

World Education Forum 2010 - Palestine

Several meetings of the National Coordinating Committee to plan the World Education Forum were held in Palestine the past months. The last meeting was held on January 27, 2010. The following 14 people were present:

1. Ittijah: Fida Abu Ala, Ameer Makhoul
2. OPGAI: Adnan Ramadan
3. General Union of Palestinian Teachers (GUPT): Jamil Shehada and Nadim Sami
4. PNGO: Yousef Habash and Allam Jarar
5. Stop the Wall: Maren, Hindi Mesleh
6. Alternatives International: Refaat Sabah, Intesar Hamdan from TCC and Shadi Rohana, Michel Warschawsky and Ahmad Jaradat from Alternative Information Center (AIC).

Discussions and decisions were made on the program and venue of the activities for the Forum. It was decided that the WEF activities are going to be organized in Haifa, Jerusalem, Ramallah and Gaza. In addition to Palestine, parallel activities will be held in Lebanon by the Palestinian refugees.

The dates of the WEF are October 28 (registration and opening ceremony), followed by 3 days of seminars, workshops, speakers' series, campaigns, cultural activities, and a final ceremony October 31.

A political statement giving the rationale of the Forum was circulated. Changes and suggestions will be incorporated and the final document will be released by the National Coordinating Committee after its next meeting on February 17, 2010. During this meeting the Palestinian Coordinating Committee will finalize the activities program as well.

The Palestinian Coordinating Committee will be responsible for the detailed organization of the WEF. Omar Assaf is appointed as the General Coordinator for the Forum.

Following committees will be put in place:

- Program committee
- Media committee
- International relations committee
- Financial committee
- Logistics (housing and local transport)
- Volunteer committee

- Technical committee for translation and administration

The roles of the International Advisory Committee include the following:

- To attend planning meetings in person or via internet
- To mobilize participation of international organizations and individuals
- To mobilize international organizations to register events
- To write texts about the WEF for the website, write articles on themes of the WEF
- To raise funds for the WEF

Following are the organizations in the Palestinian and International committees (not exhaustive)

Palestinian Coordinating Committee:

1. Alternative Information Center
2. Stop the Wall
3. Teacher Creativity Center
4. The General Union of Palestinian Teachers
5. OPGAI
6. PNGO
7. PACBI
8. Ittijah
9. Al Quds Open University Human Rights Clinic
10. The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC)
 11. Bir Zeit Right to Education Campaign
 12. Tamer Institute for Community Education
 13. Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling
 14. Union of Agricultural Work Committees
 15. Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees
 16. Palestinian Medical Relief Society
 17. Palestinian Hydrology Group for Water & Environment Resources Development
 18. Relief International
 19. Mothers School Society
 20. Sawa center "all the women together "
 21. Partners for Sustainable Development
 22. Early Childhood Resource Center
 23. Hurrayyat

International Advisory Committee:

So far we are requesting the following organizations to be a part of this committee (not exhaustive):

1. Alternatives International
2. IPAM, France
3. Hao Ran Foundation, Taiwan
4. BGVS, India
5. FMAS, Morocco
6. Alternative Citizens' Space, Niger
7. Terrazul, Brazil
8. Paulo Freire Institute, Brazil
9. FNEEQ, Quebec, Canada
10. Frantz Fanon Foundation
11. Global Campaign on Education (will get confirmation in January 2010)
12. UNESCO through its Education for All unit and World Education Forum
13. Rosa Luxembourg Foundation, Germany
14. Oxfam Novib, Netherlands
15. Oxfam International
16. World Alliance for Arts Education, Brazil
17. Sustainability Frontiers
18. Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)
19. Associazione di promozione sociale (ARCI)
20. International Council for Adult Education
21. Organization for Adult Education International
22. Institut für internationale Zusammenarbeit des Deutschen Volkshochschul-Verbandes (DVV), Germany