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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.lacs.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Tuesday, 13 November 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting at 9:30 at LACS Office.
- **Wednesday, 14 November 2018:** Health Core Group meeting at 1:00 at the Ministry of Health.
- **Wednesday, 14 November 2018:** Security Core Group meeting at12:00 at Ministry of Interior.
- **Monday, 19 November 2018:** Education Sector – 3rd Thematic Working Group – Education in Jerusalem at 9:30 at Jerusalem Directorate of Education in Old City.
- **Monday, 19 November 2018:** High-Level Security Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Central Training Institute (CTI) – Jericho.
- **Wednesday, 21 November 2018:** Justice Sector IDG meeting at 10:00 at LACS Office.
- **Wednesday, 21 November 2018:** Education Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 in the Yaser Arafat Hall at the Ministry of Education & higher Education.
- **Thursday, 22 November 2018:** Health Cluster meeting (Thematic Group under Health Sector) at 10:00 at the Ministry of Health.
- **Wednesday, 28 November 2018:** Private Sector – Thematic Working Group – Digital Economy, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (DEIE) meeting at 10:00 at MoNE.
- **Wednesday, 28 November 2018:** Education Sector – Pre-School Technical Thematic Working Group meeting at 12:00 at the Ministry of Education & Higher Education.
- **Thursday, 29 November 2018:** Security Core Group meeting at 12:00 at the Ministry of Interior.
- **Thursday, 29 November 2018:** Security Sector – Thematic Working Group Administrative Program (AP) #4 (Training) meeting at 12:30 at the BST.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Tuesday, 4 December 2018:** Private Sector –Thematic Working Group, Business Enabling Environment (BEE) meeting at 10:00 at MoNE.
- **Wednesday, 5 December 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting at 10:00 at MoJ.
- **Monday, 10 December 2018:** Education Sector – Education in Emergency (EiE) Thematic Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education & Higher Education.
- **Thursday, 13 December 2018:** Water Sector Working Group meeting at PWA.
- **Thursday, 20 December 2018**: Education Core Group meeting at 1:00 at the Representative Office of Finland.

Aid Coordination Meetings

- **Thematic Working Group on Solid Waste Management, 8 November 2018**

  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38875

  - MoLG – Introduction of Updated Donor Mapping, 8 November 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38877
  - JICA – Waste Minimization in the Context of Palestine, 8 November 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38876
  - Solid Waste Management Donor Mapping, 8 November 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38878

Documents & Reports

Ministry of Education and Higher Education

- Video on "Challenges in Education in Jerusalem, 21 November 2018
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCUFWA7Lzsw&feature=youtu.be

United Nations

❖ OCHA

- Gaza Crossings' Operations Status: Monthly update – October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38860
- Gaza Strip: early warning indicators – October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38861
- Humanitarian Bulletin, October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38857

❖ FAO

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 18 – 22 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38879
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 11 – 15 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38863

❖ WHO

- Health Access Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory, October 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38897

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

PMO: We Appreciate the True Solidarity of the Irish Seanad and Call Upon the International Academic Institutions to Respond to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and Withdraw their Recognition of Ariel University, 29 November 2018

On the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we express our sincere gratitude to the Irish Seanad for their true solidarity through endorsing the implementation of International law, recognizing the deep injustice endured by the Palestinians, and becoming the first in the European Union to approve a legislation that bans illegal Israeli settlement products.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38888

PM Hamdallah: The UN Should Recognize Palestine as A Full- Member State and Endorse President Abbas Peace Initiative, 29 November 2018

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the friends and supporters of the State of Palestine, the United Nations, and the free citizens of this world for the endless support they provide to the Palestine citizens and their inalienable rights. This important Day of Solidarity, which was adopted by the General Assembly in 1977 and has been observed since then, is an opportunity to remind the international community of the importance of unifying efforts towards ending the long-lasting historical injustices of the Palestinian people, and ensuring their fundamental rights and legitimate aspirations for independence and sovereignty.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38887

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 27 November 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet declares that implementing the resolutions of international legitimacy and ending the occupation is the true solidarity with the Palestinian nation, supports Cairo in its efforts to achieve national reconciliation, condemns steps taken by the occupation authorities against the Minister for Jerusalem Affairs and the governor of Jerusalem Adnan Ghaith, and discussed the strategic framework for transforming the system of local municipalities into an electronic system within the years of 2019-2023.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38880

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 22 November 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet condemns the Trump Administration for using its veto power in the UN Security Council, condemns Israel for banning on members of the Executive Committee of the International Federation of Journalists from entering Palestine to participate in the International Media Conference, commends Kuwait for supporting the general budget of the Palestinian Government and for increasing its financial aid to the UNRWA, and hails the UN General Assembly for adopting seven resolutions in favor of Palestine.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38869

UN

United Nations Secretary – General's Remarks on the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, 28 November 2018

More than forty years ago, the General Assembly established an International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people to remind us of our collective, unfinished task of resolving the question of Palestine.

Over the decades, this has become one of the most intractable challenges for the international community, and we know only too well the tragic results.

The full remarks are available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38883

UN Security Council Briefing by the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Nickolay Mladenov on the Situation in the Middle East, 19 November 2018

Mr. President, Members of the Security Council, In recent days we have witnessed another dangerous escalation of violence in Gaza that risked unleashing an armed conflict with catastrophic consequences for two million impoverished Palestinian people who live under the control of Hamas and have endured three wars and crippling Israeli closures. The Secretary-General warned that a new war in Gaza would bring forth another unbearable tragedy and urged all parties to exercise maximum restraint.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38858

UNRWA

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contributes US$ 63 Million to UNRWA for projects in Gaza, the West Bank and Jordan, 30 November 2018

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), has contributed US$ 63 million for projects to be implemented in Gaza, the West Bank and Jordan. Four agreements were signed on 28 November by the SFD Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Dr. Khalid Sulaiman Alkhudairy, and the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Pierre Krähenbühl.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38893 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38894 (Arabic)

Signing of US$ 50 Million Agreement confirming the historic pledge made by Saudi Arabia to UNRWA at the Arab Summit, 29 November 2018

On 28 November, H.E. Dr Abdallah Al Rabeeah, Supervisor General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSC) and Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) signed an unprecedented US$ 50 million agreement which confirmed the pledge of US$ 50 million made by King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, in support of the Agency's core services.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38891 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38892 (Arabic)

UNRWA Commissioner-General Thanks Partners for Remarkable Response in Face of Unprecedented Financial Challenges and Announces a Reduced US$ 21 Million Shortfall at Advisory Commission Meeting, 20 November 2018

Addressing the delegates at the Advisory Commission of host governments and leading donors of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), meeting in Jordan on 19 November, UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl lauded the resolve and creativity with which the Agency and the international community addressed its "greatest financial predicament ever".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38864

UNESCO

Key challenges in East-Jerusalem central area of focus at the Education Sector Working Group meeting, 21 November 2018

Ramallah, 21 November 2018 – Today the last Education Sector Working Group (ESWG) of the year, established within the Local Aid Coordination Secretariat, took place at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE) in Ramallah. As with every ESWG meeting, all main education stakeholders present reviewed, discussed and set collective efforts on key issues and achievements in the education sector in Palestine since the last meeting in September. Today's ESWG meeting had a special focus session on the situation of education in East-Jerusalem.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38867 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38868 (Arabic)

International Community

Joint Statement: The UN, EU, and International Development Partners Raise Their Voices against Gender-based Violence in Palestine, 25 November 2018

On 25 November 2018, the international community in Palestine launches a joint campaign "#HearMeToo: Voices against Violence" to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence in Palestine. Civil society organizations and media outlets also join this national initiative to end violence against women and girls. The 16 Days campaign, annually commemorated worldwide, commences on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and lasts until 10 December, the Human Rights Day.

The full statement is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38871 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38872 (Arabic)

EU

Gaza lighthouse glows in orange marking the international day for elimination of violence against women, 27 November 2018

The European Union and its Member States, in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme, joined Palestinians in Gaza to light Gaza lighthouse in orange to mark the International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.

This activity comes under the joint campaign "#HearMeToo: Voices against Violence", a combined effort of the UN, EU, its Member States and other international development partners, to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence in Palestine. Civil society organizations and media outlets also join this national initiative to end violence against women and girls.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38881 (English)
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38882 (Arabic)

EU crowns Nour al-Quds School as the Jerusalemite Green School, 22 November 2018

The European Union crowned today Nour al-Quds school in Beit Hanina Park for winning the "Jerusalemite Green School" award. The green works of art that competed together in the contest came from eight East Jerusalem elementary schools. The recyclable materials used to construct the artistic projects were previously collected by the students themselves from the streets of East Jerusalem as part the EU initiative "My Green Jerusalem." The crowning event was organised in partnership with the EU civil society partners

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38870

Leave no child behind: The EU joins children across Palestine to celebrate the Universal Children's Day, 19 November 2018

The European Union and the Palestinian Ministry of Education joined hundreds of children in the West Bank and Gaza to celebrate the Universal Children's Day. Over 250 children from 83 different schools across the West Bank gathered at Beit Ur al-Fouqa village's secondary school, West of Ramallah. At the same time, 150 children celebrated this day in the Theatre Day in Gaza.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38859 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38862 (Arabic)

Representative Office of Japan

Grant Signing Ceremony for GGP Project in Palestine funded by Japan, 29 November 2018

Grant Contract for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) was signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and Aizariya Municipality at the Representative Office of Japan to Palestine in Ramallah for a total amount of US$ 88,937.

Aizariya Municipality in Jerusalem Governorate will use a fund for rehabilitation of the main water network in Aizariya town to improve tap water supply and to enhance the water quantity and quality for 250 households as direct beneficiaries and mostly for all of the household in the town, through replacing of 680 meters of 8 inches water pipelines, 75 meter of 3 inches, and 260 meter 2 inches water pipelines.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38889 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38890 (Arabic)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Second OIC Member States Conference on Mediation in Istanbul on 29 November 2018

The Second OIC (Organization for Islamic Cooperation) Member States Conference on Mediation will be held in Istanbul on 29 November 2018, in the context of the importance Turkey attributes to strengthening the key roles of regional organizations in the prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

The OIC Member States Conferences on Mediation, first held in 2017, contributes to the efforts of Turkey to raise awareness and build capacity for mediation within the OIC and among its Member States.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38895

Remarks by H.E. Mr. Yavuz Selim Kıran, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, at the Second OIC Member States Conference on Mediation, 29 November 2018

It’s an honor to be here today, with such an esteemed audience and address the Second OIC Member States Conference on Mediation.

We are delighted to welcome all of you here in Istanbul, a city embracing two continents and the cradle of civilisations.

One foot in Europe and the other in Asia, Istanbul has been a refuge to various races, religions, cultures and languages throughout history.

The full remarks are available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38896

PCBS

Decrease in the Producer Price Index (PPI) during October 2018, 29 November 2018

The overall Producer Price Index (PPI) for Palestine with its base month (December 2015 = 100) reached 103.77 in October 2018, as it decreased by 1.20% compared to September 2018.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38885 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38886 (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 October 2018, 26 November 2018

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

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for residential buildings reached 105.86 with a slight increase by 0.07% in the West Bank during October 2018 compared with September 2018 (base year 2013 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38873 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38874 (Arabic)

Preliminary Results of the Palestinian Registered External Trade in Goods of September 2018, 22 November 2018

Exports decreased in September, 2018 by 8% compared to August, 2018. While it increased by 11% compared to September, 2017 and reached USD 81.9 Million.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38865 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38866 (Arabic)

Newsletters

- **Portland Trust Palestinian Economic Bulletin, November 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38884

Job Vacancies

- **International vacancies at UNRWA.**
  For further details, please see attachment.

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Faruk Aykut Renda** has joined the Consulate General of Turkey as Deputy Consul General. His contact details are as follows:
  Email: Aykut.renda@mfa.gov.tr ,phone: 02-5910555

- **Mr. Donggi Kim** has joined the Representative Office of the Republic of Korea as Head of the Representative Office. His contact details are as follows:
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