



International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East [Virtual Event]

16-17 November 2021

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Wednesday, 10 November 2021

The 2021 **United Nations International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East** will be held **virtually** this year on **Tuesday, 16 November [from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. EST]** and **Wednesday, 17 November [from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EST]**.

Organized by the United Nations Department for Global Communications, in the context of its special information programme on the question of Palestine, this annual event aims to sensitize public opinion to the question of Palestine and promote a peaceful settlement to the Israel-Palestine conflict. It also aims to bring together journalists, media experts, think tanks, diplomats and members of academia from Israel, Palestine, the wider Middle East, Europe, the United States and other parts of the world to discuss media related dynamics and trends connected to the Israel-Palestine conflict.

The seminar will open **on Tuesday, 16 November, at 10:00 a.m. EST** with a recorded message of the United Nations Secretary-General **Mr. António Guterres**. United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications, **Ms. Melissa Fleming**, will chair and moderate the first panel discussion under the theme: **“The 30th Anniversary of the Madrid Peace Conference: Can hope prevail?”** **Dr. Yossi Beilin**, Former Minister and Former Knesset Member, **Ambassador Riyadh Mansour**, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations and **Dr. Grace Wermenbol**, Non-Resident Scholar at The Middle East Institute will speak on that panel.

On Wednesday, 17 November, at 10:30 a.m. EST, **Ms. Nanette Braun**, Chief of Communications Campaigns Service in the United Department of Global Communications will, moderate the second panel discussion, which will be held under the theme: **“Solutions journalism in the coverage of the Israel-Palestine conflict.”** **Ms. Dina Aboughazala**, Founder of Egab, **Mr. Daoud Kuttab**, Director General of Community Media Network and **Ms. Eetta Prince-Gibson**, former Editor-in-Chief of *The Jerusalem Report* will sit on that panel.

The two-day event will be hosted on **<http://webtv.un.org/>**. It will also stream live on **YouTube**: **<https://www.youtube.com/unitednations>**, **Facebook**: **<https://www.facebook.com/UNWebTV/>**, and **Twitter**: **<https://twitter.com/unwebtv>**.

People are strongly encouraged to use the hashtag **[#UNMediaSeminar](#)** to contribute to the discussions and/or send their questions to the panelists via **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**.

Questions can be sent in the lead up to or during the seminar.



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The event will be held in English, and simultaneous Arabic interpretation will be available.

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