



UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR ON ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

*Assistance to the Palestinians — challenges and opportunities
in the new reality of a State under occupation*

**FAO Headquarters, Rome
27 and 28 February 2013**

Programme

Wednesday, 27 February
10.00 – 13.00

OPENING SESSION

Statements by:

Mr. Oscar Fernandez-Taranco

Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs
Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo

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

Ms. Fernanda Guerrieri

Directeur de Cabinet, Food and Agriculture Organization
Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization

H.E. Mr. Nabil Kassis

Minister of Finance of the State of Palestine
Representative of the State of Palestine

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Keynote presentation:

H.E. Mr. Nabil Kassis

Minister of Finance of the State of Palestine

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

12:30 – 13.00
Iran Room
Ground Floor, Building B
FAO Headquarters

***Press conference by the Chairman of the Committee
and the Representative of the State of Palestine***

15.00 – 18.00

PLENARY I**The impact of the occupation on the socio-economic and humanitarian situation in Palestine**

Socio-economic and humanitarian situation of the Palestinians, in particular women and children, under continued occupation

Current situation in Gaza

The aftermath of the UN admission of the State of Palestine: Israeli retaliatory measures and other possible fallout

Presentations by experts:

Mr. Ramesh Rajasingham

Head of Office

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - Occupied Palestinian Territory
Jerusalem

Ms. Amal Khreishe

Director General

The Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development
Ramallah

Mr. Robert Turner

Director of Operations

United Nations Relief and Works Agency
for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
Gaza

Mr. Sergio Yahni

Co-director, Alternative Information Centre
Jerusalem

Discussant:

Mr. Natalino Ronzitti

Professor of International Law, The Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli, School of Law; Scientific Advisor, Istituto Affari Internazionali
Rome

Discussion

18.30 – 20.00
Aventino Room,
8th Floor, Building B
FAO Headquarters

Reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo,
Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Thursday, 28 February
10.00 – 13.00

PLENARY II
Palestinian National Development Plan 2011-2013 –
current priorities, challenges and opportunities

Economy under the occupation: addressing financial challenges while continuing to strengthen State institutions, ensuring high governance standards and promoting economic development

Reconstruction and development of the Gaza Strip

Seizing the opportunities in light of the new reality: opening of international markets to exports of Palestinian products on the most favourable terms, and other possible initiatives

Presentations by experts:

Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif

Coordinator, Assistance to the Palestinian People,
Division on Globalization and Development Strategies,
United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
Geneva

Mr. Carlos Conde

Head of the MENA-OECD Governance Programme
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Paris

Mr. Mohammad A. Mustafa

Chief Executive Officer
Palestine Investment Fund
Ramallah

Ms. Reham Al Wehaidy

Chairperson
Al Athar Global Consulting, Inc.
Gaza

Discussant:

Ms. Maria Grazia Enardu

Researcher of History of International Relations
University of Florence
Florence

Discussion

14.00 – 15.00
Green Room

“The Road to Silverstone”
A film produced by UNRWA

15.00 – 17.15

PLENARY III

Urgent need for international assistance in support of the Palestinian economy following the UN vote

The role of the international and regional donor community: creating a financial safety net, reviving the Palestinian economy

Mobilizing and coordinating the assistance – the role of the United Nations system and international financial institutions

Assistance by and the role of non-governmental organizations

Presentations by experts:

Mr. John Gatt-Rutter

European Union Representative
to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and UNRWA
Jerusalem

Mr. James W. Rawley

Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process;
United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian
Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory
Jerusalem

Mr. Charles Silva

Country Director of Action against Hunger, Occupied
Palestinian Territory
Chairman, Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA)
Jerusalem

Discussant:

Ms. Chantal Meloni

Professor of International Criminal Law, University of Milan
Russell Tribunal on Palestine

Discussion

17.15 – 18.00

CLOSING SESSION

Statements by:

H.E. Mr. Riyad Mansour

Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations
Representative of the State of Palestine

H.E. Mr. Abdou Salam Diallo

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