



**The Palestinian-Israeli Peace NGO Forum &
the Region of Tuscany's Annual International Conference
8th -9th February, 2010, Florence, Italy**

Call for Presentations—Human Security:

Human Security and Conflict Transformation in the Middle East: Shifting the paradigm to a people-centered approach towards resolving the conflict

In our day and age, Human Security is becoming both a new measure of global security and a new agenda for global action. A humane Middle East where people can live in peace, security and dignity, free from Want, Fear and Despair, is still a dream for many in the region and throughout the world. Sustainable peace in the Middle East is contingent on guaranteeing every individual in the region certain domains of well-being—“freedom from want” and “freedom from fear,” with an equal opportunity to fully actualize their human potential.

In the third annual international Peace NGO conference a focus will be given to the interrelationship between the following elements of security in promoting a sustainable and just peace in the Middle East: economics, food, health, environment, the person, community and security of politics, the nation and the state.

The conference welcomes presentation proposals on how to best promote and implement the concept that a people-centered view of security is necessary for sustainable peace in the Middle East. Presentations should focus on two issues: (1) Security for Whom (State/States, Societies, Groups, and Individuals); and (2) the sources and the specific resolutions to specific Human Security threats. In particular, submitted presentation proposals on the topic of Human Security should respond to one of the following prompts, while considering the interrelationship mentioned above:

1. Discuss the definition of Human Security. How is Human Security defined or determined?
2. Discuss the interrelationship between the following: environmental cooperation and peace; competition over resources; justice and peace; the division of land; and water and other natural resources.
3. Discuss the role that ownership of peace plays in Human Security. How can the notion of responsibility for every citizen be expanded to achieve peace and to maintain it?
4. Discuss the interrelationship between peace, human security and the human rights tradition. How does using the individual as the main referent in this discussion impact the way these three things are interrelated?
5. Discuss the underlying sources of inequality and violence that can be identified as the root causes of "no peace" and insecurity in the Palestinian Israeli region.

We seek original presentation proposals that demonstrate innovative thought while building on professional experience from work practices in regions of conflict.

Individuals whose proposals are selected will be invited to present at the upcoming conference in Florence, Italy, February 8th—9th, 2010. All expenses for participation in the conference will be covered by PIPNF and the Region of Tuscany.

Please submit all proposals to pipnf@peres-center.org by January 15, 2010.

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