallah
8.	Project Analyst- Governance/Integrity	NOA	Ramallah
9.	Planning M&E Coordinator	SB4/4	Ramallah
10.	ICT Systems Expert	SB4/4	Ramallah
11.	Project Analyst- Civil Society	NOA	Ramallah
12.	Citizen Security Coordinator	SB4/4	Ramallah
13.	CSO Grants Officer	SB3/3	Ramallah
14.	Strategic Policy Advisor	SB5/4	Ramallah

15. Civil Society Organizations Coordinator	SB4/4	Gaza
16. Admin / Grants Officer	SB3/3	Gaza

If interested in applying for any of the above mentioned open vacancies, you can access the following link **jobs.undp.org** and complete your application online.

- **The Representative Office of Brazil to the State of Palestine** is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Administrative Assistant. For further information, please visit http://ramala.itamaraty.gov.br/en-us/

Announcements

- **The Representative of the Republic of Malta** in Palestine, Mr Reuben Gauci wishes to announce 3 Scholarships in Climate Action offered by the Government of Malta for Postgraduate Studies at the University of Malta to esteemed foreign students. For more information and to apply, please see the following links:
  http://www.um.edu.mt/newspoint/noticeboard/opportunities/2017/02/scholarshipsinclimateaction
  http://www.um.edu.mt/registrar/prospective/admissions (To apply)

- **UNOPS** Jerusalem office launches the Gaza House Reconstruction new website, 27 March 2017. For further details, please see the following link:
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30362