



PALESTINIAN DIASPORA

7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE | JULY 14TH, 2018

*"We are all one nation. We are all **Palestine**."*



Co-sponsored by:



PROGRAM

Saturday, July 14, 2018

Conference Objectives:

- Implement KTH's mission and goals
- Make the Palestinian Birthright a reality, not only in spirit but also on-the-ground
- Concretize the networks of Diaspora Palestinians
- Revive the momentum among Diaspora networks in preparation for the growth and strengthening of Diaspora initiatives
- Ensure that Diaspora participants feel connected to Palestine
- Give conference participants a valuable experience in examining important issues related to Palestine and the Palestinian Diaspora

08:00 am - 09:00 am

Registration

09:00 am - 9:30 am

Welcoming Remarks

Nicola Kawas, Program Coordinator – Palestine, KTH and HCEF
Introduction of the KTH Delegation and Conference

Dr. Hanada Kharma, Director, Palestine and Arabic Studies
Program

09:30am - 9:45am

Video - KTH program



9:45 am- 10:45 am

Palestine Welcomes Her Youth

Sir Rateb Rabie, KCHS, President/CEO, Know Thy Heritage, Inc. and the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation

H.E. Dr. Abdul Latif R Abu Hijleh, President, Birzeit University

H.E. Hanan Imseh, Mayor of Birzeit

H. E. Laila Ghannam, Governor of Ramallah

Delegate's message, Rasha Eliesa, Denmark

Presentations of Palestine Keys

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Countering Negative Practices in Jerusalem and the American Stand on Jerusalem: Local, Regional, and International Responses

Moderator: Leila Sansour, CEO, Open Bethlehem

H. E. Dr. Tayseer Khaled, Executive Member at PLO *Head of the Department of Expatriate Affairs

Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman, the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA)

H.E. Dr. Amb. Amal Jadou, Ph.D., the Assistant Minister of European Affairs

Much is being done to change and endanger the status quo of Jerusalem which has held for at least 250 years. The Israeli authorities are in a rush to alter the character of the Holy City through various Judaization scheme. President Donald Trump recently recognized Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital and moved the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. These actions have ramifications not only for the local communities but also for the entire Middle East and the world. This panel will examine what can be done to counteract the negative practices toward Jerusalem.

12:00 pm- 12:15 pm

Break



12:15 pm - 01:30 pm

Building Palestine through Business, Tourism, and Investment

Moderator: Ghassan Anabtawi, Managing Partner, Anabtawi Creative Realities for Financial and Management Consulting, and Fratello Software House

H.E. Mr. Azzam Shawwa, Governor, Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA)

H. E. Mr. Nasser Qatami, Advisor to the Prime Minister for Arab and Islamic Fund Affairs

Mr. Raed Saadeh, Development and Tourism Expert / Consultant

The Palestinian economy faces many unique challenges but also has a huge potential for growth. This panel will present the current and projected state of the Palestinian economy and examines how the Diaspora youth can positively impact the economy through investment and knowledge sharing. The panel utilizes the experience of leaders in Palestine and in the Diaspora to explore opportunities for creating jobs, building a strong infrastructure, and capacity building to prepare the economy for the future State of Palestine. We will hear from representatives in information technology, the food industry, and the stock market and learn what role the youth can play.

01:30 pm - 02:15 pm

Lunch

02:15 pm - 03:15 pm

Empowering and Connecting Palestinian Youth from Around the World

Moderator: Sir Rateb Rabie

1. Roundtable Discussion:

No matter the distance, Palestinian youth in the Diaspora, like all people of Palestinian origin, remain attached to their national roots. Palestinian youth in Palestine, like all people in Palestine, long to reunite with their brothers and sisters in the Diaspora. After reuniting, each feels fulfilled and whole again. This session will shed light on how the youth can create and foster a variety of connections that will enable them to live Palestine, actualize their potential, become active participants in their communities, and advocate for justice and peace.



03:15 pm - 04:15 pm

2. Breakout Sessions:

Participants split into groups, each focusing on a topic (see below) in order to explore ways of working together, of helping each other, so as to better connect in support of mutual benefit, national community advancement, and the future of Palestine.

Topics for Breakout Sessions:

- A. Education, and Job Creation
- B. Solidarity, Advocacy, and Organizational Mobilization
- C. Social Media and Networking

04:15 pm - 05:00 pm

3. Where Do We Go from Here?

Presentation of summaries of breakout sessions and of resolution regarding “The Palestinian Youth Look Forward”

***“WE ARE ALL ONE NATION, WE ARE ALL PALESTINIANS,
WHEREVER WE ARE, REGARDLESS OF HOW NEAR OR FAR”***