



UNITED NATIONS PUBLIC FORUM IN SUPPORT OF ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE

University of Pretoria
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Programme

Friday, 11 May
10.00 a.m.

OPENING STATEMENTS

H.E. Mr. Paul Badji

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

H.E. Counsellor Khorombi Dau

Speaker of the Pretoria City Council
Republic of South Africa

10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Civil society in solidarity with the Palestinian people

Public perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Legislative and political advocacy — reaching decision-makers
and politicians

The impact and educational responsibility of academic institutions
and think tanks

Presentations by experts:

Mr. Amjad Atallah

President, Strategic Assessment Initiative
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gideon Levy

Columnist, *Ha'aretz*
Tel Aviv

Mr. Adewale Adesoji Adeeyo

Publisher and Chairman, *The Anchor Newspapers*
Abuja, Nigeria

Mr. Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo

Executive Director, University of Pretoria
Pretoria

Discussion

2.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Joining forces — African civil society and worldwide initiatives to support a peaceful solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

The African experience of ending occupation and nation-building — the role of civil society

Mobilization for international protection of the Palestinian population — international grassroots movement

Participation in international campaigns to end the occupation

The South African experience in reaching a solution through negotiations

Presentations by experts:

Ms. Diana Buttu

Former Legal Advisor to the Palestine Liberation Organization/Palestinian Negotiating Team and Former Communications Director to President Mahmoud Abbas Ramallah

Mr. Vasu Gounden

Executive Director, African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes
Durban

Ms. Phyllis Bennis

Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies
Washington, D.C.

H.E. Mr. Roelf Meyer

Consultant on peace processes
Pretoria

Discussion

4.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Closing of the Civil Society Forum

Ms. Sankie Mthembu-Mahanyele

Deputy Secretary-General, African National Congress
Republic of South Africa

H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour

Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations, New York
Representative of Palestine

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