Sikkuy – The Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality

and

Injaz – Center for Professional Arab Local Governance

Cordially invite you to attend a conference marking the publication of the new policy research:

"Funding and Income Sources for Arab Local Authorities"

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 - 9:30am-2:00pm

Nazareth Plaza Hotel - 2 Hermon Street, Nazareth

There will be simultaneous translation to English

<u>Agenda</u>

09:30 Registration

10:00 **Conference opening and greetings:** **Mr. Lars Faaborg-Andersen**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Israel

- **Mr. Mazen Ganayem**, Mayor of Sakhnin, Chair of the Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils
- **Mr. Shawki Khatib**, Chairman of Injaz's Board of Directors
- **Ms. Ghaida Rinawie-Zoabi**, Executive Director of Injaz
- **Mr. Jabir Asaqla**, Co-Executive Director of Sikkuy

10:30 **Presentation of the research: "Funding and Income Sources for Arab Local Authorities"**

- **Ms. Michal Belikoff**, Research and Data Coordinator of Sikkuy, and **Ms. Safaa Ighbariya,** Research Coordinator of Injaz

11:00 **Panel: "Challenges in Funding Arab Local Authorities"**

- **Mr. Eran Nitzan,** Deputy Director of the Budgets Dept., Ministry of Finance
- **Mr. Aiman Saif**, Director of the Authority for the Economic Development of the Arab, Druze and Circassian Sectors, Prime Minister's Office
- **Mr. Shawki Khatib,** former head of the Yafia Local Council and former chair of the Committee of Heads of Arab Local Councils
- **Mr. Abed Alsalem Darawshi,** head of the Iksal local council
- **Dr. Nahum Ben-Elia,** expert in the field of municipal policy for strategic urban planning

Panel Moderator: **Mr. Ron Gerlitz**, Co-Executive Director of Sikkuy

12:30 **Mayors' responses to the research findings**

13:00 **Conclusion**

14:00 **Lunch**

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