



# UNITED NATIONS FORUM ON THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE

*70 Years after 1948 – Lessons to Achieve a Sustainable Peace  
17 and 18 May 2018*

Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York

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## PROGRAMME

**Thursday, 17 May**  
10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

### OPENING SESSION

*Statements by:*

Representative of the UN Secretary-General

**Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**  
Deputy Secretary-General

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

**Amb. Fodé Seck**  
Chairman, Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable  
Rights of the Palestinian People

Representative of the State of Palestine

**Ms. Hanan Ashrawi**  
Member of the PLO Executive Committee

**Thursday, 17 May**  
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**PANEL I**  
**What Happened in 1948 – Why Does It Matter?**

*Panelists:*

**Ms. Hanan Ashrawi**  
Member of the PLO Executive Committee

**Mr. Avraham Burg**  
Former Interim President of Israel  
Former Speaker of the Israeli Knesset

**Mr. Victor Kattan**  
Senior Research Fellow, Middle East Institute  
Associate Fellow, Faculty of Law  
National University of Singapore

**Mr. Ilan Pappé**  
Professor of History  
Director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies  
Exeter University

*Moderator:*

**Mr. Eugene Rogan**  
Professor of Middle Eastern History  
Director St Anthony's College Middle East Centre  
University of Oxford

**Thursday, 17 May**  
3.00 - 6.00 p.m.

**PANEL II**  
**Displacement as a Continuum: The Ongoing Nakba**

*Panelists:*

**Mr. Seraje Assi**  
Visiting Fellow  
Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (ACMCU)  
Georgetown University

**Ms. Suhad Bishara**  
Director Land and Planning Rights Unit  
Adalah-The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights

**Mr. Itay Epshtain**  
Special Advisor  
Norwegian Refugee Council

*Moderator:*

**Ms. Mae Elise Cannon**  
Executive Director  
Churches for Middle East Peace

**Friday, 18 May**  
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

**PANEL III**  
**Refugees and the Resolution of the Question of Palestine**

*Panelists:*

**Ms. Susan Akram**  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Boston University

**Ms. Lubnah Shomali**  
Executive-Director  
BADIL Resource Center for Palestinian Residency  
& Refugee Rights

**Ms. Jessica Nevo**  
Founder  
“Just in Case” - Toolboxes for Justice in Transition

**Ms. Francesca Albanese**  
Institute for the Study of International Migration  
Georgetown University

*Moderator:*

**Mr. Mouin Rabbani**  
Senior Fellow  
Institute for Palestine Studies

**Friday, 18 May**  
3.00 - 5.45 p.m.

**PANEL IV**  
**Ways Forward to Achieve a Sustainable Peace**

*Panelists:*

**Amb. Riyad Mansour**  
Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine  
to the United Nations  
Member of the PLO Central Committee

**Mr. Yossi Beilin**  
Former Israeli Justice Minister  
Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Ms. Phyllis Bennis**  
Director  
New International Project  
Institute for Policy Studies

**Mr. Obada Shtaya**  
Regional Director – Washington D.C  
OneVoice Movement

*Moderator:*

**Mr. Fateh Azzam**  
Policy Advisor  
Al-Shabaka

5.45 - 6.00 p.m.

**CLOSING SESSION**

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Chairman, Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights  
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