

MAP

Municipal  
Alliance  
for Peace



# Municipal Alliance for Peace in the Middle East (MAP)

## Partnering for the Future

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### MAP's Mission:

MAP seeks to mobilize local political leaders, civil society organisations, the private sector, media and others, to jointly create a broad-based, action-oriented movement at the municipal level that works constructively towards peace through practical, local projects and initiatives. MAP will work to facilitate cooperation between local actors from Palestinian, Israeli and international municipalities and their communities.

### MAP's Vision:

Through working together, Palestinian and Israeli local authorities can strive towards finding a just and lasting solution in which Palestinian and Israeli citizens can live side by side in peace, security and prosperity, in two states - Palestine and Israel. The only manner through which to achieve this is via dialogue and cooperation, which can begin at the local level through Palestinian and Israeli municipalities working as partners to effectively address the problems of mutual concern. All MAP partners strongly condemn all acts of violence that affect both Palestinian and Israeli citizens.

## WHAT IS MAP?

The Municipal Alliance for Peace (MAP) was established in June 2005, following increasingly louder calls from both Palestinian and Israeli citizens for proactive steps to be taken towards a just and lasting peace in the region. Through joint initiatives of the Association of Palestinian Local Authorities (APLA) and the Union of Local Authorities of Israel (ULAI), with support from international municipal authorities, MAP seeks to instigate joint Palestinian and Israeli projects at the municipal level.

MAP is a practical framework via which Israeli and Palestinian municipalities, supported by international partners, can initiate projects covering a variety of areas including **culture and youth, environment, economic development** and

### Objective

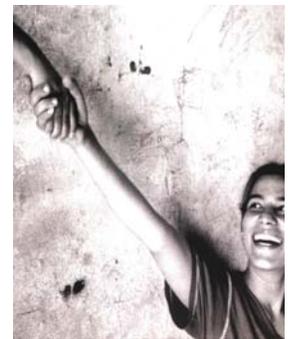
MAP's objective is to initiate joint local peace-building activities and projects in the participating Palestinian and Israeli local authorities, with support from partner international municipalities. An overarching aim is to work with Palestinians and Israelis at the municipal level towards increased mutual understanding, trust and cooperation, as essential components for lasting peace in the region. All participating organisations were keen to participate on the basis that through projects ranging from culture to infrastructure, MAP will work to build a brighter future for both Palestinians and Israelis.

To facilitate cooperation between Palestinian, Israeli and international municipalities, MAP intends to build on already existing on-the-ground initiatives. In addition, MAP will work to facilitate similar projects in other fields and locations, while simultaneously developing their reach and potential.

**municipal management.** These four target areas have been chosen in order to tackle urgent problems within corresponding Israeli and Palestinian municipalities, as well as promoting peace and encouraging greater dialogue between the two sides. This has emanated from the mutual aim of a just and lasting peace in the region adopted by APLA and ULAI, supported by participating international municipal authorities and their representative organisations.

Through mutual dialogue and cooperation, Palestinian and Israeli local authorities are given a framework by which to build trust, while tackling real problems on the ground. Long term aims include increasing mutual understanding and cooperation and improving the daily

lives of citizens in both Israeli and Palestinian municipalities. MAP is based on a cooperation



framework with representatives permanently based at both APLA and ULAI, aimed at promoting, facilitating and implementing local initiatives between **Palestinian, Israeli and international** municipalities to promote peace and mutual cooperation.



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