Roadmap for Recovery: Economic Development Prospects of the Occupied Palestinian Territory through Addressing Obstacles to Trade and Development

19 July, 3–4.30 p.m.
Room: Tsavo 3 - Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi

DESCRIPTION

Setting the Palestinian economy on a path of recovery and sustained growth will require creative solutions. This round table will explore a range of policies needed to tackle challenges to development, revitalize economic growth, and lay the foundation for sustainable development of a future Palestinian sovereign state in line with UN resolutions. In particular, it will focus on the economic costs of occupation for the Palestinian people and offer recommendations for how to overcome, or at least mitigate, the adverse effects of these costs.

This roundtable will include high level policy makers, representatives of the private sector, diplomats, academics, economic and other experts to explore the policies needed to address economic challenges, revitalize economic growth and lay the foundation for sustainable socio-economic development towards a Palestinian sovereign state in line with UN resolutions.

KEY ISSUES

- Identification of key physical and policy constraints on Palestinian economic development and priority areas for policy attention;
- Examination of the impact of occupation, and that of other major constraints, on Palestinian development;
- Recommendations on strategies to mitigate the negative impact of occupation, and polices needed for a resilient economy to underpin the future, sovereign Palestinian state.
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