

MONDAY, 26 February 2024

10:15am Taxi pickup at InterCon

10:30 am **International Summit for a Future Beyond UNRWA**

Venue:

United Nations Geneva, Pregny entrance

Restaurant Vieux-Bois

Avenue de la Paix 12

1202 Genève

Private welcome & coffee for speakers

11:00 am *Opening Remarks:* **Hillel Neuer**, Executive Director, United Nations Watch

Session 1: Why UNRWA Needs to be Replaced

- **Ambassador Meirav Eilon Shahar**, Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations in Geneva
- **Dr. Einat Wilf**, Writer, former Member of Knesset, co-author of “The War of Return”
- **Adi Schwartz**, Fellow at the Misgav Institute , co-author of “The War of Return”
- **James Lindsay**, UNRWA General Counsel, 2000-2007
- **Edward Flaherty**, Senior partner in Swiss law firm of Schwab, Flaherty, & Associés in Geneva, expert on UN investigations and legal proceedings

11:45 am **Session 2: Exploring Alternatives to UNRWA**

- **Ambassador Dennis Ross**, Counselor at Washington Institute for Near East Policy, former U.S. point man on Middle East peace process
- **Zlatko Zigic**, Served at UN Migration Agency, 1997-2017, including as Chief of Diplomatic Mission in Moscow & Regional Coordinator for Central Asia
- **Bonnie Glick**, Senior Adviser at Center for Strategic and International Studies, former Deputy Administrator of U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Jose Garson**, Former expert at United Nations Capital Development Fund, 20-year experience in development projects with Least Developed Countries, anti-poverty strategies

12:15 pm Legislative Representatives from UNRWA Donor States

- **Hon. Chris Smith**, Member of U.S. Congress
- **Hon. David Lega**, Member of European Parliament
- **Hon. Assita Kanko**, Member of European Parliament
- **Hon. Caroline Yadan**, Member of French National Assembly
- **Hon. Alfred Heer**, Member of Swiss Parliament
- **Hon. Melissa Lantsman**, Member of Canadian Parliament
- **Hon. Ritchie Torres**, Member of U.S. Congress

Closing Remarks: Hillel Neuer

1:00 pm Private lunch sponsored by CIJA at Restaurant Vieux Bois

3:00 pm Taxi pick-up from InterCon

5:30 pm Depart Geneva
Flight No.: KL 1932

7:15 pm Arrive Amsterdam

8:35 pm Depart Amsterdam
Flight No.: AF 4057

9:45 pm Arrive Strasbourg