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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

- **Thursday, 4 May 2017:** Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting in Brussels.
- **Wednesday, 10 May 2017:** Education Sector Working Group meeting (Opening session for the ASR 2017) at 9:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

- **Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 4 May 2017**
  - Chair's Summary of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30473
  - The Government of Palestine Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30445
  - IMF West Bank and Gaza Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30425
  - World Bank Economic Monitoring Report to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30449
  - Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO) Report for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30453
  - Office of the Quartet Report for the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 4 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30455
- **Fiscal Sector Working Group meeting, 12 April 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31484

Documents & Reports

Ministry of Women's Affairs

- The National Action Plan for the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 – Women, Peace and Security 2017 – 2019
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31485 (in English)
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31486 (in Arabic)

United Nations

- **UNSCO**
  - Humanitarian Impact of the Gaza Electricity Crisis – May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30469

- **OCHA**
  - Protection of Civilians, 18 April – 01 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30472
  - Humanitarian Bulletin, April 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31478

- **FAO**
  - Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 30 April –04 May 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31475

Press Releases and Formal Statements

UN

Remarks by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov, at the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) meeting in Brussels, 4 May 2017

I am grateful to Norway and the EU for convening and chairing this important forum. I join others in welcoming Jason Greenblatt and wish him and all of us success.

Given the limited time, I will restrict my remarks to only the most pressing issues.

Firstly, let me begin with the context in which our discussions take place. The impasse of the Middle East Peace Process is pushing both Israelis and Palestinians to take unilateral steps that drive them further away from each other and reduce the prospects for peace. Settlement expansion, violence, and the absence of visionary leadership continue to define the conflict on a daily basis.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30476

UNESCO

Annual Sector Review-Achievements in 2016 and way forward 2017, 11 May 2017

Ramallah – On 10-11 May 2017, the Annual Sector Review of the Education Sector in Palestine took place at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE). This yearly event is a platform of dialogue bringing together the main education actors in Palestine to take stock of the developments made in the past year and make recommendations for the future. Preceding the event, the MoEHE organized several school visits earlier this week on Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 May for all education stakeholders, with a focus on Vocational and Technical Education (TVET), Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Inclusive Education

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31483

Global Action Week for Education finalized today at Closing Conference in Ramallah, 3 May 2017

Ramallah 3rd May 2017 –The closing conference of the Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) took place today at the National Institute for Educational Training (NIET) to conclude the 2017 Global Action Week for Education (GAWE) which was held from 23 to 29 April. The event was organized by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, in partnership with UNESCO Ramallah Office, the Palestinian Education Coalition and UNRWA.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30467

Message from Ms Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO on the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day, 3 May 2017

Critical Minds for Critical Times -- this is the theme of the 2017 World Press Freedom Day.

“Only the independence, the character, the objectivity and the good judgment of the journalist and the media can overcome the terrible storms of the new world that threaten freedom of information everywhere."

Guillermo Cano Isaza, a Colombian journalist assassinated in 1986, wrote these words two years prior to his death and they continue to resonate today, 33 years later, as we celebrate World Press Freedom Day and the 20th anniversary of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.

The full message is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30458 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30459 (in Arabic)

UNESCO – OHCHR

Critical Minds for Critical Times: Media's role in advancing peaceful, just, inclusive societies UNESCO and OHCHR celebrate World Press Freedom Day 2017, 3 May 2017

Ramallah and Gaza 3 May 2017 – To mark the global celebration of World Press Freedom Day (WPFD), under the theme Promoting the media's potential as a catalyzer of peace and mutual understanding, UNESCO within the framework of EU funded NET-MED Youth project and OHCHR organized two parallel events in both Ramallah and Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30468

Representative Office of Japan

Completion Project for the Construction of Additional Classrooms in Inash Al-Usra Society Vocational Training Center, funded by Japan, 10 May 2017

Today, May 10th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited the Society of Inash Al-Usra in Ramallah Governorate to celebrate the completion project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31479 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31480 (in Arabic)

Completion of the Project for Installation of the Arthroscopic Surgical System at the Shepherd's Field Hospital, funded by Japan, 8 May 2017

Today, May 08th,2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Beit Sahour in Bethlehem Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31476 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31477 (in Arabic)

Completion of the Project for Installation of Solar panel system in Ar-Rawaein Bedouin Community, funded by Japan, 4 May 2017

Today, May 4th, 2017, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Ar-Rawaein in Bethlehem Governorate to celebrate the completion of the project funded by the Government of Japan through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30470 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30471 (in Arabic)

Japan's Financial Assistance through the World Bank's Trust Fund, 4 May 2017

The Government of Japan had committed USD 8 million to support the Ministry of Finance and Planning overcome its difficult financial situation through the World Bank's Palestinian Recovery and Development Plan Multi-Donor Trust Fund (PRDP-MDTF) and the fund was successfully transferred to Palestine on April 25th. This part is of Japan's contribution of USD 47 million under its supplementary budget. The contribution comes at a time when budgetary assistance is urgently needed in order to maintain stability and advance policy agenda in a consistant manner.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30464 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30465 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Ms. Ola Awad, President of the PCBS, reviews the conditions of the Palestinian people via statistical figures and findings, on the eve of the sixty ninth anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, 11 May 2017

Ms. Ola Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), via figures, historical and current data, reviewed the geographical, demographical and economic situation of the Palestinian People on the eve of the sixty ninth anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, which occur takes place on May, 15th; and those figures and data run as the following:

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31481 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31482 (in Arabic)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index in Palestine during March, 4 May 2017

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 111.58 during March 2017 with an increase of 8.08% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30462 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30463 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 3 May 2017**

  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_128/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm

  (in English)

  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_128/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm

  (in Arabic)

- **MoLG – JICA Project Team Newsletter, April 2017**

  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30474 (in English)

  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30475 (in Arabic)