

Dear Palestine Network Founders

Greetings,

As the time approaches for the Founding Conference of our network, the Palestine Network, we would like to you to consider the following remarks regarding your participation in Palestine Network Founding Conference, and your stay in Palestine:

1. During February rainy days and sunny days alternate frequently. This is why they call this month "the one eyed" because it has a dark face on one side, and a bright one on the other. They also say "February has no bounds" and "the storms have the smell of summer in it." The expected normal high temperature is around 15° C, and the normal low temperature is 1° C. So kindly take these changes in weather in consideration. You will need a heavy coat, especially for the evenings. Jumpers, pullovers, and such heavy clothing are strongly recommended.
2. To facilitate communication, and lower your expenses, the conference secretariat, in cooperation with the Palestinian Cellular Communication Company – JAWWAL, has arranged for a special booth that will supply each conference participant with a Palestinian Number. The conference secretariat will use those numbers to communicate with you during your stay in Palestine, and thus please pick-up your SIM Card on the morning of first day of the conference. Moreover, with the Palestinian Numbers, you will be able to choose one international number that you can call for a discounted charge.
3. There will be no dress code for the conference sessions. However, you are kindly requested to take into account your need for formal attire for the Gala Dinner on the 25th of February 2010, and for smart-casual attire during the farewell dinner at the presidency on 26th of February.
4. The Palestine Network Concept Note and Bylaws will be discussed and passed during the sessions of the second day of the conference. To facilitate the conference sessions and discussions, you are kindly requested to send us any suggestions specific to proposed changes you may have and have them sent to conference@palestinenetwork.com by the 17th of February, 2010. Kindly note that we will not be able to process any amendment proposals after that date, the conference sessions will be dedicated to discussing your previously submitted proposals.
5. Palestine Network will be responsible for your ticket reservation and your economy class plane ticket cost. Any change that you request will be at your own cost.
6. Your accommodation during conference days will be set in Paradise Hotel, in Bethlehem, Please be advised of the following:

Location: Paradise Hotel is located at the entrance of Bethlehem, a short distance from the Nativity Church and Manager Square, it is about 200 meters from Rachel's Tomb.

Contacts:

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7. For money exchange from the world's major currencies to Israeli Shekel, it is advised that you make the exchange in Palestine.
8. Upon the entry through the Ben Gurion Air Port or Karameh Bridge (from Jordan), Israeli security is likely to ask you of the reason of your stay; Kindly answer this question stating freely that you are here to participate in the Founding Conference of the Palestine Network.
9. Regarding your transfer from and to your point of entry (airport or bridge), the conference secretariat is responsible for the participants who don't change the dates of their arrival and departure. For those arriving early and/or departing later than scheduled, they are kindly requested to arrange for their own transportation. Shall you need any assistance; the conference secretariat will be more than happy to assist in arranging those transfers.
10. You will receive the detailed information related to your transfer from your point of entry to the Paradise Hotel in Bethlehem once the ticket reservation list is finalized for all participants.
11. For those arriving earlier than the scheduled dates, please make sure to check-in to your hotel room by 18.30 on Monday the 22nd of February, as the participants are scheduled to have dinner with the secretariat at 20.00 at a nearby restaurant.
12. Shall you face any problems or if you have any questions during the conference days, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the secretariat:
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With All Due Respect,

The Palestine Network Conference Secretariat