2021 CONVERGENCES OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY FORUM

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SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORY THROUGH DIGITAL INCLUSION

FINAL REPORT
AGENDA

Session's recordings on Youtube

8:30 - 9:30
CONNEXION

9:30 - 10:30
OPENING SESSION
Digital for development: what is at stake for your organisation?

10:30 - 11:00
BREAK

11:00 - 12:30
For inclusive ICT in Palestine: quality digital devices and digital literacy for all.
Digitalisation: transitioning your organisation toward a more inclusive and sustainable business model

12:30 - 1:30
LUNCH

1:30 - 3:00
Securing a Future for Youth Employment in the Digital Economy
How to fight gender based discrimination in digital sector?

3:00 - 3:30
BREAK

3:30 - 4:15
CLOSING CEREMONY
Supporting Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in the Palestinian Territory through Digital Inclusion

Digital innovation: levelling-up the impact of organisations
Ensuring access to ICT: the first step towards digital inclusion
Labour market transition: a necessary evolution of the digital sector

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THE FORUM IN FIGURES

The 1st edition of the occupied Palestinian territory Convergences Forum gathered more than 2000 participants online on the day of the Forum (on the online platform and on Facebook lives) and more than 2400 viewers on replay on Youtube and on Facebook.

Pre-Forum Interviews: 6
More than 1.5M views

Pre-Forum Press Release: 21
More than 4M visits

Broadcast of Sessions: 6
More than 5M views
24FM (FB), Al-Iqtisadi (FB), B-News (FB), Hayat FM (FB) Nisaa FM (FB), Wattan TV (FB)

Articles: 11
More than 1.5M visits
Al-Ayyam, Al-Hadath, Al-Haya, B-News, Khabor24, Maan news, Pal24, Wafa

Post-Forum Press Release: 15
More than 5M visits

Post-Forum Interviews: 7
More than 2M views
Al-Ayyam, Al-Fajer, Hayat FM, Palestine TV, Raya FM, Tariq Al-Mahaba, Wattan

Participants’ activity sector

Speakers’ activity sector and gender
QUALITATIVE REVIEW

The main expectations of the participants from the Convergences oPt Forum were to learn and discover new tools (27%), to meet and talk to actors of the sustainable development and the transition sectors (23%), to get inspired and discover new ideas (23%), to keep up to date with industry news (10%), to improve their visibility (10%) and to discover new projects and solutions (7%).

Expectations for the event

- Getting inspired and discover new ideas: 23.33%
- Learning / Discovering new tools: 36.67%
- Improving your visibility: 10.00%
- Discover new projects and solutions: 9.67%
- Keep up to date with industry news: 10.00%
- Meet/Talk to actors of sustainable development and...: 23.33%

Satisfaction regarding the event

average of a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree) - 36 answers

Did the event match your expectations?
4.14/5

I felt part of a community of actors committed to sustainable development
3.77/5

The event gave me new ideas / made me want to get involved in new projects
3.81/5

I will change my actions or my behaviour after attending the event
4.12/5

The event allowed me to deepen my knowledge of the sector (concepts, stakeholders, projects, best practices, etc.)
4.08/5

Thanks to the event, I gained knowledge and practical tools that will be useful in my work
3.64/5

The event allowed me to witness the presentation or the emergence of innovative ideas and/or socially or economically impactful solutions
4.31/5

The event aroused a professional vocation or reinforced mine
3.76/5

The event allowed me to meet new interesting people regarding my professional activity
3.67/5

The event made me want to work with stakeholders different from those I am used to work with
4.24/5

Thanks to the event, I am currently discussing new technical or financial partnerships
3.67/5

The event made me change the way I look at collaborative work between people from different work sectors
3.38/5

The event led my organisation to new partnerships, projects, ideas, or common activities with other stakeholders
3.24/5

I was particularly interested in these sessions:

- Digitalisation & sustainable development in the Palestinian Territories
- How to fight gender-based violence
- How to fight for youth employment
- How to fight for a future for Palestine
- Unleashing the potential of the Palestinian people for development

37% said yes
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