

In Conversation with Dr. Hanan Ashrawi

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The United Nations Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will host distinguished Palestinian leader Dr. Hanan Ashrawi for a briefing on the margins of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York. Join moderator Dr. Anne-Marie Goetz from New York University's Center for Global Affairs for an interactive conversation with Dr. Ashrawi about recent political developments and the current situation in the State of Palestine.

Dr. Ashrawi is a renowned Palestinian legislator, activist, and scholar who made history as the first woman to hold a seat on the Executive Committee of the PLO. She was the official spokesperson of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace process, beginning with the Madrid Peace Conference of 1991, and served as the Palestinian Minister of Higher Education and Research from 1996 to 1998. Dr. Ashrawi was elected to the Palestinian Legislative Council representing Jerusalem in 1996 and re-elected for the "Third Way" bloc ticket in 2006. Prior to joining government Dr. Ashrawi was Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Birzeit University.

As a civil society activist, Dr. Ashrawi founded, and continues to head, MIFTAH – the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy. She is also the founder of the National Coalition for Accountability and Integrity (AMAN) and the Independent Commission for Human Rights (ICHR). Dr. Ashrawi is the recipient of multiple awards including the 2005 Mahatma Gandhi International Award for Peace and Reconciliation and the 2003 Sydney Peace Prize.

To attend Dr. Ashrawi's briefing, kindly [RSVP](#) by 15 March 2017. For questions or additional information please contact the United Nations Division for Palestinian Rights at palestinianrights@un.org.