



The Paris Call for the Two-State Solution, Peace and Regional Security

A civil society-led public event hosted by the Paris Peace Forum
at the Economic, Social and Environmental Council in Paris
on June 13, 2025

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Presentation

This important gathering will bring together leading civil society actors, mostly Israeli and Palestinian, united in their commitment to promoting the two-state solution and a shared future based on mutual recognition, peace, and security for all.

While the region has witnessed extreme violence, terrorism, hatred and injustice, and as the two-state solution is facing existential threats, it is time for decisive action. This event is intended to give these civil societies a platform to issue a clear and urgent **Call to action** to the international community ahead of the *International Conference for the Peaceful Settlement of the Palestinian Question and the Implementation of the two-state Solution*, co-chaired by France and Saudi Arabia from June 17 to 20, 2025.

This UN High-level International Conference, to be held in New York, is aimed at urgently advancing the implementation of the two-state solution for the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. This includes an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the release of all hostages, as well as a path towards regional integration for Israel and the realization of a viable Palestinian state, offering solid security guarantees for Israelis and Palestinians alike.

On June 13 in Paris, hundreds of influential personalities from across the region will voice their support to design concrete solutions, based on their experience and expertise. In addition to contributing to the work of the eight thematic working groups of the upcoming UN French-Saudi conference and issuing a formal call to action, the testimonies of the civil society actors gathered on this occasion will demonstrate their large degree of convergence and common desire to live side-by-side in peace and security.

Tentative Program

In anticipation of the official UN Conference, the Paris gathering will be an inclusive public mobilization event, involving civil society in the broadest sense of the term – including NGOs, entrepreneurs, politicians, decision-makers or security experts – to strengthen momentum and amplify their joint messages. On June 13, a series of sessions co-organized with civil society representatives from the region will complement and feed into the preparatory work of the subsequent UN High-level Conference.

Please note:

- This event will be public and covered by the French, regional and international media.
- The program will include plenary sessions and focused group discussions.
- This event is supported by several of the most prominent civil society organizations and coalitions committed to the two-state solution, regional peace and security, including notably: the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP), the Alliance for Two States, Forum 1325, Les Guerrières de la Paix, the International Peace Forum, The Two-State Solution Coalition.

[All session times and stages below are tentative]

1) Public Plenary sessions

Stage A (Hypostyle)

9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

Opening session – Ending the violence and shaping a political solution for the future

Welcome addresses

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

Speakers :

- **Thierry Beaudet**, President, CESE
- **Justin Vaïsse**, Founder and Director General, Paris Peace Forum

10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Panel #A1 – Mutual Recognition and the Two-State Solution: Assessing the Feasibility and Options

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

In today's rapidly evolving geopolitical landscape, mutual recognition between Israel and Palestine is not only a moral imperative – it is a strategic necessity. Panelists will assess the current political, geographic, and security realities and explore under what conditions the two-state solution could be revived or reimagined. The panel will explore scenarios and proposals to respond to aspirations for separation and statehood and also focus on how to support Palestinian sovereignty, economy, and build sustainable institutions.

Invited speakers :

- **Ehud Olmert**, Former Israeli Prime Minister
- **Nasser al Kidwa**, Former Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Yehuda Lancry**, Former Israeli politician and ambassador to France and the United Nations. (pending)
- **Dr. Shaddad Attili**: Former Minister, head of Palestine Liberation Organization Negotiations Unit. (pending)

Moderator : Sara Daniel, Journalist, Le Nouvel Obs

11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Panel #A2 – Defining a comprehensive security architecture and guarantees

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

This panel will explore how the two-state solution, grounded in international law and mutual legitimacy, is essential to building a stable and inclusive regional security architecture. Far from undermining Israel's security, the recognition of a sovereign Palestinian state is a cornerstone for lasting peace, regional cooperation, and the emergence of a shared security vision that benefits all peoples in the region.

Panelists will focus on how to identify security guarantees for Israelis and Palestinians, in full respect of the sovereignty of all States. This includes addressing illegal settlement activities and all attempts at annexation and forcible displacement, as well as dismantling armed groups. The session will look at how to integrate the regional and the international dimensions and at the scope and task of a potential international stabilization/protection mission.

Topics:

- Creating irreversible implementation mechanisms to prevent spoiler activities
- International guarantees and accountability frameworks for sustainable implementation
- Why recognition of a Palestinian state is not a threat but a guarantee of safety for both peoples
- How to implement mutual recognition in practice
- The impact of the current conflict on the viability of the two-state solution
- Concrete proposals for renewed diplomatic initiatives (from France, Saudi Arabia, US, or Europe)

Invited speakers:

- **Ephraim Sneh**, Former deputy minister of defense
- **Mohamed Daraghma**, Asharq News bureau chief in Palestine
- **Ami Ayalon**, Former Head of Shin Bet, former member of the Knesset and former commander-in-chief of the Navy. ([pending](#))
- **Bernard Guetta**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Trita Parsi**, Executive vice president of the Quincy Institute ([pending](#))

Moderator: **Hiba Qasas**, Founding Executive Director, Principles for Peace Foundation

12.30 p.m – 1.30 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 – 2.30 p.m.

Panel #A3: Defining a road to peace: The role of the international community

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

International stakeholders are instrumental for the most pressing next steps: help reach a ceasefire quickly, free the hostages, respond to the humanitarian emergency and to establish confidence-building measures. Beyond the urgency, the international community has long played a decisive role in shaping the prospects for a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. Panelists will discuss how the international community can play a decisive part as a mediator, guarantor and to help set a clear path to peace with conditions, reciprocity and commitment.

They will also explore how key global and regional players—particularly the European Union, the Arab world (especially the Arab Peace Initiative), and the Global South—perceive the current crisis and what role they can play in revitalizing the two-state solution. Finally, ahead of the UN High-level International Conference they will define an agenda for implementing the two-state solution with clear benchmarks, conditionalities for all parties to the conflict and international commitments.

Topics

- How international actors currently perceive the conflict and its global implications.
- The role of the Arab Peace Initiative and renewed regional diplomacy.
- Moving from rhetoric to action: concrete steps for the EU and the Global South.
- Lessons from peace processes in other conflict zones (Ireland?)

Invited speakers:

- **Christophe Bigot**, EU Special Representative for the Middle East Process
- **Nicolay Mladenov**, Former UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process ([pending](#))
- **Ayman Odeh**, Member of Knesset ([pending](#))
- **Dalal Iriqat**, Associate professor of Diplomacy, Conflict Resolution & Strategic Planning at the Arab American University Palestine and a weekly columnist at AlQuds
- **Ksenia Svetlova**, Executive Director of ROPES – The Regional Organization for Peace, Economics and Security, former Member of Knesset

Moderator: **John Lyndon**, Executive Director of the Alliance for Middle East Peace

4.30 – 5.30 p.m.

Closing Session: Joint Appeal for Peace and Mutual Recognition / Paris Call for the two-state solution, regional peace and security

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Reading of a joint statement drafted with Israeli and Palestinian partners, calling for:

- Recognition of the State of Palestine
- Ceasefire, free hostages and end to hostilities
- Strong support for Israeli and Palestinian civil society
- Closing words by (names tbc)
- Short performance by Noa (tbc)
- Address by President Emmanuel Macron (tbc)

CALL TO ACTION

Stage B (Hémicycle)

10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

Panel #B1: Building new narratives for peace: Understanding to recognize one another

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

Peace begins in the stories societies tell about themselves—and about each other. This session will look at public opinions on both sides and opportunities for creating new hope and narratives for peace. In this panel, Israeli and Palestinian historians, educators, and media voices will come together to confront a central challenge of the conflict: how to overcome societal divisions and sometimes painful truths within Israel and Palestine and is reconciliation possible? By exploring the role of media, education, and transitional justice, this session will examine how changing the narrative—shifting from exclusion to acknowledgment—can lay the historical and psychological foundations for a just coexistence. Only by creating space for multiple histories can we open a path to mutual recognition and a future grounded in dignity, security, and shared humanity.

Topics

- How both societies can address October 7th in constructive discourse that enables reconciliation
- Moving from October 7th narratives to future-oriented peace frameworks
- The role of media in shaping new peace narratives
- The education of tomorrow: what do we want to teach to our children?
- History and collective memory in Israeli and Palestinian societies
- Psychological recognition: building peace in the minds
- The role of social media in amplifying or disrupting dominant narratives
- Towards the recognition of each other narratives

The role of transitional justice in peacebuilding

Invited speakers:

- **Nahum Barnea**, Journalist, Yedioth Ahronoth (pending)
- **Maoz Inon**, Israeli entrepreneur and peace activist
- **Leila Sansour**, Palestinian film director and film producer. Founder and chief executive officer of Open Bethlehem
- **Ashraf Ajrami**, former Minister of Prisoners' Affairs

Moderator: **Gershon Baskin**, Co-Head, Alliance for Two-States

11.30 – 12.30 p.m.

Panel #B2: Building Peace from the ground: Civil Society in Action

Interpretation will be provided in four languages: English, French, Hebrew, Arabic

While diplomacy often stalls at the highest levels, on the ground, Israeli and Palestinian citizens are building the foundations of peace every day. Civil society actors are proving that cooperation is possible—even essential. This panel will highlight their voices, their struggles, and their achievements. It also examines how international actors can go beyond symbolic support to create meaningful partnerships that strengthen these efforts and connect them to a diplomatic horizon rooted in mutual recognition.

Topics

- What civil society builds despite political deadlock
- Women's leadership in peacebuilding and implementation of UNSCR 1325
- Real-world cooperation stories: joint actions.
- Challenges (violence, occupation, isolation, mistrust)
- Youth-led peacebuilding and digital organizing
- The risks faced by peace activists—and how to protect them

Invited speakers:

- **Nivine Sandouka**, Regional director, ALLMEP
- **Samah Salaime**, Co-Director, Wahat al-Salam Neve Shalom
- **Fakhira, Halloun**, A Land for all, Senior Researcher, Georges Mason University (pending)
- **Alon-Lee Green**, Co-Director, Standing Together

Moderator: **Nidal Fqaha**, CEO, Palestinian Peace Coalition and the Geneva Initiative

12.30 p.m – 1.30 p.m. Lunch break

1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Panel #B3 – Rebuilding Gaza and Crafting a Peace Support Package: From Humanitarian Relief to Regional Integration

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Gaza today is going through a dramatic humanitarian collapse – and it is imperative for the international community, Palestinians and Israelis, to rebuild a safe place allowing dignity, justice, and long-term vision for the people in the region. As immediate access to aid becomes a matter of

life or death, unhindered humanitarian aid should enter Gaza as soon as possible. However, the international response must go beyond emergency relief to lay the foundations for sustainable recovery.

This panel will explore how to mobilize immediate humanitarian support and actions by donors and United Nations agencies, and to chart a path for Gaza's reconstruction through regional integration and economic renewal as well as the various options for peace dividends for people on both sides. It will also look at concrete measures to strengthen the Palestinian Authority's institutional capacities, implement its reform agenda and uphold its responsibilities across Palestine. From transparent oversight mechanisms to cross-border infrastructure and trade, the session will focus on how strategic cooperation—with Arab States, Israel, the EU, and beyond—can transform devastation into a blueprint for shared prosperity and stability.

Key Topics:

- Ensuring urgent, rapid; and unhindered humanitarian access
- Gaza reconstruction as foundation for viable Palestinian state
- Cross-border cooperation mechanisms between future Palestinian state and neighbors
- Post-war reconstruction planning (Role of international donors, mechanisms for oversight and transparency, Role of the UN, EU, Egypt, and Gulf states)
- Gaza's economy and employment
- Regional development and economic integration
 - Cross-border trade opportunities with Egypt, Jordan, Israel, EU, Arab League
 - Mediterranean and regional development partnerships (e.g., with EU & Arab League)
 - Infrastructure projects (ports, energy grids, desalination, etc.)

Invited speakers :

- **Nada Majdalani**, Palestine Director of EcoPeace Middle East
- **Samir Hulileh**, Former Palestinian Minister and prominent businessperson ([pending](#))
- **Jessica Manville**, Israel Policy Forum policy advisor, co-author of a Gaza humanitarian and reconstruction paper ([pending](#))
- **Claire Nicolet**, MSF Head of emergency response

Moderator: [Name tbd](#)

3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Panel #B4 – Supporting Women as Peacebuilders

Although dramatically affected by the conflict and marginalized during political negotiations, women have become the loudest voice for peace in Israel and Palestine. Playing a central role within their communities, they need to be recognized and supported as essential agents of change for the conflict resolution. This session will put the spotlight on women in Israel and Palestine who have spent years building trust across borders, as well as a united front against the cycle of violence. Panelists will stress the importance of involving women in all efforts for conflict prevention, resolution and the maintenance and promotion of peace and security.

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Invited speakers :

- **Tahani Abu Daqqa**, Palestinian entrepreneur and former minister in the Palestinian Authority
- **Noa**, Singer, peace activist
- **Rabbi Nava Hefetz**, Director of Education, Rabbis for Human Rights ([pending](#))
- **Ofer Bronchtein**, Special Envoy of President Macron for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process

Moderator : **Hanna Assouline**, Founder, Guerrières de la Paix, Forum Mondial des femmes pour la Paix

2) [Focus Groups and Roundtable meetings](#)

These meetings will aim to provide inputs to the High-Level Conference proceedings: concrete, precise proposals put forward by Israeli and Palestinian representatives in line with the topics of the UN High-level International Conference thematic roundtables and their corresponding co-chairs, as well as recommendations on the language used in the final declaration. After their individual thematic meetings, all working groups participants will gather for a joint concluding session.

Meeting Room #225

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Meeting #1: Co-Chairs – Gershon Baskin, Alliance for Two States; Rawan Odeh, New Story Leadership

Round Table 1: A sovereign and unified Palestinian State living side by side, in peace and security, with Israel

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify a mechanism to support and implement the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and the two-state solution in accordance with UN resolutions.
- Identify measures to support Palestinian sovereignty over the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) and the territorial integrity of the OPT, including the unification of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

1.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Meeting #2: Co-Chairs – David Lehrer, Head of Diplomats program Arava Institute - working with Gaza relief Roundtable, Hanan El Sana, Itach Maaki

Round table 5: Humanitarian Action and Reconstruction

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Mobilize support for the Gaza recovery and reconstruction plan endorsed by the Arab and OIC Summits, EU and international partners.

- Identify needed actions by donors and United Nations agencies in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, in terms of emergency and humanitarian assistance.

Meeting Room #229

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Meeting #1: Co-Chairs – Peerli Shahr, Commanders for Israel's Security; Hisham Abd Raziq, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs

Round table theme 2: Security for Israelis and Palestinians

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify security guarantees for Israelis and Palestinians, in full respect of the sovereignty of all States.
- Identify the scope and task of a stabilization/protection mission deployed under the aegis of the United Nations, at the request of the Palestinian Authority and backed by the UN Security Council.

1.00 a.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Meeting #2: Co-Chairs: Nadav Tamir, J Street head Israel Roundtable; Nivine Sandouka ALLMEP

Round table 6: Preserving the two-state Solution

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify ways to preserve the two-state solution including to address Israel's illegal settlement activities and all attempts at annexation and forcible displacement.
- Identify initiatives that could be taken within the United Nations and beyond to reaffirm there is no viable alternative to the two-state solution and to consolidate international support for this solution.

Meeting Room #245

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Meeting #1: Co-Chairs – Yael Braudo-Bahat Women Wage Peace; Sulaiman Khatib CfP

Round Table 3: Narratives for Peace

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify ways to promote peace discourse to create an environment conducive to peaceful coexistence.
- Identify and support initiatives to combat hate speech, incitement, violent extremism and dehumanization.

1.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Meeting #2: Co-Chairs – Dalal Iriqat, American University Roundtable; Amy Cohen, Ir Amim

Round table 7: Promoting Respect for International Law in order to implement the two-state Solution

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify concrete actions to be taken by States to comply and promote compliance with the relevant UN resolutions and international law with a view to facilitating the peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine and the implementation of the two-state solution.

Meeting Room #249

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Meeting #1: Co-Chairs: Name tbc ; Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Founder

Round Table 4: Economic Viability of a Palestinian State

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Identify concrete measures to support politically and financially the Palestinian Authority to help it strengthen institutional capacities, implement its reform agenda and uphold its responsibilities across the OPT.
- Identify measures to remove restrictions on movement of people and good and facilitate trade and enhance competitiveness of Palestinian private sector, and the release of withheld clearance revenues.
- Initiate a work to address the shortcomings of the Paris Protocol, including ensuring transparency, efficiency, economic independence and diversification.

1.00 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.

Meeting #2: Co-Chairs – Rana Salman, Combatants for Peace, Moshe Radman Civil society leader protest movements

Round table 8: "Peace Day Effort"

Limited room capacity ≈ 30 seats

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Topics to be addressed:

- Produce a "Peace Supporting Package" that will maximize peace dividends for the Palestinians and Israelis once they reach a peace agreement and ensure that all peoples of the region reap its benefits, in accordance with the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative and the 2013 EU peace supporting offer, among others.
- Identify steps needed to build a credible regional security architecture that address the legitimate aspirations of all people in the region, in accordance with international law, to peace and security.

AUDITORIUM

3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Concluding meeting of the 8 Roundtables working groups Co-chairs and rapporteurs

Limited room capacity

Language to be used during the meeting: English

Facilitator: **Fabienne Hara**, Deputy Director General, Paris Peace Forum

Tentative Schedule

