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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

- **Monday, 10 December 2018:** Education Sector – Education in Emergency (EiE) Thematic Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the Ministry of Education & Higher Education.
- **Tuesday, 11 December 2018:** Justice Core Group meeting at 10:00 at LACS Office.
- **Tuesday, 11 December & Wednesday, 12 December 2018:** Security Sector: APs – Thematic group two days' workshop meeting at 10 at MoI.
- **Thursday, 13 December 2018:** Education Sector – Inclusive Education Thematic Working Group meeting at 10:00 at Al Jeeb Boys' School.
- **Thursday, 13 December 2018:** Security Core Group meeting at 9:00 at MoI.
- **Thursday, 13 December 2018:** Security Sector – Security Thematic Group meeting – AP5 Community Awareness at GIZ.
- **Thursday, 13 December 2018:** Water Sector Working Group meeting at 12:00 at PWA.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Monday, 17 December 2018:** Energy Sector – Thematic Group meeting for "Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency" at 13:00 at PENRA.
- **Thursday, 20 December 2018**: Education Core Group meeting at 1:00 at the Representative Office of Finland.
- **Monday, 14 January 2019:** Energy Sector Working Group meeting at PENRA.

Documents & Reports

EUREP

- Presentation by the EU Representative Office to the Local Aid Coordination Secretariat on "Monitoring of the Results-Oriented Framework 2018 – 2020" (ROF), 4 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38902

United Nations

- **OCHA**
  - OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin, November 2018
    http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38932

- Gaza Strip: early warning indicators – November 2018, 13 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38930
- Protection of Civilians Report, 20 November – 3 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38910

❖ **FAO**

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 2 – 6 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38924
- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 25 – 29 November 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38906

❖ **WHO**

- WHO Special Situation Report occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 18 November – 3 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38922

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 11 December 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet strongly condemns the public Israeli settlers calls to attack President Mahmoud Abbas, deplores the Israeli occupation forces raids on the Palestinian cities, and calls France to recognize the State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital

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

Strongly condemned the Israeli settlers public calls to attack President Mahmoud Abbas, holding the Israeli occupation government fully responsible for the consequences of such flagrant incitement to assassinate President Abbas.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38923

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 4 December 2018

The Palestinian Cabinet welcomed the adoption of the United Nations General Assembly, by an overwhelming majority, of five resolutions in favor of the Palestinian People, hails holding the joint Palestinian-French committee meetings, commended the Chilean Congress for its resolution calling the Chilean Government to review all signed agreements between Chile and Israel, and decides to form the Higher Committee for Palestinian Diaspora Statistics.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38905

Ministry of Labour – International Labour Organization – Italian Development Cooperation

Labour law reform placed on Palestinian discussion table, 12 December 2018

Ramallah, December 12, 2018 – The Palestinian Ministry of Labour, in partnership with the ILO, launched today a two-day workshop for discussing "Labour Law Reform and International Labour Standards and the draft paper on "Revision of Palestinian Labour Law No. 7 of 2000 from a Gender Perspective". This initiative falls under the programme "Promoting Women's Equal Access to Economic Opportunities and Decent Work in Palestine" implemented jointly by UN Women and ILO and funded by the Italian Development Cooperation.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38933

UNESCO

UNESCO concludes Mobile Application Development Training with Closing Ceremony, 12 December 2018

Ramallah, 12 December –UNESCO and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), with the generous funding of the "Weidong Cloud Education Group" from the People's Republic of China (PRC), trained a number of Information Technology (IT) teachers and 675 students in both the West Bank and Gaza from grades 8-12 with programming skills, to develop mobile applications and integrate these skills in their e-learning process. The training was part of a UNESCO-led project entitled: "Empowering youth with innovative digital and entrepreneurial skills for jobs in a digital economy".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38928 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38929 (Arabic)

Hear Me Too: Voices against violence in Gaza through "Black Light" theatre performance and live music, 6 December 2018

Gaza City, 6 December 2018 – Within the joint UN and EU campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence - Hear Me Too: Voices Against Violence and through its EU-funded project "NET-MED", UNESCO supported the theatre play "Black Light", produced by the Gaza-based Theatre Day Productions (TDP) and performed through an all-female cast on the stage of the theatre in Gaza. Episodes from 'real-life' experiences were depicted on stage, followed by testimonies by victims of gender-based violence.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38917

Celebration of the rehabilitation of Amer School in the Old Town of Hebron, 6 December 2018

Hebron, 6 December 2018 – Today, the end of the rehabilitation works and the opening of the "Amer School" in the Old Town of Hebron was celebrated by school students and their parents, residents of the city and its institutions, including the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee and the Municipality of Hebron.

The Amer School was rehabilitated within the framework of the project "Local Development through the Rehabilitation and Revitalization of Historic Environment in Palestine", funded by the Government of Sweden and implemented by UNESCO.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38912 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38913 (Arabic)

Gender Policy Institute launches analysis on gender equality and women's empowerment policies in Palestine, 5 December 2018

Ramallah, 5 December 2018 – Within the joint campaign of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence – Hear Me Too: Voices Against Violence, UNESCO's Gender Policy Institute (GPI) launched the findings of a qualitative analysis study entitled: "Bridging Gender Gaps in Palestine: Qualitative Analysis of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policies". The study was conducted over a one-year period with the objective to support gender equality and women's rights in Palestine through reshaping the discourse on public policies and their implementation or non-implementation and impact on Palestinian women.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38911

UN Women

Joint press release – Orange Lighting and Cultural Activities in Ramallah Conclude 16 Days of Activism Joint Campaign in Palestine, 10 December 2018

Ramallah, 10 December 2018 – A 16 Days of Activism joint campaign in Palestine "#HearMeToo: Voices against Violence," which gathered the UN, EU, its Member States, and international development partners concluded its 16-day joint journey today. At its closing event, Ramallah Municipality and its dancing fountain were lit orange, while an awarding of a film competition and a theatre performance gathered over 500 audiences in the Medical Relief Hall Ramallah and livestreamed through the Ma'an TV channel.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38921

Canada-funded Haya joint programme commemorates 16 Days of Activism with women survivors of violence, Bashar Murad, and DAM, 6 December 2018

Thursday 6 December 2018, Ramallah – To commemorate the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence, the Representative Office of Canada to the Palestinian Authority and UN Women organized a 16 Days of Activism event in Ramallah today, inviting women survivors of violence,

singer Bashar Murad, and hip hop group DAM, as part of the Haya: Eliminating Violence against Women joint programme launched in May this year.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38914 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38915 (Arabic)

World Bank

United Kingdom Joins the Palestinian Partnership for Infrastructure Development – A Contribution of up to US$ 23 Million for Improving Water and Energy Services, 10 December 2018

Jerusalem, December 10, 2018– The United Kingdom is contributing an amount of up to £18 million, equivalent to US$ 23 million to the Palestinian Partnership for Infrastructure Development Multi-Donor Trust Fund (PID Fund) administered by the World Bank. This is the United Kingdom's first contribution to the fund, joining a partnership of eight Development Partners.

The funds contributed by the United Kingdom Department of International Development (DFID) will support the Palestinian Authority implementing priority activities in the water and energy sectors supported by the PID Fund.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38918

EU

The EU Launches "Know Your Rights" Campaign Marking Human Rights Day in Palestine, 11 December 2018

The EU launched yesterday the "Know Your Rights" Campaign in Palestine to mark Human Rights Day and the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Representative of the European Union in Jerusalem, Ralph Tarraf, launched the public campaign on 10 December by taking part in various events to commemorate the occasion.

Respect for human rights, rule of law, and democracy are founding principles of the European Union. In its foreign relations, the EU is committed to promoting and protecting human rights worldwide.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38919 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38920 (Arabic)

The EU provides €12.6 million for the payment of social allowances to Palestinian Families, 9 December 2018

The European Union, Finland and Spain made a contribution of €12.6 million to the Palestinian Authority payment of social allowances to poor families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The payments provided by the EU, Finland and Spain (€10 million from EU, €1.6 million from Finland and €1 million from Spain) will cover the social allowances of around 62,000 families of which 80% live in the Gaza Strip.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38916

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn death sentences issued in Gaza, 4 December 2018

The European Union Representative issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah condemn the six death sentences issued in the Gaza Strip on 3 December 2018.

The EU Missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall their firm opposition under all circumstances to the use of capital punishment.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38903 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38904 (Arabic)

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation – Save the Children

Rehabilitation and reintegration of Palestinian child ex-detainees in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, 12 December 2018

December 12, 2018: The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and Save the Children (SC) in the occupied Palestinian territory held the closing workshop for their project: "Rehabilitation and Reintegration within their families and communities of the Palestinian child ex-detainees in the West Bank including East Jerusalem" to discuss lessons learned and what more needs to be done for future responses for children ex-detainees. Every year approximately 700 to 900 Palestinian children from the West Bank aged 12-17 years old are detained and prosecuted in the Israeli military courts.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38931

The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

Opening of the first Breast Cancer Unit in Palestine, 9 December 2018

Beit Jala, December 9th 2018 – The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and the Italian NGO Centro Elis, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Italian University Campus Bio-Medico in Rome and other partners launched today within an official ceremony the first breast cancer unit in Palestine, inaugurated in the framework of a development project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

For the very first time in Palestine now it is possible to have diagnosis and therapy for one of the most common cancers among women, with the best European standards.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38925

PCBS

PCBS press release on the "Consumer Price Index during November 2018", 13 December 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during November 2018 decreased by 0.36% compared with October 2018 (by 0.43% in Gaza Strip, by 0.42% in the West Bank, and with a slight decrease by 0.06% in Jerusalem J1).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38926 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38927 (Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during October 2018, 5 December 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 106.60 during October 2018 with a decrease of 3.06% compared to September 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38907 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38908 (Arabic)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December 2018

The International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992. The observance of the Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of the political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme for this year is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality".

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38899 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38900 (Arabic)

Newsletters

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin, November 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38898

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 December 2018**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_147/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm (English)

http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_147/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm (Arabic)

Job Vacancy

- **UNOPS – Human Resources Officer: For further details, please see the following link:**

  https://jobs.unops.org/Pages/ViewVacancy/VADetails.aspx?id=16942