



Palestine Network
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PALESTINE NETWORK FOUNDING CONFERENCE

Conference Dates: 23-27/02/2010

Bethlehem, Palestine

Arrival: 22/02/2010
Ben Gurion Airport
Allenby Bridge

Conference: 23-27/02/2010

Departure: 27-28/02/2010

[Elected Higher Committee Members: 28/02/2010+1/03/2010]

“ Together, Building the Democratic Palestine ”

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Conference Goals

- 1 Officially launch the Network
- 2 Handing the legislation authority to the Conference
- 3 Adopting the final bylaws, structures and proposed programs of the network based on the drafts supplied by the secretariat and the proposals of the attendants
- 4 Workshops for designing future programs and projects of the Palestine Network
- 5 Provide the participants with an updated political overview
- 6 Introduce the participants to the reality on the ground through field visits to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Israeli Settlements, the Separation Wall, Jaffa, Haifa and Ramallah
- 7 Elect the Network's Higher Committee and other required bodies

PROGRAM

Arrival Day: Monday 22/02/2009

All Day	Arrival to Palestine, transfer (from Airport or bridge) to Bethlehem, and hotel check-in
20:00 – 22:00	Dinner with the Secretariat (at Sancta Maria Restaurant)

Conference Day One: Tuesday 23/02/2009

07:00 – 09:20	Breakfast
09:20	Buses Depart from Hotel to Convention Center (ETA 09:40)
10:00 – 10:10	The Palestinian National Anthem
10:10 – 10:20	Welcoming Remarks by secretariat (Ramzi Khoury)
10:20 – 10:50	Opening Address by President Mahmoud Abbas (Plus group photo)
10:50 – 11:50	Political Panel: Political speakers to present current affairs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jerusalem• Latest political developments on the Palestinian-Israeli front• Latest political developments on the international front.• Latest developments on the internal Palestinian arena, special emphasis on the national reconciliation efforts• The Palestinian Economy
11:50 – 12:50	Questions and Answers
12:50 – 13:10	Coffee Break
— Closed Session —	
13:10 – 14:00	Electing the Chairmanship of the Palestine Network Founding Conference (Conference Chairman, Conference Deputy Chairman, Conference Secretary)
14:00 – 14:15	Remarks by Dr. Rafiq Hussein, Head of the Palestine Network Task Force, Chief of Staff of the Palestinian Presidency, declares the dismantling of the Task Force and hands the powers to the Palestine Network Founding Conference Chairmanship
14:15 – 15:15	Lunch
15:15 – 16:15	Adoption of the network project; Concept, Organization Structure, Palestine Network Membership Declaration (Ramzi Khoury + Secretariat)
16:15	Buses leave Convention Center to Bethlehem City
16:15 – 18:00	Guided Tour in the City of Bethlehem
18:00 – 22:00	Dinner at Al-Hakora Restaurant in Beit Sahour, with Oud player and singer Raed Hawela

Conference Day Two: Wednesday 24/02/2009

07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Buses Depart from Hotel to Convention Center (ETA 08:50)
09:00 – 11:00	Discussion and adoption of the bylaws / First Session
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 13:00	Discussion and adoption of the bylaws / Second Session
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Presentation of the Palestine Network Online Solutions
14:30 – 15:30	How to establish and promote successful Clubs
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:15	Selected presentations by conference participants on their local reality (If you would like to participate please submit proposal by Tuesday February 16 th , 2010)
17:15 – 17:30	Coffee Break
17:30 – 19:00	Selected presentations by conference participants on their local reality
19:00	Buses Depart from Convention Center to Dinner Venue (ETA 19:20)
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner at Grand Hotel in Bethlehem

Conference Day Three: Thursday 25/02/2009

07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30	Buses Depart from Hotel to Convention Center (ETA 08:50)
09:00 – 09:15	Registration for Higher Committee Elections
<i>Please register for one work shop in each of the two sessions below</i>	
09:15 – 11:00	Programs Workshop (<i>Session 1, Workshops A, B, C & D</i>) <i>Workshop A: Health Sector Programs</i> <i>Workshop B: Education Sector Programs</i> <i>Workshop C: Law & Order Sector Programs</i> <i>Workshop D: Building the Economy</i>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 13:00	Programs Workshop (<i>Session 2, Workshops E, F, G & H</i>) <i>Workshop E: "Know Palestine" programs (Tourism...etc)</i> <i>Workshop F: Lobbying</i> <i>Workshop G: Media Programs</i> <i>Workshop H: Youth</i> <i>(summer camps, youth exchange, volunteer programs, internships)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Closing the Elections Registration & opening floor for nominees to address conference.
15:00 – 16:00	Elections of Higher Committee & Vote Counting
16:00 – 16:30	Announcing the Elections Results, and the end of official conference sessions
16:30	Buses Depart from Convention Center to Hotels (ETA 16.50)
17:00 – 19:00	First Higher Committee Meeting (Free Time for other conference participants)
19:00	Buses Depart from Hotel to Dinner Venue (ETA 19.30)
19:30 – 23:00	Gala Dinner at Jacir Palace – Inter Continental Bethlehem

Conference Day Four: Friday 26/02/2009

07:00 – 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 – 10:00	Presentation on final status issues (at Hotel Hall)
10:00 – 14:00	Field visit to Bethlehem, Settlements surrounding it, Jerusalem East and West, and the Separation Wall (Including a light lunch)
14:00 – 15:00	From Jerusalem to Ramallah
15:00 – 16:00	Meeting with the Palestinian Council of Ministers
16:00	Buses Depart from Prime Minister's Office to Presidential Compound (ETA 16:20)
16:30 – 17:00	Visiting the Mausoleum of the Late President Yasser Arafat
17:00 – 19:00	Closing Dinner with President Mahmoud Abbas at the Presidential Compound
19:00	Buses Depart from Presidential Compound to the Mahmoud Darwish Ramallah Cultural Palace (ETA 19:20)
19:20 – 19:50	Visiting the Mausoleum of the Late Poet Mahmoud Darwish
20:00 – 23:00	Cultural Night with Artist Amal Morqus at the Mahmoud Darwish Ramallah Cultural Palace
23:00	Buses Depart to Bethlehem (ETA 00:00)

Conference Day Five: Saturday 27/02/2009

06:00 – 07:30	Breakfast
07:30	Buses Depart to Jaffa and Tel Aviv (ETA 09:00)
09:00 – 11:00	Guided Tour in Jaffa and Tel Aviv
11:00 – 13:30	Panel and Q&A on the current situation of Palestinians inside Israel, (at a Jaffa local Community Center with leaders of Community Based Organizations)
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch at Jaffa
14:30	Buses Depart to Haifa (ETA 16:00)
16:00 – 17:30	Guided Tour in Haifa
17:15	Buses Depart to Nazareth (ETA 18:00)
18:15 – 20:00	Political Panel on Israel's Political realities
20:15 – 21:00	Dinner at Nazareth
21:15	Buses Depart to Bethlehem (ETA 23:30)

NB:

1. Some participants may have to leave to the airport during the day, or right after the end of the program on Day Five
2. Higher Committee Members will have to stay for another day for committee all day meetings on February 28th. Accommodations will be provided till the morning of the 1st of March, 2010

Conference Day Six: Sunday 28/02/2009

Participants check out of the hotel, and departure

Higher Committee Meeting in Ramallah

Agenda:

1. Appointing the Network Executive Director and Team
2. Finalize Official Registration, including Bank details and Auditor
3. Discuss and Vet Operational report and budget, projected Operational and Financial Plans
4. Secretariat Organizational Structure and Immediate Employees
5. Study and Select Programs and projects proposed by conference
6. Other issues