Workshop
Civil Society: A Joint Israeli-Palestinian Strategy for Peace
Madrid, 10-12 April 2005

Sponsored by: The Arik Institute

Participants

Palestinian Participants

- Nedal Jayousy, Chairman, Palestinian Center of Alternative Solutions – PCAS.
- Yasser Mohammad AbuKhater, Lawyer, Member of the Advisory Board of PCAS.
- Azzam Araj, Adviser to the Mayor of the Tulkarem Municipality.
- Mohammed O A Brighith, Professor at b’lem University and a head of NGO/ Member of PCAS advisory Board.
- Nidal Foqa, Coordinator for the Palestinian Civil Society Programs, Palestinian Peace Coalition.
- Najawa Silwadi, Head of the Community Center in Jlem, Member of the Advisory Board of PCAS.

Coordinator: Issa Amer

Israeli Participants

- Daniel Bar-Tal, Professor of Psychology, School of Education; Director, Walter Lebach Institute for Jewish-Arab Coexistence through Education, Tel Aviv University.
- Tamar Hermann, Director, Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research, Tel Aviv University; Head of the Democracy Studies (MA) Program, The Open University of Israel.
- Maya Kahanoff, Ph.D. in Sociology and Anthropology.
- Yoram Peri, Director, Herzog Institute for Media, Politics and Society; Professor of Political Sociology and Communication, Tel Aviv University.
- Leah Shakdziel, Lecturer in Jewish and Social Studies, Sapir College y “Be’er”.
- Ephraim Ya’ar, Director, The Evens Program for conflict Resolution and Mediation, Tel Aviv University.

Coordinator: Galit Gardiner
Closed Sessions:

10th April – Sunday

12:00 – 17:00 Arrival of Participants and Registration

18:00 – 19:00 Introduction: The Political Dimension
  A brief presentation by Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami and Dr. Azzam Araj

19:00 Social Evening for all Participants

11th April – Monday

09:30 – 11:00 Survey Results: How the Palestinians and Israelis perceive the conflict and each other
  Presented by Prof. Eppie Ya’ar

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 The Current Situation and its Causes
  - Narratives - Oslo Accord to Present. How narratives form and influence the ability to understand and accept the other.
    Presented by Dr. Azzam Araj
  - Between and betwixt narratives. The challenge of dialogue
    Presented by Dr. Maya Kahanoff

13:00 – 14:30 Psychological and Sociological Factors. What are the Barriers, and how to overcome them.
  Presented by Prof. Daniel Bartal and Dr. Mohammad Bregeith

14:30 – 16:30 Lunch

16:30 – 18:00 Visions of Peace
  The Ideal Vision of Peace vs. The Constraints of Reality. Bridging the gap
  Presented by Mr. Yitzhak Frankenthal and Dr. Nedal Jayousy
12th April – Tuesday

09:30 – 11:30 Education as a Means to Promote Peace and Reconciliation
  • Using the Education Establishment
  • The Role of Civil Society in Education

  Presented by Ms. Leah Shakdiel & Dr. Nedal Jayousy

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 14:00 Media as a means to promote Peace and Reconciliation.

  Presented by Prof. Yoram Perry and Mr. Nidal Fuqha

14:00 – 16:00 Lunch

16:00 – 18:00 Non Governmental Organization Strategies for Change
  • The Role of NGO’s and Civil Society. Advancing the Ideal of Reconciliation

  Presented by Prof. Tamar Hermann, Najwa Silwasdi and Dr. Yasser Abu Khater

18:00 – 20:00 Conclusions
Public Session

Madrid, 11 April 2005
19:00 - 21:00 hrs.

Programme

19:00-19:25 Introduction
Welcome and panelists presentation. Emilio Cassinello, Director General, Toledo Internacional Centre for Peace.
Overview of the Current Israeli-Palestinian Situation. Shlomo Ben-Ami and Azzam Araj

19:25-19:35 Presentation of the Survey Results: “Mutual Impressions and Perceptions”.
Ephraim Ya'ar

19:35-20:00 Debate on the Different Interpretations of the Survey.
Moderator: Shlomo Ben Ami, Vice-President, Toledo Internacional Centre for Peace
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20:00-20:15 Purpose and Perspectives of the Platform: " Civil Society : A Joint Israeli-Palestinian Strategy for Peace.
Yitzhak Frankenthal and Nedal Jayousy

20:15-20:45 Open Debate – Q & A