



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day One – 19 March 2012

- 13:00** Registration and welcome coffee
- 14:00** Introduction by Palestine Refugee Youth
- 14:15** **Welcome**
Message from the United Nations Secretary-General
Delivered by the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, **Mr. Robert Serry**
Mr. Filippo Grandi, Commissioner-General
UNRWA
Mr. Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs
Government of the Kingdom of Belgium
- 14:30** **Opening remarks**
Mr. Nasser Judeh, Minister of Foreign Minister
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (Chair of the UNRWA Advisory Commission)
Prof. Ekmeleddin İhsanoglu, Secretary-General
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- 15:00** **Keynote speeches**
Baroness Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for
Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Dr. Mahmoud Abbas, Chairman
Palestine Liberation Organisation (**tbc**)
Dr. Nabil Al-Araby, Secretary General of the League of Arab States
- 16:00** Coffee break
Press Photo Opportunity (possible Q&A tbc)
- 16:30** Short video presentation
- 16:45** **Opening Session**

Discussion: "Challenges and potential of the current generation of Palestine refugees"

18:30 Reception (ends 20:30)
Entertainment event from 19:00 to 20:00

Day Two – 20 March 2012

8:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 **Opening panel: "Youth Answers Back"**

10:00 Coffee break

10:30 **Panel discussions**

Panel I: Youth participation: Engaging Palestine Refugee Youth in Social and Civic Development

Panel II: Economic Empowerment of Youth: Creating and Building Resources for the Economic Inclusion of Young Palestinians

12:00 Lunch

13:30 **Panel discussions**

Panel III: Education: Building Capability of Palestine Refugees

Panel IV: Youth and Marginalization: Countering Exclusion and the Role of Protection

15:00 Coffee break

15:45 **Closing Session**

Mr. Martin Schulz, President
European Parliament

Mr. Salam Fayyad, Prime Minister
Palestinian Authority **(tbc)**

Mr. Ahmed Al-Mazroui, Chairman
UAE Red Crescent Society **(tbc)**

Closing remarks by Palestine Refugee Youth

17:30 Chair's Summary and Conclusions by the UNRWA Commissioner-General (ends 17:45).