

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

09:30 - 12:30

PANEL 5:

Virtual reality and the Israel-Palestine conflict: The next frontier in storytelling

Moderator: Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations

- Ms. Helene Adamo, Creative technologist, *The Enemy*

- Mr. Anthony Eva, Virtual Reality Expert

- Mr. Mohamed Haddad, *AlJazeera*

- Professor Ramzi Hassan, Virtual Reality Lab at NMBU/Norway and Birzeit University/Palestine.

- Mr. Moshe Zer-Aviv, Designer and media activist

12:35 - 13:00

Concluding Session

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations

Senior Representative, South Africa

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## WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:45 Opening Session

### OPENING STATEMENTS

Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information, United Nations

Senior Representative, South Africa

Ms. Karin Hernmarck Ahliny, Chargé d'Affaires (a.i.), Embassy of Sweden

### MESSAGES

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations

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

09:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 12:00 PANEL 1:

**Prospects for a political solution of the Israel-Palestine conflict and deteriorating humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territory**

Moderator: Mr. Ebrahim Ebrahim, Parliamentary Counsellor to the President of South Africa

- Ambassador Leila Shahid, Former Palestinian Ambassador to the EU

- Professor Steven Friedman, Director, Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg

- Senior Representative, South Africa

12:00 - 12:15 Break

12:15 - 13:00 DIALOGUE:

**Palestine and the United Nations**

Ambassador Riyad Mansour, Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations

Moderated by Ms. Shannon Ebrahim, Journalist

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:30 PANEL 2:

**The Israel-Palestine story in documentaries and films**

Moderator: Ambassador Kaha Imnadze, Chair of the United Nations Committee on Information

- Ms. Emma Alpert, Public Engagement Manager, *Just Vision*

- Mr. Imad Burnat, Film Director, *5 Broken Cameras*

- Mr. Sello Kgwebong, Filmmaker

- Dr. Majd Nassar, *The Wanted 18*

- Ms. Tamar Yarom, Film Director, *To See if I'm Smiling*

## THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

09:30 - 12:30 PANEL 3:

**TV shows and mashup videos: When political satire becomes a peacemaker**

Moderator: Ms. Margaret Novicki, Acting Director, Strategic Communications Division, DPI

- Mr. Said Durrah, Comedian

- Ms. Negin Farsad, Comedian

- Mr. Joey Rasdien, Comedian

- Mr. Ilan Shefler, Co-writer - *Eretz Nehederet*

- Mr. Ahmed Shihab Eldin, Correspondent and Producer, *VICE*

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Travel to University of Pretoria

14:45 - 17:00 PANEL 4:

**Drawing hope and peace: The power of animations**

Screening of the award-winning animated documentary *The Wanted 18*, followed by a discussion and Q&A

[Location: Groenkloof Campus, University of Pretoria]

Moderator: Ms Emma Alpert, *Just Vision*

- Mr. Majd Nassar, *The Wanted 18*