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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

- **Monday, 15 October 2018:** Local Government Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at the Ministry of Local Government.
- **Wednesday, 17 October 2018**: Security Sector: AP3 Institutional Development Thematic Sub-Group meeting at 10:00 at EUPOL COPPS.
- **Wednesday, 17 October 2018:** Education Sector - Education in Emergency (EiE) Thematic Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- **Tuesday, 23 October 2018:** Security Sector: AP9 Gender Thematic Sub-Group meeting at 12:00 at EUPOL COPPS.
- **Wednesday, 24 October 2018**: Security Core Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Interior.
- **Tuesday, 30 October 2018**: Education Core Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- **Wednesday, 31 October 2018**: Private Sector Core Group meeting at 9:30 at the Ministry of National Economy.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 5 November 2018:** Justice Core group meeting at 10:00 at LACS Office.
- **Tuesday, 6 November 2018:** Environment Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Environment Quality Authority (EQA).
- **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

- **Local Governance Sector Working Group meeting, 15 October 2018**

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36828

- **Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting, 3 October 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37842

  - MoA – Agriculture Sector Development and Progress, 3 October 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37843
  - MoA – Basic Changes for the Agriculture Sector in the Palestinian Territory, 2012/2013 – 2015/2016
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37846
  - Spanish Cooperation – European Joint Strategy in Support of Palestine 2017–2020 http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37844
  - FAO – FSS coordinator Presentation on the Humanitarian issues, 3 October 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=37845

- **Security Sector Working Group meeting, 2 October 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36800

  - MoI – Updates on the Integrated Priority List (IPL), 2 October 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36801
  - MoI – Updates on Administrative Programs (APs), 2 October 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36802
  - MoI– Model Form of the Logistics Administrative Program #6, 2 October 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36803

- **Education Sector Working Group meeting, 26 September 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36805

  - MoEHE – Palestinian Education in 2019: Policy Priorities and Challenges, 26 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36807
  - MoEHE – Annual Plan 2019, 26 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36809
  - Dr. Lodovico Folin Calabi, UNESCO Representative to Palestine and Head of Office Speech at the ESWG Meeting, 26 September 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36806

- Remarks by Ambassador of Finland Anna-Kaisa Heikkinen at the ESWG Meeting, 26 September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36808

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Protection of Civilians Report, 9 – 22 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36842

- Humanitarian snapshot: Casualties in the context of demonstrations and hostilities in Gaza, 30 March – 18 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36821

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status, September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36822

- Gaza strip: early warning indicators, September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36823

❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 14-18 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36832

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 7 – 11 October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36793

❖ UNFPA

- State of World Population – The Power of Choice – Reproductive Rights and the Demographic Transition, 17 October 2018
  https://palestine.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/UNFPA_PUB_2018_EN_SWP_1.pdf (English)
  https://palestine.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/UNFPA_PUB_2018_AR_SWP_Hl_skn_llm.pdf (Arabic)

❖ UNICEF

- State of Palestine Humanitarian Situation Report: July – September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36843

❖ **WHO**

- Health Access Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory, September 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36856

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 30 October 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet reaffirms support to President Mahmoud Abbas and to the outcomes of the Palestinian Central Council 30th session. The Cabinet confirms commencing the implementation of the Social Security Law upon a time frame set by the Social Security Corporation and expresses deep condolences to Jordan over the victims of the Dead Sea incident.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36853

The Palestinian Economy is A Resisting Economy – "Towards Optimal Resource Utilization" by Palestinian Prime Minister Dr. Rami Al-Hamdallah, 29 October 2018

The State of Palestine constantly confronts critical economic and social obstacles due to the policies the Israeli occupation limitlessly imposes on the Palestinian people and their land. Speaking unconditionally, these policies target all factors of production including land, resources, and labor. Nonetheless, this noble nation has always strived to live and coexist. The creative Palestinian citizen fulfilled significant achievements and left fingerprints on all disciplines and sectors**The full article is available at the following link:**

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36849

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 24 October 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet reviews the HRW report and vows to investigate its findings, approves the formation of a ministerial committee to lead discussions related to the Social Security Law, welcomes the visit of the Chinese Vice-President and the meetings of the joint Palestinian-Turkish ministerial committee.

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=36836

PMO Condemns Systematic Israeli Assaults on Palestinians' "Right to Education", 23 October 2018

Today, the Israeli Occupying forces (IOF) stormed Khirbet Ibziq village, northeast of Tubas, and destroyed the two caravans used as the only school in this area, leaving 26 Palestinian students with no education facilities.

The Prime Minister's Office strongly condemned this Israeli assault against the Palestinian fundamental right to education that is enshrined in international law.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36833

PMO Condemns the Misguided Statements Made by the Australian PM on Jerusalem, 17 October 2018

We strongly condemn the misguided statements made by the Australian Prime Minister Mr. Scott Morrison on the openness for a possible move to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, the Occupying Power, and an embassy relocation from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36811

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 16 October 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet stresses that neglecting the Palestinian Government as the only official authority when providing aid and implementing projects in the Gaza Strip will only increase the suffering of the Strip instead of solving its problem. The Cabinet confirms commencing the Social Security Law as approved on time, announces its willingness to receive comments on the Law for amendments after discussions with the related parties, and decides to switch clocks back to wintertime.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36798

UN

Briefing by Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, to the Security Council on the situation in the Middle East, 18 October 2018

Every month I brief this Council on the situation in the Middle East and the Palestinian Question. Every month we speak of how continued settlement construction and the demolition of Palestinian structures in the occupied West Bank undermine the very foundations of the prospect of a sovereign Palestinian state. We condemn terror, violence and incitement that eat away at the trust between Israelis and Palestinians. We call for unity and reconciliation.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36820

UNOPS – KFW

Germany provides UNOPS with additional EUR 8M for the House reconstruction in Gaza Project, 18 October 2018

Jerusalem/Gaza – 18 October 2018 – German Development Bank KfW and UNOPS signed an agreement today to provide UNOPS with a supplementary fund of EUR 8 million to further improve the living and housing conditions for people in Gaza.

The signing of this agreement comes as an extension to a first agreement signed in July 2018, which launched the start of phase II of the House Reconstruction in Gaza project aiming to reconstruct houses for a further 345 families with a budget of EUR 13.15 million.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36813 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36814 (Arabic)

UNFPA

UNFPA press release on the launching of UNFPA's State of World Population Report (SWOP), 17 October 2018

17 October 2018, Ramallah: Under the Patronage of H.E. Dr. Rami Hamdallah, UNFPA and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, launched UNFPA's State of World Population Report (SWOP), and held a discussion on the 2017 Census results, and the population projections in Palestine by Dr. Youssef Courbage, international demographer. "Today, the State of World Population Report was also released globally, under the theme "The Power of Choice, reproductive rights and demographic transitions" Mr. Anders Thomsen, UNFPA Representative, said.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36815

UNESCO

Sida and UNESCO continue to support local development in Palestine through cultural heritage preservation, 18 October 2018

Ramallah – 18 October 2018 – Today the General Consulate of Sweden and UNESCO Office signed a phasing out extension of the Funds in Trust Agreement of the project entitled Local development through the rehabilitation and revitalization of historic environment in Palestine. The project is funded by the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and implemented by UNESCO.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36824 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36825 (Arabic)

Inauguration of Dar As-Sabbagh and of Saint Joseph Women Empowerment Centre in Bethlehem, 17 October 2018

Bethlehem, 17 October 2018 – The completion of the rehabilitation works of the Dar As-Sabbagh building and of the Saint Joseph Women Empowerment Centre, located in the "Star Street" in the historic centre of Bethlehem, took place through two events under the patronage of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Bethehem Municipality and UNESCO.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36818 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36819 (Arabic)

EU

EU launches 'Know Europe' Competition across Eighty Schools in the West Bank and Gaza, 30 October 2018

With the participation of eighty schools across the West Bank and Gaza, the European Union and the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education launched the 'Know Europe' competition in Hebron. The competition is expected to include around 500 students of the 9th grade enrolled in public, private, and UNRWA schools.

The 'Know Europe' competition is organised again in the year 2018 after its successful implementation in 2017.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36851 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36852 (Arabic)

European Union Heads of Cooperation visit East Jerusalem Schools, 24 October 2018

European Union Heads of Cooperation in Jerusalem and Ramallah visited today a number of Palestinian schools in East Jerusalem. The delegation was briefed on the educational situation and the challenges facing Palestinian students and schools.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36834 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36835 (Arabic)

Statement by the EU Spokesperson on rocket fire from Gaza and the need for de-escalation, 17 October 2018

Last night a rocket launched from Gaza struck a house in the Israeli city of Be'er Sheva, another reportedly landed off the coast of central Israel. In response, Israeli forces have struck 20 targets in Gaza. The rocket and mortar fire by Palestinian militants from Gaza towards Israel must stop immediately.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36812

EU – Representative Office of Japan

Japan provides new contribution to the Jericho Agro Industrial Park incentives programme implemented by the EU, 29 October 2018

The Japanese Government has provided over €260,000 to support Ostry for Agriculture Development Company operating in the Jericho Agro Industrial Park (JAIP). Ostry produces eggs and fruits carton trays from recycled carton and paper. This company is the tenth beneficiary under the Palestinian Authority's Partnership for Regional Investment, Development & Employment (PRIDE) Programme of Incentives to JAIP. The Japanese contribution is being channelled

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36847 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36848 (Arabic)

Representative Office of Japan

Grant Signing Ceremonies for three GGP Projects in Palestine funded by Japan, 29 October 2018

Grant Contracts for three Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) were signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and representatives of Ni'lin Municipality, At-Tira village council, and Franciscan Sisters' School at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 234,526.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36844 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36845 (Arabic)

Project Completion for Providing Feedstuff Production Machines in Deir Al-Balah, funded by Japan, 15 October 2018

Today, October 15th,2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine,visited Al-Ahlyia Association for the Development of Palm and Dates in Der Al-Balah 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=36796 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36797 (Arabic)

Project Completion for Expansion of the Sewage Network in Al-Mughraqa Municipality, funded by Japan, 15 October 2018

Today, October 15th, 2018, Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, visited Al-Mughraqa Municipality in Gaza 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=36794 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36795 (Arabic)

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"

A sit in organized in Ramallah governorate on the occasion of World Day against Death Penalty, 17 October 2018

Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS" organized sit/in on Alsaa' Square in the heart of Ramallah city, to celebrate the annual anniversary of World Day against Death Penalty on October 10th.

Tens of representatives from official institutions, civil society and human rights organizations, youth and women associations, academics and students from the faculties of Journalism, Law and political sciences

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36799

http://www.wattan.tv/ar/video/266535.html (Video)

https://www.facebook.com/Raya.fm/videos/565617110561330/ (Video)

PCBS

Increase in the Producer Price Index (PPI) during September 2018, 31 October 2018

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015 = 100) reached 105.03 in September 2018, as it increased by 0.10% compared to August 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36854 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36855 (Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of August 2018, 25 October 2018

Exports decreased in August, 2018 by 2.3% compared to July, 2018. It also decreased by 2.9% compared to August, 2017 and reached USD 89 Million.

Exports to Israel slightly decreased in August, 2018 by 0.4% compared to July, 2018 and it represented 92.5% of total exports in August, 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36840 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36841 (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 September2018, 25 October 2018

Stability in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for residential buildings remained stable at the level of 105.79 in the West Bank during September 2018 compared with August 2018 (base year 2013 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36838 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36839 (Arabic)

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Participates in the Second United Nations World Data Forum (WDF) in Dubai, 22 October 2018

Dubai - 22/10/2018 A delegation from the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), headed by H.E. Ms. Ola Awad, President of PCBS, is participating in the second United Nations World Data Forum during the period 21-25/10/2018 in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. The delegation will also participate in the twelfth meeting of the United Nations High-Level Group for Partnership, Coordination and Capacity Building for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which will be held on the margins of the WDF as Palestine represents the Arab region along with Morocco and Iraq.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36829 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36830 (Arabic)

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and the Hungarian Central Statistical Office sign a joint Memorandum of Understanding, 21 October 2018

Dubai - 21/10/2018 H.E. Ms. Ola Awad, President of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), and H.E. Dr. Gabriella Vukovich, President of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (KSH), signed a mutual Memorandum of Understanding between the two National Statistical Offices.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36826 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36827 (Arabic)

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Aman signs a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation with a Norwegian Research Institute (CMI), 18 October 2018

Ramallah- The Coalition for Integrity and Accountability (Aman) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding and cooperation with the Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), a Norwegian Research Institute, at the Aman's headquarters in Ramallah last week.

This comes as a culmination of the strategic partnership between the two parties.

The full press release is available at the following link:

https://www.aman-palestine.org/en/activities/6428.html

Newsletters

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, October 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36850

- **UNDP/PAPP E-Focus Bimonthly News, October 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=36804

Job Vacancies

- **The French Agency Development is recruiting, as soon as possible, a driver.**
  For further details, please see attachment.

Announcements

- **JICA Palestine Office opened facebook page in begining of Oct 2018.**
  JICA Palestine Office will be more actively engaged to share our activities and projects with more interested viewers. With this Facebook page, we would like to reaffirm our strong commitment to supporting the Palestinian people and their government in cooperation with our partners and friends to build a better future.
  We would like all interested people to like and follow "JICA Palestine facebook page".