

The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions National Committee (BNC)



**Fourth National BDS Conference**

**Saturday, 8 June 2013**  
**Bethlehem University, 9:00am – 5:00pm**

**Program**  
**(Simultaneous Translation Available)**

Time	Session	Subject	Speakers
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Conference Registration</b>		
9:30 – 9:35	<b>National Anthem Followed By a Moment of Silence Honoring the Martyrs</b>		
9:35 – 10:20	<b>Opening Session</b>	<p><b>Boycotting Israel: Rooted, Contemporary, Universal Resistance</b></p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u>  <b>Ms. Haitham Arar</b> (General Union of Palestinian Women)</p> <p><b>BDS: Philosophy, Strategies and Successes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Representative of the Coalition of National and Islamic Forces – 5 minutes</li> <li>- Arch. <b>Desmond Tutu &amp; Roger Waters</b>, Recorded Solidarity Messages – 5 Minutes Each</li> <li>- <b>Haidar Eid</b> (BNC), Gaza (Skype) – 12 Minutes</li> </ul>
10:20 – 11:30	<b>First Session</b>	<p><b>BDS Initiatives: Local, Arab and International</b>                      (Brief Reports, 5 Minutes Each)</p> <p><u>Chairperson:</u>  <b>Rif'a Abul-Reesh</b>                      (Right of Return Coalition)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arch. <b>Atallah Hanna</b>, Kairos Palestine</li> <li>- <b>Samah Idris</b>, Campaign to Boycott Supporters of Israel (Lebanon) (Skype)</li> <li>- <b>Taiseer Maray</b>, Occupied Syrian Golan Heights</li> <li>- <b>Nisreen Al-Haj Ahmad</b>, Arab Campaign for Boycotting G4S (Skype)</li> <li>- <b>Mohsen Abu Ramadan</b>, PNGO (Gaza) (Skype)</li> <li>- <b>Yafa Jarrar</b>, Israeli Apartheid Week (Skype)</li> <li>- <b>Imad Temiza</b>, Palestinian Postal Services Workers' Union</li> <li>- <b>Raja Zaatry</b>, BDS48</li> <li>- <b>Samia Botmeh</b>, PACBI</li> <li>- Local BDS Initiatives: <b>Mazen Al-Azzah</b> (Bader) &amp; <b>Khaled Zahd</b> (Salfit)</li> </ul>
<b>11:30 – 11:50</b>			<b>Break: Tea and Palestinian pastries (Manaqeesh)</b>

11:50 – 1:25	<b>Second Session</b> (Discussion)	<b>Strategies to Combat Normalization</b>  <u>Chairperson:</u> <b>Rasem Obeidat</b> (Civic & Nat'l Commission in Jerusalem)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introducing Normalization, Definition and Principles: <b>Islah Jad</b> (PACBI)</li> <li>- Cultural Normalization: <b>Rania Elias</b> (PACBI)</li> <li>- Academic Normalization: <b>Abdul-Rahim Al-Shaikh</b> (Birzeit University)</li> <li>- Economic Normalization: <b>Yousef Abd Al-Haq</b> (An-Najah University)</li> <li>- Youth/ Student Normalization: <b>Zaid Shuaibi</b> (BNC)</li> </ul>
1:25 – 1:30		<b>Recorded message from Lebanese artist Marcel Khalifeh</b>	
1:30 – 2:45	<b>Third Session</b> (Discussion)	<b>Facing the Public: Palestinian Officials and Civil Society Representatives Answer Questions About Boycotting Israel and Countering Normalization</b>  <u>Chairperson:</u> <b>Nasfat Khufash</b> (Palestinian National Institute for NGOs)	<p>Interventions (5 Minutes Each, Followed by Q&amp;A):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Taisir Khaled</b>, PLO Representative</li> <li>- <b>Jawad Naji</b>, Palestinian Minister of National Economy</li> <li>- <b>Omar Barghouti</b>, BNC Representative</li> </ul>
2:45 – 4:00	<b>Workshops</b> (Concurrent)	<b>Discussion of Secotral BDS Strategies Based on Outcomes From Preparatory Workshops</b> (Two Facilitators For Each Eorkshop)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Youth and Students: <b>Hazem Abu-Hilal + Fidaa Shehadeh</b></li> <li>2) Women: <b>Khawla Al-Azraq + Khitam Sa'afeen</b></li> <li>3) Prisoners Support (G4S Campaign): <b>Murad Jadallah+ Majd Zaqout</b></li> <li>4) Agricultural Sector: <b>Dawood Hammoudeh + Abdul-Ghani Hamdan</b></li> <li>5) Tourism Sector: <b>Nassar Ibrahim + Rami Qassis</b></li> <li>6) Trade &amp; Professional Unions: <b>Mohammad Abu Zaid + Hanan Bannoura</b></li> <li>7) Civil Society Organizations: <b>Ramzi Odeh + Basem Sbeih</b></li> <li>8) Official level: <b>Farid Al-Atrash + Munther Amirah</b></li> <li>9) International BDS (English): <b>Ingrid Jaradat+ Ziyad Yousef</b></li> </ol>
4:00 – 4:10		<b>Short BDS Film</b>	
4:10 – 4:20		<b>Closing Remarks: Murad Al-Soudani</b> (General Union of Palestinian Writers)	
4:20 – 5:00		<b>Lunch</b>	