

PNECD Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22nd, 2025.

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm.

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Rihab Sandouka, Hala Jawhar, Razan Atta, Dr. Ali Shaar, Dr. Ghassan Issa, Doa', Noor Adas, Majda Bitar, Nabila Espaniouly, Mohamed Al-Bekai, Razam Juma, Hana Rabadi.

Conference Logistics and Planning:

- The conference will take place at a convenient time, considering local conditions to ensure high participation and quality.
- Due to ongoing challenges in Nablus and the West Bank, including severe delays at checkpoints, there is concern over ensuring smooth attendance and participation.
- The importance of avoiding stiffness or lack of presence in the conference was emphasized.

Funding and Postponement Considerations

- Funds have not yet been secured to proceed with the conference as scheduled on 11-12 February.
- A two-month postponement is proposed to allow time to secure funding and meet logistical needs.
- If postponed, efforts will focus on returning to funding sources and institutions for support.
- If the original dates remain, immediate action must be taken without further delay.

Committee Members and Responsibilities

- Logistical needs must be met efficiently.
- The concept note and program will remain unchanged, allowing publications and marketing to proceed.
- Speaker arrangements and website development will continue.

International Interest & UN Involvement

- The conference is gaining high-level international interest.
- Discussions with the United Nations (UN) indicate that this conference could be a game changer.
- The UN recognizes the urgency of addressing children's rights and institutional interventions.

New Conference Dates Considerations

- Easter holidays (April 20-25) should be taken into account when selecting new dates.
- A decision on dates will be finalized soon to allow for proper dissemination of materials.
- The website, concept note, and promotional efforts will move forward in the meantime.

Media and Outreach Strategy

- The need to start discussing the conference in media outlets was emphasized.
- Members are encouraged to use their respective media channels to promote the event.
- Collaboration with university media teams to develop a structured communication plan.
- A website will be utilized for further outreach and message dissemination.
- Efforts will highlight the broader impact beyond the two-day conference, considering pre- and post-event activities.

High-Level UN Feedback & Global Awareness

- Senior UN officials acknowledge the significance of this conference in addressing Palestinian realities.
- Strong statements were made regarding the need to end the current status quo with Israel.
- UNICEF leadership has expressed support for the event.

Conference Materials and Invitations

- Speaker details need to be gathered and organized.
- Invitations will be sent without confirming the final date until an agreement is reached.

Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM