

Special Police Gender Newsletter

Jointly raising awareness of Police Gender Events on the 11th Anniversary UNSC Resolutions 1325



High Level gender meeting with Cabinet Secretary

The EUPOLCOPPS Police gender advisor was invited by the Secretary of the PA Cabinet, Dr. Naim ABU-HOMMOS. She was accompanied by the gender advisers from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Women Affairs (MOWA), and the PCP to discuss the importance of the implementation of gender in policing. Furthermore the PCP "role model" was discussed and the affect this has on other relevant Security Sector pillars in the PA and other Arabic Police organisations in neighbouring countries.

"A police service will only be successful when it has the correct balance of male and female officers, who are able to properly respond to gender specific issues"



11th Anniversary 1325 Palestinian Civilian Police (PCP) & Ministry of Women Affairs & Prime Minister's Office & EUPOLCOPPS Police

Joint gender calendar covers:

- * Police Gender meeting with Chief of Cabinet Prime Ministers officers
- * Participating in Radio Programme on gender
- * Article : Famous Women Magazine
- * Police gender meeting with Minister of Women Affairs
- * TV program on gender in policing
- * Special Police gender Newsletter EUPOLCOPPS
- * Police Gender Workshop



Police Gender voice on the Palestinian Radio

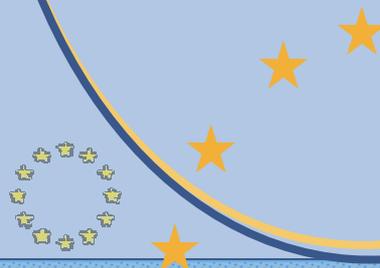
First joint gender radio programme was completed in which the police gender advisor explained her task and role within the Palestinian Police. The aim of the radio participation was to enhance communication on gender within Palestinian Society; women, girls, men and boys. Many questions from listeners were received by email and through twitter. She was accompanied by the gender coordinator of MOWA and the Prime Ministers office gender advisor. In 2012 more gender radio editions with other relevant police gender projects and activities will be held.

Joint "Police" Gender Publication in the Arabic Women Magazine "GULF FLOWER"

The Gulf Flower (Arabic Women Magazine) interviewed the Prime Minister's Office gender advisor, the Head of the gender unit of the Ministry of Women Affairs and the PCP & EUPOLCOPPS gender advisor on their roles and specific gender tasks in the PA. The article was welcomed by all the advisors. Women Magazines in particular promotes ideas and values throughout society and are critical for inspiring discussion of societal ideals and the values which shape a culture. These inspiring women will have follow up interviews in other magazines.



"Effective professional policing can only be reached when we ensure a central role for men and women within the police"



TV program "Palestine This Morning" Raises awareness on gender in policing

The Palestinian Police gender advisor was invited to raise the awareness on police and gender in "Palestine This Morning". During the TV program, Palestinian citizens could phone the TV station with gender related questions. Follow up gender programmes are currently being explored.

Palestinian Ministry of Women Affairs :

Cross -Sectorial National Gender Strategy: Promoting Gender Equality and Equity 2011 - 2013

Vision statement for the sector

A democratic society living in a climate of social justice, where men and women, girls and boys, enjoy equal citizenship rights and equal opportunities in public and private spheres seeking to build an independent state that effectively and efficiently invests in the abilities and potentials of its male and female citizens for achieving just and sustainable development that broadens the choices of people, with all members of society taking part in it and enjoying its fruits.



The Strategy's points of reference

- The Declaration of Independence adopted by the Palestinian National Council in 1988, which forbids gender based discrimination in general rights.
- The Palestinian Basic Law.
- The National Strategy for Palestinian Women endorsed in 1997, based on international and regional conventions and conferences, including CEDAW.
- The Fourth World Conference on Women and Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
- Council of Ministers' decision No. 01/05/13/CM/SF of 2009 on mainstreaming gender into governmental budgeting.
- United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 addressing issues related to women in times of armed conflict.
- The Palestinian Women's Bill of Rights of 2008



Basic principles of the Strategy

The Strategy relies on a set of **basic principles**, including:

1. **Supporting policy development** on the basis of national laws and international standards.
2. **Promoting the concepts of democracy, equity and justice.**
3. **Providing protection** to Palestinian women at the national level.
4. **Strengthening women's representation** in national bodies by ensuring their involvement in decision-making positions at all legislative, executive and judicial levels.
5. **Acknowledging women's roles in all sectors** as a basic prerequisite for achieving democracy and human development.
6. **Promoting women's rights** as an integral part of human rights.
7. **Strengthening cooperation and partnership** between Palestinian public institutions and civil society organizations, as well as with relevant Arab and international organizations to ensure awareness of women's issues and reinforce relevant experiences and actions.
8. **Addressing social and cultural constraints** related to women's issues, particularly violence against women (VAW) in the public and private spheres.
9. **Addressing gender issues as cross-sectorial issues** and holding local and international organizations accountable with regard to gender equality.

Strategic objectives, policies & interventions

Overall goal of the Cross-Sectorial National Gender Strategy

To enable Palestinian women to enjoy full citizenship rights by bridging the gender gap in different aspects of life.

WEBSITE:

http://www.unwomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/UN-Women_oPt_Full-Palestinian-Gender-Strategy_2011_en.pdf



Palestinian Police Gender unit.

Four areas where the Police Gender Advisor is focusing on in the upcoming years:

- First; Mandate: Task and role of the Palestinian Civilian Police for the Palestinian population in security safety and service on the specific needs women, girls, boys and men.
- Second; Operating practices: gender mainstreaming in police programs, project activities.
- Third; Composition of the Palestinian Police: gender balance in all fields and levels.
- Fourthly; Accountability: in all relevant systems, programs and performances in a equal human professional way.



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