

SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

UN Staff Union Townhall with Ms. Francesca Albanese on the State of Palestine and Solidarity Gathering

What can UN staff do about the situation in the State of Palestine?

This is a question that many UN staff members are asking.

To answer this question, UN Staff Unions are organising a [townhall meeting with Ms. Francesca Albanese](#), Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It will take place on [Tuesday, 16 September at 3 pm CEST](#) via Teams.

Ms. Francesca Albanese will present her latest report, published by OHCHR, titled '[From Economy of Occupation to Economy of Genocide](#).' The report identifies many well-known companies that 'have profited from Israel's economy of illegal occupation, apartheid and now, genocide.' She will also discuss how this impacts UN staff, who, while constrained politically, are required to uphold the values of the UN charter and follow existing and forthcoming policies on human rights, ethical procurement principles and due diligence.

Also speaking will be Mr. [Andrew Gilmour](#), Chair of the newly formed group [UN Staff for Gaza](#), whose Honorary Chair is former UNSG Mr. Ban Ki-moon. He will be introducing the group and explaining further how he believes staff can create change.

To show [solidarity with the Palestinian people](#), you can also contribute to the UN Staff Union's [collection](#), which has been extended until the date of the townhall.

Finally, UN Staff Unions are also organising a [demonstration on Thursday 18 September](#) at lunchtime on the Place des Nations. It is being held in solidarity with our colleagues and their families in Palestine. Sadly 370 colleagues have been killed so far.