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**WORKSHOP ON
WOMEN'S ROLES IN
PEACE PROCESS**

On Saturday, 13 December 2025, ACT for Conflict Resolution organized a specialized discussion workshop to examine women's roles in peace processes, with the aim of drawing international lessons that can be adapted to the Palestinian context. The workshop brought together a group of Palestinian women actively engaged in community and public life. The workshop discussed a comparative study on women's participation in peace processes in selected international contexts, including Northern Ireland, South Africa, and Colombia. The study was prepared by researcher Hadeel Hussein and provided an in-depth comparative analysis of international experiences in which women played pivotal roles in peacebuilding. The discussion highlighted the mechanisms that enabled women to engage effectively in negotiation processes and decision-making, whether within formal peace frameworks or through civil society initiatives. It also examined the political, legal, and institutional environments that supported women's participation or, conversely, constrained their involvement.

**LAUNCHING ARBITRATOR
QUALIFICATION PROGRAM**

From the training room to the arbitration platform, ACT has launched its Arbitrator Preparation and Qualification Program in Ramallah, offering a distinctive training experience designed to create real professional impact and open concrete career pathways for aspiring arbitrators. The program was launched at Caesar Hotel in Ramallah and spans 60 intensive training hours, delivered through an interactive methodology that integrates theory with hands-on practice. Participants do not study arbitration as a concept alone; they actively practice it through realistic simulations and applied exercises that mirror arbitration procedures, hearings, and detailed procedural steps.



PEER MEDIATION TRAINING

Since October, ACT conducted a specialized peer mediation training at Al-Ashhab Boys School, in cooperation with the Directorate of Education in Jerusalem and with the support of the Sawasya III Joint Programme, implemented through UNDP/PAPP. The training engaged 25 students over 20 training hours, introducing them to key concepts related to conflict analysis, effective communication, and active listening. Participants were also trained on the principles and stages of mediation, with a particular focus on the role of peers in intervening constructively to help resolve disputes within the school environment.



ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING

ACT implemented a specialized advanced mediation training within the framework of the project "Mediation as a Tool for Peacebuilding," with support from the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. This training comes as a continuation of efforts to enhance and build the capacities of socially active youth to resolve conflicts through peaceful means and to entrench mediation as a civilized option for addressing disputes. The training targeted a diverse group of young people, experts, and individuals interested in mediation and peacebuilding. The programme focused on practical applications reflecting real models of community conflicts.



MEDIATORS NETWORK

Within the framework of the "Mediation as a Tool for Peacebuilding" project, ACT for Conflict Resolution convened the second foundational meeting of the Network of Mediators and Peacebuilders in Palestine. The meeting brought together a group of experienced mediators and peace practitioners to continue building a collaborative national platform that strengthens mediation practice and advances peacebuilding efforts in the Palestinian context.



MEDIATION WORKSHOP

ACT has concluded a specialized training program on mediation and arbitration for conflict prevention, implemented within the framework of the project "Early Action for Safer Communities", with the support of the Government of Canada. The program aimed to reduce the escalation of community disputes and violence in Jerusalem and to promote a culture of early intervention and peaceful solutions among youth, women, and community actors.



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