

Sixth Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 23rd, 2024.

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Rihab Sandouka, Khawla Abu Diab, Dina Moghrabi, Hala Jawhar, Razan Atta, Dr. Ali Shaar, Yamamah Daoud, Dr. Ghassan Issa, Farah Darwazeh, Nabila Espanioly, Bashaer Abu Khadeja, Doa', Noor Adas, Majda Bitar, Ghazi Mortaja.

Discussion Points:

1. Conference Theme and Title

- Two scenarios for the conference title were debated:
 - Emphasizing the global perspective while reflecting local Palestinian issues.
 - Centering explicitly on Palestinian children and their experiences under crises.
- Concerns were raised about the risks posed by politically sensitive language (e.g., "genocide") that could attract negative repercussions for the host institution.
- Agreement to adopt a title with a global framework that incorporates local and regional challenges, avoiding overtly politicized terminology.

2. Conference Objectives

- The objectives were finalized to ensure alignment with the global theme while highlighting Palestinian-specific issues.
- The **concept note** remains intact with clear references to Palestinian children's challenges under occupation and double standards in global responses.

3. Program Structure

- Key pillars of the conference were outlined, including:
 - Reviving children's rights in crises.
 - Addressing dual standards in international humanitarian law.
 - Presenting global and local perspectives.
- Proposed speakers include international experts, local academics, and representatives from relevant organizations.
- Suggestions were made to feature a mix of panel discussions, roundtables, and presentations.

4. Action Items

- Circulate a revised concept note with the finalized title for feedback within two days.
- Prepare a draft list of potential speakers and align with the conference themes.
- **Committee Members:** To suggest additional speakers and institutions to be invited, ensuring a diverse representation.
- Draft and distribute invitations to speakers and finalize logistical arrangements for the next meeting.

Decisions

- The title of the conference will adopt a global perspective to avoid direct political repercussions while addressing local Palestinian realities within the content.
- The program will be structured to include a mix of international and local speakers, reflecting both global and local contexts.
- Follow-up actions to ensure timely progress on logistical and thematic preparations.

Next Meeting

- **Date:** December 30th, 2024