



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF JERUSALEM

## *“Preserving the cultural and religious character of Jerusalem”*

Convened by the  
Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)  
jointly with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Geneva, 27-28 June 2019

### FINAL PROGRAMME

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**27 June 2019**

10.00 - 11.00

#### **OPENING SESSION**

*Statements by:*

**USG Michael Møller**

Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva  
Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

**Amb. Cheikh Niang**

Chair of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
Permanent Representative of Senegal  
to the United Nations

**ASG Samir Bakr**

Assistant Secretary General for Palestine and Al-Quds Affairs  
of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

**Ms. Carla Khijoyan**

Programme Executive for the Middle East, WCC

**Min. Ahmad Majdalani**

Minister of Social Affairs of the State of Palestine

*Recess*

11.00 - 13.00

**PLENARY I**

*The legal status of Jerusalem under International Law and in the context of a final peace settlement*

**Min. Ahmad Majdalani**

Minister of Social Affairs of the State of Palestine

*Recent political developments and prospects of a U.S. peace plan*

**Ms. Yael Berda**

Assistant Professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Israel's powers of legislation, taxation and judiciary under international law*

**Mr. Mohannad Gbara**

Palestinian lawyer based in Jerusalem

*Expropriations and demolitions & major Israeli infrastructure projects*

13.15

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

15.00 - 18.00

**PLENARY II**

*Challenges to safeguarding the cultural heritage of Jerusalem*

**Mr. Nazmi Al Jubeh**

Associate Professor of History and Archaeology, Birzeit University

*The protection of cultural sites under occupation*

**Ms. Yudith Oppenheimer**

Executive Director, Ir Amim

*Israeli settlement policy in the Old City and its environs*

**Mr. Wasfi Kailani**

Director of the Royal Hashemite Fund for the Restoration of Al-Aqsa

*Restoration of Islamic cultural sites and the Hashemite custodianship in Jerusalem*

**Ms. Shadia Touqan**

Director of the Arab Regional Center for World Heritage

*Needs assessment for the conservation and protection of architectural heritage and UNESCO action plan*

18.30 - 20.00

**Reception by the Chair of the Committee**

**28 June 2019**

10.00 - 13.00

**PLENARY III**

***Jerusalem: Holy to the three monotheistic religions***

**Mr. Bernard Sabella**

Former member of the PLC, sociologist and Executive Secretary of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (MECC)  
*Challenges in the free access to holy sites*

**Mr. Mustafa Abu Sway**

Professor of Islamic Studies at Al-Quds University & Member of the Islamic Waqf Council in Jerusalem  
*Custodianship of Muslim Holy sites*

**Ms. Leah Shakdiel**

Representative of Oz V'Shalom and Rabbis for Human Rights  
*A Jewish perspective on the Holy sites in Jerusalem*

**Mr. David Wildman**

Executive Secretary for Human Rights & Racial Justice, General Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church  
*The role of Christian lobbies in the United States and abroad in preserving the status quo of the holy sites*

15.00 - 17.00

**PLENARY IV**

***Ways forward to preserve the character of the Sacred City***

**Mr. Ammar Hijazi**

Assistant Foreign Minister for Multilateral Affairs, State of Palestine  
*Review of existing Palestinian protection measures*

**Mr. Khaldun Bshara**

Director, RIWAQ – Center for Architectural Conservation  
*Preserving the City through education and community projects*

**Mr. Yonathan Mizrahi**

Founder and Director of Emek Shaveh,  
*Concrete suggestions on the protection and preservation of holy and historic sites for the benefits of all cultures and faiths*

**Mr. Geoffrey Aronson**

Fellow, Middle East Institute  
*U.S. policy and ways forward*

17.15 - 18.00

**CLOSING SESSION**

*Chaired by:*

**Amb. Cheikh Niang**

Chair of the Committee on the Exercise  
of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People  
Permanent Representative of Senegal  
to the United Nations

*Statement by:*

**Amb. Riyad Mansour**

Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine  
to the United Nations

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