

# 2024 Conference of CSOs working on the Question of Palestine

# "Building Bridges with International Civil Society to Address the Ongoing Nakba"

# Convened by the

# Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (CEIRPP)

United Nations Office in Geneva (UNOG), Switzerland

Conference Room XVII

3-4 April 2024

# **Programme**

# Day 1

**10.00 – 10:40 OPENING SESSION** 

Statements by:

# Ms. Nada Al-Nashif

Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

# **Ambassador Cheikh Niang**

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

#### Ambassador Ibrahim Mohammad Khraishi

Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations in Geneva

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#### 10:50 - 12.30 **PLENARY I**

"The War on Gaza: Advocating for a Humanitarian Ceasefire and Assistance for the Palestinian People"

#### Mr. Ayed Abu Eqtaish

DCI-Palestine – Director of Accountability Programme

# Mr. Raji Sourani

Palestinian Centre for Human Rights Director

#### Ms. Sahar Francis

Addameer Prisoner Support& Human Rights Association Director

#### Mr. Issam Younis

Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights Director

#### 13:30 PRESS CONFERENCE

# 15.00 – 17.30 **PLENARY II**

"The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Ensuring Third Party Responsibility: Perspectives from Global and Regional Voices"

# Ms. Samah Sisay

Attorney at the US Centre for Constitutional Rights

#### Ms. Yasmine Ahmed

Director of Human Rights Watch UK

#### Ms. Rawan Arraf

Director of the Australian Centre for International Justice

# Ms. Tilda Rabi

President of the Federation of Argentine-Palestinian Entities

#### Mr. Frank Chikane

Chair of the Steering Committee of the Global Anti-Apartheid Conference - South Africa

# Day 2

#### 10.00 - 12.30 **PLENARY III**

"State Actions on Accountability: Discussing Best Practices"

# Mr. Ahmad Abuzneid

Executive Director of the US Campaign for Palestinian Rights

# Mr. Diego Khamis

Executive Director of the Palestinian Community in Chile

#### Ms. Rula Shadid

Executive Director of the Palestine Institute for Public Diplomacy

#### 15.00 - 17.00 **PLENARY IV**

"Ensuring Compliance with International Mechanisms After the ICJ Rulings"

Remarks by Mr. Thembela Ngculu, Counsellor, South Africa Permanent Mission in Geneva

#### Mr. Ahmed Abofoul

Al-Haq Legal Expert

#### Mr. Saleh Hijazi

Apartheid-Free Policy Coordinator, Palestine BDS Committee

# Ms. Bethany Ellis

Watchlist Global Advocacy Advisor

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#### 17.30 - 18.00 **CLOSING SESSION**

Chaired by:

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