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## Supporting higher education in Gaza: understanding needs and opportunities for scaled up, coordinated response mechanisms

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### Agenda

11:00-11:10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ghassan Elkahlout</i>, Director, Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies <i>Laurent Goetschel</i>, Director, swisspeace</p>
11:10-11:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation of 'Resilience in the Rubble: A Needs Assessment of Higher Education in the Gaza Strip'</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amani Abdelfattah Al-Mqadma</i>, Head of International Relations, Islamic University of Gaza</p>
11:30-12:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gaza universities: current needs and challenges</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Asaad Asaad</i>, University President, Islamic University of Gaza</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Ayman Soboh</i>, University President, al-Aqsa University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Ahmed Abu Shaban</i>, Dean of Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, al-Azhar University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Alaa Matar</i>, University President, Israa University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Nadine Nabeel Abu-Shaaban</i>, President's Advisor for Fundraising, University of Palestine (UP)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Professor Hassan Abu Jarad</i>, University President, Gaza University</p>
12:15-12:30	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
12:30-12:45	<b>Break</b>



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12:45-13:00	<p><b>The role of higher education in conflict and post-war recovery</b></p> <p><i>Sansom Milton</i>, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies</p>
13:00-13:45	<p><b>Towards Coordinated Support: Exploring Existing Initiatives and Future Directions</b></p> <p><i>Roland Dittli</i>, Head of the Peacebuilding, Analysis &amp; Impact, swisspeace (moderator)</p> <p><i>Professor Hatem Ali Elaydi</i>, Gaza Consortium Coordinator</p> <p><i>Mazen Arafat</i>, Taawon</p> <p><i>Professor Abdulrazak Takriti</i>, Emergency Committee</p> <p><i>Aleks Palanac</i>, Head of Sanctuary, University of Leicester</p>
13:50-14:00	<b>Break</b>
14:00-14:45	<p><b>Breakout Sessions &amp; Plenary Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- How Can the International Community Provide More Effective and Coordinated Support?</li><li>- How to Mobilise Resources and Engage Relevant Actors?</li></ul>
14:45-15:00	<b>Closing Remarks and Next Steps</b>

\* Moderated by *Mouin Rabbani*, Non-Resident Fellow at Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies