

# **2024 annual international media seminar on peace in the Middle East**

**Friday 1 November 2024 - Friday 1 November 2024**

**Palais des Nations**

## **Scientific Programme**

## International Media Seminar on Peace in the Middle East

### Opening Session

09:30 - 10:30 | Registration

10:30 - 11:00 | Opening session

### Opening statements

Ms. Melissa Fleming, Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications,  
United Nations

Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General, the United Nations Office at Geneva

H.E. Dr. Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations

### Messages

H.E. Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Cheikh Niang, Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United  
Nations, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of  
the Palestinian People

### SESSION I

11:00 - 13:00 | SESSION I: Freedom of the Press and Safety of Journalists in  
a Time of War

Moderator: Ms. Melissa Fleming

11:00 - 12:30 | Statements by:

Ms. Ameera Harouda, Freelance Journalist

Professor Colleen Murrell, Professor, International and Broadcast Journalism, Dublin City  
University

Ms. Jodie Ginsberg, Chief Executive Officer, Committee to Protect Journalists

Mr. Guilherme Canela, Chief of Section, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

12:30 - 13:00 | Reflections from the audience

LUNCH

13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch

SESSION II

15:00 - 17:00 | SESSION II: Behind the Headlines of Gaza: Media Challenges and Perspectives

Moderator: Ms. Nanette Braun, Director, Communication Campaigns Service, Campaigns and Country Operations Division, UN Department of Global Communications

15:00 - 16:30 | Statements by:

Mr. Omar Baddar, Political Analyst and Digital Producer

Ms. Anat Saragusti, Director, Press Freedom, Union of Journalists in Israel

Mr. Mohammad Ali Alnsour, Chief, the Middle East and North Africa Section, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Ms. Lila Hassan, Independent Investigative Journalist

16:30 - 17:00 | Reflections from the audience

CLOSING CEREMONY

17:00 – 17:15 | Concluding Session

Closing Statements  
Ms. Melissa Fleming