

WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE ADVISORY OPINION

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The brainstorm could be organized in 4 phases:

1. PHASE: EDUCATION

About:

- The role and importance of the ICJ itself
- The South Africa experience, focusing in the legal aspects
- The framework: international human rights law and international humanitarian law, including the United Nations GA Resolution (July 21, 2004)
- The Advisory Opinion (applicability of the international law in the OPT, access to holy places, illegality of the settlements, attempts to annex Jerusalem, the right to self determination, etc.

Dissemination strategy could include:

- Training of trainers
- Activities focused in: universities (faculties of law), political institutions, NGOs, labor unions

How:

- International conferences
- International academic activities relating to the ICJ, the international law and the Advisory Opinion
- Photo exhibition confronting the text of the Advisory Opinion versus the facts on the ground
- Publications explaining the Advisory Opinion (non-lawyers language).

Resources:

- To study the legal background in the South Africa case to explore different legal possibilities
- To document the damage resulting from the construction of the wall, working together with the United Nations system

2. PHASE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVISORY OPINION

- Visit politicians and other policymakers
- Promote politician delegations to visit Palestine
- Parliamentarians exchange (f. ex. The Netherlands and UK)
- Develop a pro-Palestinian lobby
- To demand that the European Union include the implementation of the Opinion in the debates about the Association Agreement.

- Explore possibilities in the national legal systems based in the First Article of the Fourth Geneva Convention regarding the duty of all the States to ensure the respect of the Geneva Conventions

- Develop Tribunal of experts (f. ex. Nobel prizes, relevant academics and politicians) to examine the current situation based on the Advisory Opinion

3. PHASE: GENERAL PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Invite the different NGOs to appropriate the Palestinian flag as a flag of everyone

- Develop a consumer information campaign

- Promote a sporting, cultural and economic boycott (f. ex. Labor Unions in Norway)

- Target the private enterprise involved in the construction of the wall and the occupation

4. PHASE: MEDIA

- A clear and simple message

- A media strategy could denounce current specific problems regarding access to the land, collect harvest, food market, etc.