



Palestine Network

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Together, Building the Democratic Palestine
(Brief Concept)



Introduction

Palestinians have known immigration and expatriatism since the second half of the 19th century, refugedom after the Nakba in 1948 and the Naksa in 1967, to the point that the Palestinians who live beyond the borders of Palestine are estimated to be twice as many as those in the homeland.

Despite the fact that the majority of those who left Palestine enjoyed little resources, they have been playing key-roles in the development of their host communities at many levels while remaining strongly connected to their national identity, national goals, homeland and kin.

The support (political, financial and other) that the Palestinians People have given to their people and society has been an essential contributor to helping the people remain steadfast on their land despite the occupation, maintain acceptable living conditions, and develop their society as they build their future democratic state. They managed to rally support for the Palestinian cause through their constructive integration in different organization including Palestine Liberation Organization – PLO, that ending occupation and recognizing the Palestinian National Identity and the right to establish the Palestinian Democratic State became an anchored international certainty.

The general Palestinian situation requires the immediate and integral contribution and endeavor of all Palestinians and friends of Palestine, who share the goals and vision of the Palestine Network Project, on all levels, to build the Democratic Palestine together through a democratic independent grassroots network.

Palestine Network

The Palestine Network is the outcome of the visions and thoughts of Palestinians and friends of Palestine, worldwide, and reflects upon the desperate need for collective efforts in all developmental areas; social, cultural, scientific, economic, health, political and other, to build the Democratic Palestine.

As we fathom the pluralism, diversity and variety within the Palestinian People, we, the Palestine Network consider ourselves a body that works toward achieving the vision of the Democratic Palestine and would intersect and interact with other social bodies operating within the same vision.

The Palestine Network is

Independent, representative and democratic, non-partisan, non-governmental and participatory.

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Volunteer based; dependent on Palestinians and friends of Palestine who contribute their effort, knowledge, know-how and resources to support their national goals.

Democratic and non-discriminatory; its leadership is elected through direct and transparent elections.

Dynamic and interactive; its members will be connected to their chapters and to the whole network through a powerful yet user friendly online community.

Modern and adaptive; suggested systems are based on successful current models of social networks.

The Palestine Network is dependent on Palestinians and friends of Palestine who contribute their effort, knowledge, know-how and resources to support their national goals through local chapters, lead by an elected leadership to supervise the operations of every chapter in its local community, taking into account the domestic needs and realities.

These members interact via an online community network that serves the purpose of effective communications amongst the members, the chapters, and all other structures of the Network.

Structure

The Palestine Network International Conference

The most powerful body within the Network that represents the members of the Network through a democratic representational system. The Conference is the source of all organizational legislation and is responsible to set mandatory policies through a democratic vote system. The initiating Conference will be dubbed the "Founding Conference" to be followed by the "First Conference" within a year and thereafter the Conference is held once every two years.

The Higher Committee

The leadership of the Palestine Network that is elected by the Palestine Network International Conference, charged to direct and monitor the work of the secretariat and ensure the implementation of the resolutions passed at the conference. In addition to setting the executive policies, the Higher Committee will undertake the responsibility to lead the Network during its tenure, alongside several other tasks.



The Higher Committee meets on a quarterly basis (once every three months) at the offices of the secretariat.

Meanwhile, and until the election of the first Higher Committee in the Palestine Network's Founding Conference, the Palestine Network is being run by a taskforce consisting of individuals who initiated this project, based on sharing competence and the same vision and understanding. The main mandate of this taskforce is to carry out the preparatory work for the Founding Conference, where the Conference will elect its leadership bodies, amend and adopt the plans, programs, and bylaws of the Network.

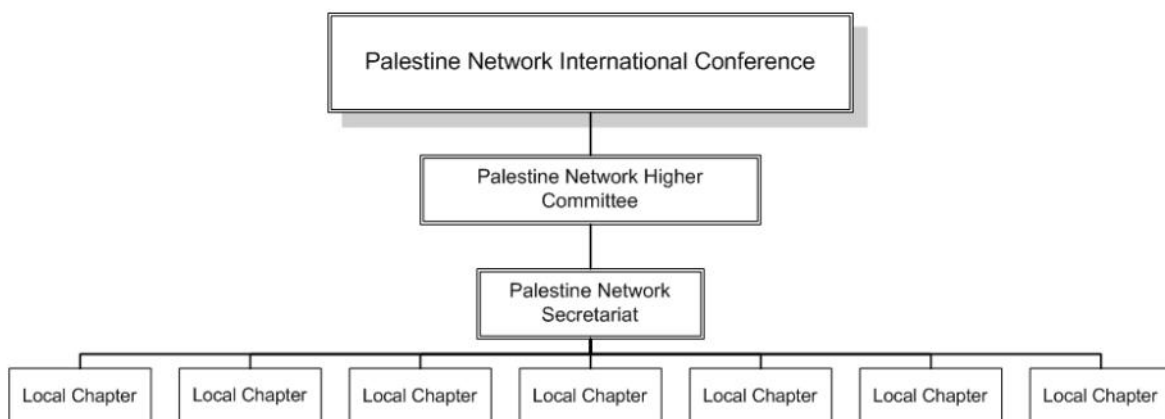
The Secretariat:

The body of full time employees in the Network charged with creating and then expanding, managing, supporting it, and producing the projects and supporting mechanisms, tools and materials it needs to guarantee its effectiveness. The Secretariat launches and dismantles chapters and implements all other bylaws of the network and reports progress to the Higher Committee and seek its directives at every meeting of the Higher Committee.

Chapters

Any 25 or more members living in the same geographical area can apply to organize a chapter in that locality. Every chapter enjoys an elected "Executive Committee" that will manage it in accordance with the bylaws of the Palestine Network, as well as the domestic laws and regulations of their locality.

Palestine Network General Structure



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Based on the model of international organizations of social networks, it is suggested that chapters meet on a specific hour and day of every week.

Chapters implement the Palestine Network projects and may also design and implement their own projects designated to their own locality.

Network Members

The members of the Palestine Network are all the Palestinians or Friends of Palestine, who, on individual basis, agree with the vision, mission, goals, preamble and programs of the Network, and who are willing to contribute their time and efforts for the realization of the vision of the Palestine Network.

Declaration

We, the members of the Palestine Network, agree on the integral goal of building the democratic State of Palestine that enjoys full independence and sovereignty, including political pluralism based on the peaceful transition of power through free elections, independent judiciary, rule of law, equality, respecting human rights, and providing safety and security to its citizens. Accordingly, we are working hand in hand towards the realization of the Palestinian National Project, the project of the Palestine Liberation Organization; the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people