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PODCASTS OF THE MONTH

ACT for Conflict Resolution has released three new episodes in its podcast series focused on *women's roles in peace processes and inclusive dialogue*. The series brings together expert insights, lived experiences, and comparative perspectives to deepen understanding of gender, negotiation, and peacebuilding. The episodes include:

- **“Women Negotiating Peace: Stories from the Ground”** - This episode highlights real-life accounts from women who have engaged in peace efforts, sharing personal stories of negotiation, resilience, and agency.
- **“Women in Peace Processes - Comparative Perspectives with H.E. Dr. Varsen Shahin”** - A discussion with the Palestinian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates exploring how women's participation varies across different peace contexts and what lessons can be drawn for advancing meaningful inclusion.
- **“Bridging the Abyss: The Future of Inclusive Dialogue in Palestine” with Dr. Dalal Iriqat** - A forward-looking conversation on the prospects and challenges of fostering inclusive dialogue in the Palestinian context, centering the role of women and broader community engagement.

“NEIGHBORHOODS WITHOUT VIOLENCE” INITIATIVE

ACT convened a community dialogue session in Jerusalem as part of the project “Early Action for Safer Communities.” The session focused on discussing the community initiative “Neighborhoods Without Violence,” which aims to reduce community violence and conflicts and promote social peace in Jerusalem. The session brought together Jerusalem-based institutions, community committees, and local figures, in addition to participants involved in the project. Discussions addressed the reality of community conflicts in Jerusalem and explored peaceful and constructive approaches to addressing them, including identifying root causes, sharing experiences, and presenting practical, actionable ideas to mitigate their impact.



COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON REDUCING SCHOOL VIOLENCE IN JERUSALEM

ACT for Conflict Resolution convened a community dialogue session in Jerusalem as part of the “Early Action for Safer Communities” project, focusing on a community initiative aimed at reducing the rise of school violence and promoting safer learning environments.

The session addressed the social and educational drivers of school violence and highlighted the importance of community mediation, positive values, and stronger partnerships between schools, parents, students, and local actors as key prevention mechanisms.



WORKSHOP ON LESSONS LEARNT FROM NEGOTIATION EXPERIENCES

On Monday, 19 January 2026, ACT convened a specialized discussion workshop to examine an in-depth study on previous Palestinian negotiation experiences—both formal and informal—from the perspective of justice and feminist participation. The workshop brought together academics, activists, representatives of civil society organizations, and experts in politics, human rights, and peacebuilding. The workshop was based on a study prepared by researcher Waad Qannam, which offered a critical feminist analytical reading of formal and informal Palestinian negotiation tracks, alongside international advocacy efforts.



