



1 June 2004

High-Level Conference

Meeting the Humanitarian Needs of the Palestine Refugees in the Near East: Building Partnerships in Support of UNRWA

International Conference Center Geneva
Geneva, 7-8 June 2004

Final Programme

Monday 7 June

Registration: 8:30 – 9:30

Opening Plenary: 9:30 – 10:30

1. Welcome by Mr. Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA
2. Message from Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations
3. Address by Ambassador Walter Fust, Director General of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Chairman of the Conference
4. Presentation of a film entitled “The story of UNRWA and the Palestine Refugees”
5. Introduction to the Workshops by Mr. Andrew Whitley, Executive Secretary for the Conference

Workshops: 10:30 – 13:00

6. Workshops

Topics:

- I Promoting the Well-Being of Palestine Refugee Children
Chair: The Kingdom of Sweden
- II Community Development: Housing, Infrastructure and Environment in Palestine Refugee Camps
Chair: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- III Promoting Socio-economic Development of the Palestine Refugees
Chair: The Palestine Liberation Organization
- IV Conditions for the Successful Management and Mobilization of Resources on Behalf of Palestine Refugees
Chair: The European Commission

Lunch: 13:00 – 14:30 (Times may vary depending on the Workshop)

Afternoon Session: 14:30 – 17:30 (Times may vary depending on the Workshop)

Continuation of workshops

Conference Dinner: 20:00

Hosted by the Government of Switzerland
Main Ballroom
Crowne Plaza Geneva
26, Voie de Moëns
CH-1218 Geneva, Switzerland

Palestinian Cultural Performance by Ms. Kamilya Jubran

Tuesday 8 June

Morning Plenary Session: 09:30 – 13:00

7. Message from the Government of Switzerland
8. Live video-link to Palestine Refugees in Amman
Presentations, performances and short statements by refugees and community representatives on the theme of “A Better Life for All”
9. Keynote Address by Mr. Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA
The Commissioner-General’s vision for the Agency, the refugees and their partners over the next five years

Coffee Break : 10:30 – 10:45

10. Presentation and Discussion of Workshop Outcomes
Conference Chair invites four Workshop Chairs to summarize their findings and recommendations

Floor discussion on Workshop outcomes and Agency’s medium-term challenges

Lunch : 13:00 – 15:00

Hosted by Mr. Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA at the International Conference Centre Geneva

Afternoon Plenary Session: 15:00 – 17:00

11. Panel Discussion

Topic: “Human Security and Economic Progress: Improving the Lives of the Palestine Refugees”

Moderator: Mr. Edward Mortimer, Director of Communications for United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Kofi Annan

Panelists: Mr. Adnan Abu-Odeh, Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, Mr. Amos Elon, Mr. Peter Hansen, Mr. Poul Nielson
12. Chairman’s Summary
Ambassador Walter Fust, Director General of the SDC, Chairman of the Conference
13. Concluding Remarks
Mr. Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA