

UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

Amman, 19 and 20 February 2008

Provisional programme

Tuesday, 19 February
9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

OPENING SESSION

Statements by:

Representative of the Host Government

Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable
Rights of the Palestinian People

Representative of Palestine

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Statements by representatives of Governments,
intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system

Keynote presentation by a Palestinian expert

2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

PLENARY I

Current constraints and challenges to the Palestinian economic development: The situation on the ground

The economic and humanitarian situation in the Occupied
Palestinian Territory

The scope of the humanitarian emergency in the Gaza Strip

Creating an enabling environment for economic recovery

Presentations by experts

Discussion

28 January 2008

Wednesday, 20 February
9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

PLENARY II
Towards a viable Palestinian economy – From dependence to rehabilitation, reform and economic recovery

The Palestinian Reform and Development Plan

Proposals for stabilizing Palestinian economy, including through international assistance mechanisms (e.g. the World Bank's Multi-Donor Trust Fund, the work of Tony Blair, entrepreneurial initiatives, etc.)

Establishing Israeli-Palestinian economic links and creating conditions for private sector development (e.g. Palestine International Business Forum, etc.)

Presentations by experts

Discussion

2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

PLENARY III
Mobilizing international assistance in support of the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan

Underpinning the political process – The Paris Donors Conference

The role of the United Nations system

The contribution of intergovernmental and civil society organizations

Presentations by experts

Discussion

5.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION

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