LAC

SECRETARIAT

CONTENTS

News from LACS 4	1
Shared Calendar of Events	2
List of Recent Meetings	2
List of Upcoming Meetings	2
Aid Coordination Meetings	3
Documents & Reports	3
Newsletters 3	1
New Arrivals 4	1

Local Aid Coordination Secretariat
Tel: 02- 297-6330/1/2/4

Fax: 02-297-6335

Email: secretariat@lacs.ps

Website: www.ldf.ps

LACS Newsletter

Local Aid Coordination Secretariat

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

- **Monday, 17 September 2018:** Energy Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at PENRA.
- **Thursday, 20 September 2018:** Security Sector – Thematic group meeting: AP3 Institutional Development at 8:30 at EUPOLCOPPS.
- **Thursday, 20 September 2018:** Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Social Development.
- **Thursday, 20 September 2018:** Education Sector – Education in Emergency (EiE) Thematic Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- **Thursday, 20 September 2018:** Security Core group meeting at 12:00 at the Ministry of Interior.
- **Monday, 24 September 2018:** Labour Sector Core group meeting at 09:00 at the Ministry of Labour.
- **Wednesday, 26 September 2018:** Education Sector Working Group meeting at 9:30 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, 2 October 2018:** Security Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at CTI– Jericho.
- **Tuesday, 2 October 2018:** Water Sector Core Group meeting at 10:00 at PWA.
- **Wednesday, 3 October 2018:** Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Agriculture.
- **Wednesday, 3 October 2018:** Education Core Group meeting at 1:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- **Thursday, 4 October 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting on at 9:00 at the Ministry of Justice.
- **Wednesday, 17 October 2018:** Labour Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Labour.

Aid Coordination Meetings

❖ Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) Meeting, 27 September 2018

- Chair's Summary of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36743

- The Government of Palestine Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36702

- IMF West Bank and Gaza Report to the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35693

- Office of the Quartet Report for the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36717

- World Bank Economic Monitoring Report for the meeting of the Ad HoC Liaison Committee, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36718

- Office of the UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO) Report for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36721

❖ Tourism and Culture Sector Working Group meeting, 5 September 2018

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36704 (Minutes)

- MoTA's presentation on the tourism sector situation analysis, 5 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36706

- UNSECO Welcome Remarks, 5 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36711

Documents & Reports

Area "C" National Coordination Office at the Prime Minister's Office

- Israeli Arbitrary Measures against Khan Al- Ahmar Village, 23 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36703

Ministry of Education & Higher Education

- Aid Memoire of the Annual Education Sector Review (ASR): 23-26 April 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36710

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Protection of Civilians, 11-24 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36737

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status – August 2018, 14 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35689

❖ WHO

- Health Access Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory – August 2018, 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36724

- WHO Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza 10 – 22 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36725

World Bank

- Enhancing job opportunities for skilled women in the Palestinian territories, 17 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35695

- Presentation – Palestinian Territories: Enhancing Job Opportunities for Skilled Women, 17 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36696

- Presentation – Gaza Emergency Cash for Work and Self Employment Support, 17 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36697

PCBS

- Presentations – First Advisory Committee Meeting on "Census 2017: Results Utilization and SDGs Driven Statistical Strategy 2018 – 2022" held on 25 September 2018
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/temp/puf/Meeting/index.htm

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 24 September 2018

The Cabinet hails launching "Expotech 2018" Palestine Technology Week, follows up on preparations for the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee meeting, to be held in New York later this week, confirms support for President Abbas speech at the United Nations, and calls upon Palestinian citizens to intensify their presence in the village of Khan al-Ahmar.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36714

Achievements of the National Consensus Government, 19 September 2018

The Media Unit at the Prime Minister's Office presents to you a new video on The Palestinian Industrial Cities and Free Industrial Zones as part of a media series highlighting the achievements of the National Consensus Government, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah. This series represents the Government efforts to implement the objectives of the National Policy Agenda 2017-2022 (NPA) to improve the standards of living, achieve better services to all and responsive, accountable, and transparent public institutions that put the interests and needs of citizens as a priority each and every day.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36691

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 18 September 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet praises the visit of the Prime Minister to Jordan, applauds the agreement to hold the sixth meeting of the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Higher Committee next year in Palestine, welcomes the first official political dialogue between Palestine and the European Union, and commends the UNCTAD report on the economic situation in Palestine.

During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al- Hamdallah,

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36688

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

A letter from His Excellency, Dr. Sabri Saidam, Minister of Education and Higher Education on the activation of the TVET Higher Council, 17 September 2018

This is to convey my gratitude and compliments to you and express the importance of our strategic long-term partnership and cooperation in the TVET sector in Palestine.
As a result of the Cabinet's decision regarding activating the Higher Council of TVET and the Development Center towards improving the TVET sector in Palestine, Which aims at organizing and strengthening the TVET sector.
The full letter is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35696

UN

Statement by the Humanitarian Coordinator for the occupied Palestinian territory, Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, on Palestinian casualties in the Gaza Strip, 29 September 2018

I am deeply saddened by reports that seven Palestinians, including two children, were killed, and hundreds of others injured, by Israeli forces during demonstrations in the Gaza Strip yesterday. This is the highest fatality toll in a single day since 14 May 2018, when 42 Palestinians were killed.
The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36742

Briefing by Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to the Security Council on the Situation in the Middle East, Reporting on UNSCR 2334 (2016), 20 September 2018

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I will devote this briefing to presenting the seventh report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2334 covering the period from 13 June to 12 September this year.
I will focus on developments on the ground in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, including on regional and international efforts to advance peace.
The full briefing is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36695

Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov, on Khan Al-Ahmar/Abu Al-Helu, 16 September 2018

I am concerned at the intention of the Israeli authorities to demolish the Bedouin village of Khan Al-Ahmar/Abu Al-Helu, a community of 181 people, over half of which are children.
I call on the authorities not to proceed with the demolition and to cease efforts to relocate Palestinian communities in the occupied West Bank.
The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35691

World Bank

Cash-Strapped Gaza and an Economy in Collapse Put Palestinian Basic Needs at Risk, 25 September 2018

Jerusalem, September 25, 2018 –The economy in Gaza is collapsing, suffering from a decade long blockade and a recent drying up of liquidity, with aid flows no longer enough to stimulate growth according to a new World Bank report. The result is an alarming situation with every second person living in poverty and the unemployment rate for its overwhelmingly young population at over 70 percent.

The latest World Bank report to the Ad Hoc Liaison committee (AHLC), a policy-level meeting for development assistance to the Palestinian people will be presented at the bi-annual meeting on September 27, 2018 in New York.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36719

UNSCO

UN Report calls for urgent steps to prevent violent confrontation in Gaza, support for the return of the legitimate Palestinian Government and humanitarian assistance, 25 September 2018

Tuesday, 25 September 2018, Jerusalem – As the situation on the ground in Gaza is on the brink of collapse, a United Nations report has called for urgent steps to prevent violent confrontation in Gaza, support for the return of the legitimate Palestinian Government and humanitarian assistance. This includes easing of Israeli movement and access restrictions, de-escalating tensions and urgent humanitarian and economic interventions to address Gaza's failing basic services and devastated economy.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36722

UNFPA – Representative Office of Japan

With Generous Contribution from the Government of Japan, UNFPA and The Ministry of Health inaugurate ultrasound machine at Alia Hospital in Hebron, 16 September 2018

Hebron, West Bank, 16 September 2018 – UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, and the Ministry of Health inaugurated today a new ultrasound machine at Alia Hospital in Hebron. The ultrasound machine is one of four which were also delivered to Salam Clinic in Hebron, Muhtaseb Hospital in Hebron, and Primary Health Care Clinic in Ramallah. This financial support of US$471,275 will target "Women's Health Addressing pressing needs for Sexual Reproductive Health and Breast Cancer Services in hardly hit communities".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35692

OCHA

oPt Humanitarian Fund releases US$ 1 million in funds to avoid collapse of services in the Gaza Strip; additional funds needed urgently, 17 September 2018

Today, the Humanitarian Coordinator, Jamie McGoldrick, announced the release of US$1 million from the Humanitarian Fund for the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt HF)to prevent the collapse of life-saving services in the Gaza Strip. The allocation will go to the UN-Assisted Emergency Fuel Programme, which provides emergency fuel, mainly for back-up electricity generators, at around 250 critical health, water and sanitation facilities in the Gaza Strip.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=35694

UNESCO

Message from Ms. Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, on the occasion of the International Day for Universal Access to Information, 28 September 2018

The technological revolution is radically transforming how we inform ourselves. In just a few years, sources of information have multiplied, taken on numerous formats and become globalized. It is now possible to obtain immediately a wealth of material on the most varied of topics.

These new circumstances provide tremendous opportunities for individual and societal development. However, such development can only take place if these opportunities are available to all. In a highly interconnected global society, a lack of equal access to information is a sure way to increase marginalization and rapid exclusion from the rest of the world.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36735 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36736 (Arabic)

Education actors meet at the quarterly Education Sector Working Group to discuss challenges and interventions for the new scholastic year, 26 September 2018

Ramallah – On 26 September, the Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) in Palestine took place at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE). The quarterly ESWG meeting, co-chaired by the Ministry and by Finland, with UNESCO as the technical adviser, is a platform for constructive dialogue among the main education actors in Palestine to assess the achievements made since the last working group meeting, discuss current challenges in the delivery of education and develop recommendations on policies and sector strategies for the future.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36733 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36734 (Arabic)

UN Women – UNDP – UNICEF

Promoting the Rule of Law in Palestine – UNDP, UN Women and UNICEF Launch Sawasya II Joint Programme, 20 September 2018

Ramallah, 20 September 2018 – In a concerted effort to advance the rule of law across the State of Palestine, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in partnership with the Palestinian government, launched the Sawasya II joint programme. Sawasya II seeks to support the building of a progressively functioning and increasingly inclusive Palestinian rule of law system that respects, protects, and fulfils human rights and gender equality and promotes peace and security.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36698 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36699 (Arabic)

Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Gaza is on the brink of collapse, 27 September 2018

Gaza is on the brink of economic, humanitarian and social collapse. Intense diplomacy over the summer has prevented the outbreak of war, but the situation is still critical and unstable. Over the last months, the donor group has given priority to concrete measures that can improve the situation for the two million Palestinians living in Gaza. There is an urgent need for better access to clean water and energy,' said Minister of Foreign Affairs Ine Marie Eriksen Søreide.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36738

Norway to make extraordinary contribution to Palestine refugees, 27 September 2018

'The UN's agency for Palestine refugees (United Nations Relief and Works Agency, UNRWA) is in a critical financial situation following the US decision to cut all funding to the organisation. Norway has decided to make an extraordinary contribution of NOK 64 million. This will help to ensure that schools remain open and humanitarian needs continue to be met,' said Minister of Foreign Affairs Ine Eriksen Søreide.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36739

Quartet Envoy

Middle East Quartet Envoys' Joint Press Statement, 26 September 2018

The Envoys of the Middle East Quartet from the Russian Federation, the United States, the European Union and the United Nations met on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York to discuss the prospects for peace negotiations and the situation on the ground, in particular in Gaza. The envoys expressed their deep concern over the continued escalation in Gaza.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36723

EU

The European Union proposes additional €40 million for Palestine Refugees to keep schools and health clinics open, 27 September 2018

Today, the Commission announced additional support to UNRWA to allow the agency to provide access to education for 500,000 Palestine refugee children, primary health care for more than 3.5 million patients and assistance to over 250,000 vulnerable Palestine refugees.

During the UNRWA Ministerial meeting on the margins of the UN Genral Assembly in New York, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini said: "Today we reaffirm the EU's political and financial support to UNRWA.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36740 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36741 (Arabic)

European Parliament

European Parliament Delegation visits Khan Al-Ahmar, pledges support for Palestinian Bedouin Communities, 20 September 2018

"The European Parliament will continue to oppose the destruction of the Bedouin village of Khan Al-Ahmar and other communities facing eviction in the Occupied Palestinian Territories", Neoklis Sylikiotis, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with Palestine said during a visit to the community on the periphery of Jerusalem on Wednesday.

Khan Al-Ahmar is one of 46 Bedouin Communities living under the threat of eviction in an area which Israeli has earmarked for the expansion of illegal settlements. The area is of strategic importance to preserve the continuity of the future Palestinian state.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36692

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation – General Consulate of Italy – UNFPA

Italy grants 500,000 Euros to Strengthen Reproductive Health and Rights for Palestinian Youth, 25 September 2018

Tuesday 25 September 2018, Jerusalem – The Italian Government has generously granted 500,000 Euros to continue supporting and empowering Young Palestinians to have access to sexual and reproductive health services and rights (SRHR).

This grant will expand Italy's support during 2017 and 2018 on empowering women and girls to obtain quality sexual and reproductive health care.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36720

Italian Agency For Development Cooperation

Kick Off Meeting of the project WW Pal – Waste Water Palestine, funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and implemented by the Municipality of Prato in West Bank and Gaza, 23 September 2018

Ramallah, September 23rd 2018_The mayor of Prato and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Office in Jerusalem launched today, with a kick-off meeting, the project WW Pal – Waste Water Palestine, funded by AICS Jerusalem and implemented by Prato Municipality and many Italian and Palestinian partners.

The project will assist the Union of Palestinian Water Services Providers (UPWSP) to improve the management and treatment of wastewater in the whole territory of Palestine including Gaza.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36713

Representative Office of Japan

Project for Construction of Additional Classrooms in Farkha Secondary Mixed School funded by Japan, 23 September 2018

Today, September 23th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Farkha Village in Salfeet 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).

A grant of US $89,851 was extended to Farkha Village Council to improve the learning environment in Farkha Secondary Mixed School. It was used to construct additional floor with 4 classrooms (each 48m^2), with the aim of stopping the use of the old classroom which threatened the lives of students.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36705 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36707 (Arabic)

Project for improving of Electrical Network & Installation of Transformer in Beit Furik, funded by Japan, 20 September 2018

Today, September 20th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Beit Furik in Nablus 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.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36693 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36694 (Arabic)

PCBS

Decrease in the Producer Price Index (PPI) during August 2018, 27 September 2018

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015 = 100) reached 104.92 in August 2018, as it decreased by 1.12% compared to July 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36731 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36732 (Arabic)

GDP slightly increased at constant prices in the West Bank while it decreased in Gaza Strip during the 2nd quarter 2018 compared to the parallel quarter (2nd quarter 2017), 27 September 2018

Preliminary estimates at constant prices showed a decrease of 1.3% in GDP in Palestineduring the 2nd quarter 2018 compared to the 2nd quarter 2017, (increase 0.2% in the West Bank and decrease 6.1% in Gaza Strip compared to the 2nd quarter 2017).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36727 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36728 (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 August 2018, 25 September 2018

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

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for residential buildings reached 105.79 with a slight decrease of 0.07% in the West Bank during August 2018 compared with July 2018 (base year 2013 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36715 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36716 (Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of July 2018, 23 September 2018

Exports increased in July, 2018 by 12.1% compared to June, 2018. It also increased by 2.6% compared to July, 2017 and reached USD 91.1 Million.

Exports to Israel increased in July, 2018 by 12.2% compared to June, 2018 and it represented 90.7% of total exports in July, 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36700 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36701 (Arabic)

PCBS – PMA

Results Announcement: International Investment Position & External Debt – Second Quarter 2018, 24 September 2018

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the International Investment Position (IIP), and External Debt statistics for Palestine as of end of the second quarter 2018.

The primary results of the IIP (external assets – foreign liabilities) for Palestine at the end of second quarter 2018 revealed that the net IIP amounted to about USD 1,492 million, which means that the Palestinian economy's investments outside Palestine outweighs investments in Palestine from abroad.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36708 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36709 (Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments – Second Quarter 2018: Deficit in Current Account is USD 373.3 Million, 19 September 2018

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP) for the second quarter of 2018 under the joint issuance cycle for the Palestinian Balance of Payments (BoP).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36689 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36690 (Arabic)

PCBS – MoTA

World Tourism Day, 27 September 2018

World Tourism Day, which is annually celebrated on September 27th around the world, is a unique opportunity to raise awareness on tourism's actual and potential contribution to sustainable development.

The "Tourism and Digital Transformation" is the theme of World Tourism Day this year, where people and service providers communicate, exchange information and execute transactions in ways that have never been imagined before.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36729 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36730 (Arabic)

Newsletters

- **The Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, September 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36726

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Olivier Chassot** has joined ICRC as Field Coordinator and Deputy Head of Mission. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: jer_jerusalem@icrc.org ,phone: 02-5917900

- **Mr. Clea Thouin** has joined ICRC as Deputy Protection Coordinator. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: jer_jerusalem@icrc.org ,phone: 02-5917900

- **Ms. Sofia Ruiz del Arbol Moro** has joined the Consulate General of Spain as Deputy Consul General. Her contact details are as follows:
  Email: sofia.ruizarbol@maec.es ,phone: 02-5350105

- **Mr. Marin Mizuno** has joined JICA as Representative / JAIP. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: Mizuno.Marin2@jica.go.jp ,phone: 02-2977761

- **Mr. Stephen Kearney** has joined WFP as Representative and Country Director. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: stephen.kearney@wfp.org ,phone: 02-5401340