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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

- **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.
- **Wednesday, 3 October 2018:** Local Government Core Group meeting at 12:30 at the Ministry of Local Government.
- **Thursday, 4 October 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting at 9:00 at the Ministry of Justice.
- **Thursday, 11 October 2018**: Security Sector: AP4 Training Thematic Group meeting at 12:30 at USSC – Gemzo.
- **Monday, 15 October 2018:** Local Government Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at the Ministry of Local Government.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, 17 October 2018**: Security Sector: AP3 Institutional Development Thematic Sub-Group meeting at 10:00 at EUPOL COPPS.
- **Tuesday, 23 October 2018:** Security Sector: AP9 Gender Thematic Sub-Group meeting at 12:00 at EUPOL COPPS.
- **Wednesday, 7 November 2018:** Labour Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Labour.
- **Wednesday, 21 November 2018:** Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 in the Yaser Arafat Hall at the Ministry of Education & higher Education.

Aid Coordination Meetings

- **Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting held on 20 September 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36782
  - Results-Oriented Framework for Social Protection, 20 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36783
  - Intervention Logic of Social Protection, 20 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36784
  - The Results-Oriented Framework of the European Joint Strategy for Palestine 2017-2020, 20 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36785

- **Energy Sector Working Group meeting, 17 September 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36755 (Minutes)

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- West Bank demolitions and displacement, September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36786
- Protection of Civilians Report, 25 September – 8 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36781
- Humanitarian Bulletin occupied Palestinian territory, September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36775
- Humanitarian snapshot: casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 4 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36769
- Protection of Civilians, 11–24 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36737

❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 30 September – 4 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36780
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 23 – 27 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36750
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 16 – 20 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36749
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 9 – 13 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36751
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 2 – 6 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36752

❖ WHO

- WHO Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza 23 September – 6 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36779

- Right to Health 2017, 4 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36765

- Video-graphic – The Journey of a Referral Patient from Gaza, October 2018
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-z697hUL3s&feature=youtu.be

- Photo Book – Right to health: Palestinian Voices, 4 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36766

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 9 October 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet decides to form an investigation committee to inquire into the issue of Jerusalem properties, approves the national risk assessment report of money laundering and terrorist financing, and reaffirms that the implementation of development projects and international financing should be through or in coordination with the Palestinian Government.

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=36776

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 2 October 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet reiterates full support to the speech of President Abbas at the United Nations, upholds the decision of the Palestinian leadership to appeal to the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and reviews the outcomes of the Ad Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) meeting.

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=36757

Israeli Arbitrary Measures Against Khan Al- Ahmar and Government Precautionary Measures in the Bedouin Community', 1 October 2018

In the light of today's Israeli military escalation to handover the residents of Al-Kahn Ahmar village a military order "to self-demolish all buildings built within the scope of the Al-Khan Al-Ahmar village." We attach to you a video that previews the legal status of Palestinian communities threatened by the Israeli demolition, forcible displacement, and transfer.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36748

UNSCO

Statement by United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Nickolay Mladenov, on Friday's attack in the occupied West Bank, 14 October 2018

I condemn this Friday's attack in the occupied West Bank in which a Palestinian woman, Aisha Al-Rabi, a mother of eight, was killed and her husband injured by stones allegedly thrown by Israeli assailants.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Aisha and I wish a speedy recovery to her injured husband.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36789

WHO

WHO launches report on the Right to Health 2017, 4 October 2018

October 2018, Gaza – WHO yesterday released its report, Right to Health: Crossing barriers to access health in the occupied Palestinian territory 2017. The report examines obstacles to achieving the highest attainable standard of health for Palestinians living under occupation, including barriers to health access and attacks on health care.

Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, Head of WHO in the occupied Palestinian territory, stated: "Enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being. WHO's report outlines major obstacles to achieving that right for Palestinians living under chronic occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36764

UNESCO

The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher central theme at today's celebration of World Teacher's Day in Ramallah, 5 October 2018

This year World Teachers' Day will mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes education as a fundamental right for all. This year's theme has been chosen to remind the global community that the right to equitable and inclusive education cannot be achieved without the right to trained and qualified teachers. It highlights that teachers, according to the Education 2030 Framework for Action and SDG4, must be adequately trained, recruited and remunerated, motivated and supported within well-resourced, efficient and effectively governed systems.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36770 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36771 (Arabic)

Joint message from Ms Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, Guy Ryder, Director-General, International Labour Organization, Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, UNICEF, Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP and David Edwards, General Secretary, Education International on the occasion of World Teachers' Day – The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher, 5 October 2018

Education is a fundamental human right and a public good. It transforms lives by driving economic and social development. It promotes peace, tolerance and social inclusion. It is key to eradicating poverty. And it enables children and young people to fulfil their potential.

In many places, however, children are deprived of the right to education because of a global shortage of qualified and experienced teachers – particularly female teachers in low-income countries.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36762 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36763 (Arabic)

UNESCO celebrates the third International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI), 2 October 2018

On 2 October, UNESCO celebrated the third International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI 2018) in Palestine, through a "TEDx-style" discussion at the Birzeit University, to highlight the fundamental importance of the right of access to information, as an essential tool to foster open societies and to inspire effective laws and better practices in the field of media development. The event emphasized how public access to quality information, along with strengthened media institutions and an empowered civil society, are key to strengthen good governance and democracy and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36760 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36761 (Arabic)

UNRWA

Six months of violence along the fence in Gaza: UNRWA deplores Palestine refugee fatalities and the deteriorating humanitarian crisis, 7 October 2018

On 28 September, violence in Gaza led to the death of seven Palestinians including two children, one of whom was an UNRWA student. This latest death brings to 13 the total number of UNRWA students who have been killed since 30 March 2018 in the context of the so-called "Great March of Return" demonstrations near the fence separating Israel and the Gaza Strip. Many other children enrolled in UNRWA schools have been wounded in the demonstrations.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36772 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36773 (Arabic)

UNRWA expresses its concern about recent statements made by the Mayor of Jerusalem on its operations and installations in East-Jerusalem, 5 October 2018

Jerusalem – UNRWA expresses its concern about recent statements made by the Mayor of Jerusalem on its operations and installations in East-Jerusalem.

UNRWA conducts humanitarian operations in conformity with the UN Charter, bilateral and multilateral agreements that continue in force, and relevant General Assembly resolutions.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36774

EU

My Green Jerusalem: EU supports hundreds of Palestinian youth in cleaning the streets of East Jerusalem, 9 October 2018

The Office of the European Union Representative supported more than 300 Palestinian students in cleaning the streets of East Jerusalem. This is part of "My Green Jerusalem" initiative which aims at raising environmental awareness and promoting positive social engagement among the students. Ten schools in East Jerusalem joined the initiative which includes a number of activities throughout the month of October.

The European Union Representative joined today hundreds of Palestinian students from ten schools in East Jerusalem as they launched the EU-funded environmental initiative "My Green Jerusalem". The students cleaned the streets in the Old city, Sheikh Jarrah, Wadi Al Joz, Al Thuri, Zaayem, Ras Al Amooud and Beit Hanina.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36777 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36778 (Arabic)

Representative Office of Finland

Finnish Education to be highlighted in Palestine next week, 2 October 2018

The Representative Office of Finland, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education of Palestine, The Bethlehem University, and the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki, is organizing the Finland Education Week in Palestine in the second week of October 2018. The event is dedicated to introducing the Finnish education sector experience and expertise to stakeholders in Palestine.

The main event of the week is the Finland Education Day seminar and exhibition that will be organised at NIET (National Institute for Educational Training) in Al-Bireh on 8 October

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36758 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36759 (Arabic)

PCBS

Slight Decrease in the CPI during September 2018, 14 October 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during September 2018 slightly decreased by 0.07% compared with August 2018 (by 0.09% in the West Bank, while it increased by 0.78% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.10% in Jerusalem J1).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36787 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36788 (Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during August 2018, 4 October 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 102.12 during August 2018 with a decrease of 2.35% compared to July 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36767 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36768 (Arabic)

PCBS press release on the occasion of Arab Housing Day, 2 October 2018

The Council of Arab Ministers of Housing and Reconstruction, within the framework of the League of Arab States, declared the first Monday of October every year as the Arab Housing Day.

The Council of Arab Ministers of Housing and Reconstruction at its Eighty-second meeting in Morocco decided the subject of the Arab Housing Day for the year 2018 to be "Social Coherence for Adequate Housing".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36753 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36754 (Arabic)

PCBS press release on the Eve of World Elderly Day, 1 October 2018

The Palestinian society is considered a young society where the percentage of young people is high and the percentage of the elderly is relatively low. In 2017, the number of the elderly aged 60 and

above reached 233,269 persons (5.0%), (152,443 persons (5.4%) in the West Bank and 80,826 persons (4.3%) in Gaza Strip

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36745 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36746 (Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin. No, 145, 4 October 2018**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_145/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm (English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_145/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm (Arabic)

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, September 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36747

New Arrivals

- **Ms. Jessica Olausson** has joined the Consulate General of Sweden as Consul General. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Kathrin Lorenz** has joined GIZ as Head of Programme - Local Governance Reform Programme. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Tareq Mukbil** has joined the Representative Office of Ireland as Programme Officer. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Guo Wei** has joined the Representative Office of China as Representative. His contacts details are as follows: Email: chinaemb_ps@mfa.gov.cn , phone: 02-2951222

- **Mr. Alison Hall** has joined the United Kingdom Consulate General as Deputy Consul General. His contacts details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Jenny Monnin** has joined UNSCO as Political Affairs Officer. Her contact details are as

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- **Ms. Katrina Reichwein** has joined the US-Consulate General as Deputy Political Section Chief. Her contact details are as follows:
  Email: ReichweinKR@state.gov ,phone: 02-6227282

- **Mr. Ariel Gore** has joined the US-Consulate General as Economic Officer. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: GoreAM1@state.gov ,phone: 02-6226969

- **Mr. Pedro Blanco Perez** has joined the Representative Office of Mexico as Head of Mission. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Barbara Magana Martinez** has joined the Representative Office of Mexico as Deputy Head. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Simone Petroni** has joined EUREP as Head of Political Section. His contact details are as follows
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- **Ms. Ivanka Todorova** has joined EUREP as Programme Manager - Water and Sanitation. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Joris Heeren** has joined EUREP as Head of Section -Support to Civil Society, East Jerusalem and Governance issues. His contact details are as follows:
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