



Editorial

The international demand to monitor world financial institutions is building up continuously due to financial crisis the world is currently going through. That demand was a result of lacking preventive oversight mechanisms internationally, and supreme audit institutions must react collectively and set procedural plans to stop collapse taking place according to clear principles and vision taken from INTOSAI standards. From this point, we as a Palestinian supreme audit institution- look forward to introduce a proper vision through participation in international conferences, and that vision says that regional and international cooperation could shift us from suspicion to credibility in terms of financial-related matters, especially aids and donations given to P.N.A and its internationally approved reform plan.

President Office

- State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau signed a memo of understanding with the Egyptian Central Audit Organization to reinforce cooperation in training fields, and to exchange audit experiences between Egypt and Palestine.



SAACB president Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub and the accompanying delegation met with CAO president General Jawdat Malat and had a brief about how each central directorate operates.

The delegation also visited Administrative Control Institution and met with its president Maj. General Mohammad Fareed el-Tahami.

- Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub participated in regional workshop from April 2nd to April 3rd 2009 in Morocco about protection of witnesses and informants, organized by Arab network for integrity reinforcement and anticorruption.



The Palestinian delegation presented a worksheet about "reporting corruptors and protecting witnesses and informants in the Palestinian laws", in which SAACB showed PNA experience in this regard.

Other president office activities included:

- Meeting with the Palestinian ambassador in Egypt Mr. Nabeel Amr.
- Meeting with the Norwegian ambassador in the P.N.A Mr. Tur Winsland.
- Meeting with Jerusalem governor Mr. Adnan Husseini.
- Meeting with General Secretary of FIDA party and the PLO executive committee member Mr. Saleh Ra'fat.
- Attending a workshop about "communication sector evolution and impact on the Palestinian economy".
- Attending AMAN fifth annual conference about "effective methods for public sector".

Director General Office

- Coordinating with internal and external bodies as for work progress.
- Following up Bureau newsletter.
- Following up oversight plans.
- Following up field work teams.
- Supervising training of new staff.
- Holding a workshop for Bir Zeit University students about auditing tasks and Bureau jurisdictions.
- Holding a workshop for Hebron municipality representatives about internal auditing.
- Attending a meeting with the Palestinian ambassador in Egypt.
- Attending a meeting MOI coordination commission on drugs and corruption.
- Attending a consultative workshop of reform plan about budgeting and planning (2010).



SAACB & Decision Makers

SAACB Meets with Palestinian Ambassador in Egypt



State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau hosted on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 the Palestinian ambassador in Egypt Mr. Nabeel Amr, who delivered a lecture as part of meeting series which the Bureau undertakes.

Mr. Amr talked about the Palestinian inner political situation and about present conflict in particular, which has badly negative impact on the national project.

Mr. Amr commended role of SAACB, and impact of objective work on law and establishment state, clarifying that oversight must be a demandable all levels, and must be practiced objectively and scientifically.

SAACB Meets with FIDA Secretary General



General Secretary of FIDA party and the PLO executive committee member Mr. Saleh Ra'fat was hosted by State Audit and Administrative Control Bureau as part of meeting series which the Bureau holds.

Mr. Ra'fat talked about pivotal role of SAACB in setting good governance on bases of transparency and accountability, which, in turn, must be social culture in the Palestinian community.

He added that PNA has to enact laws that would facilitate SAACB tasks in bringing down corruption and waste of public money, especially that PLC is absent due to extraordinary conditions the Palestinian people goes through.

Activities of Oversight Directorates

General Directorate for Security & Governance

- Finishing several reports such as supreme judiciary council, ministry of planning and Palestine news agency (Wafa).
- Taking part in numerous committees such as report revision, procurement, courses, delegations and first quarterly report committees.
- Receiving new employees.
- Training Police examination department to carry out financial and administrative auditing.
- Participating in a research about money laundering and role of supreme audit institutions.

General Directorate for Infrastructure

- Accomplishing a report on auditing ministry of planning, and directorate first quarterly report of 2009.
- Accomplishing a report on participation of tenders at ministry of public works as an observer (March 2009).
- Attending 14 tender sessions.
- Attending AMAN workshop about water sector in Palestine.
- Providing a presentation on investment tools.

General Directorate for Economy

- Issuing first quarterly report of 2009.
- Issuing a report about auditing outcomes of investment authority.
- Attending 47 tender sessions as an observer and preparing outcome reports.
- Resuming work in committees formed by Bureau president (procurement and internal examination).
- Holding an internal workshop to review Jordan visit outcomes, as well as another one about investment tools.
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General Directorate for NGOs

- Finishing reports of Family Revitalization Society and popular NGOs organization (complaint submitted by organization accountant and residents of Ein Sultan refugees' camp/Jericho).
- Preparing final report about ministry of labor and submitting it to reports revision commission.
- Preparing oversight plan to carry out tasks at Patient Friends Society and Palestinian Businesswomen Association "ASALA".
- Participating in general budgeting commission.
- Attending a meeting for ARABOSAI strategic plan-Morocco.

SAACB & Local Community

Dr. Abu-Rub visits Jerusalem governorate



Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub and the accompanying delegation visited Jerusalem governorate H.Q., where Governor Adnan Husseini briefed him on plans and departments. Governor Husseini focused on development policies and the necessity to have SAACB help in order to build internal control systems at the governorate and all P.N.A institutions.

- Holding an internal workshop about corruption of water sector, and another one about preparation of code of conducts for NGOs' internal control systems. Both workshops were held in cooperation with AMAN Coalition

General Directorate for Local Governance Units

- Accomplishing oversight duties at municipalities of Deir el-Ghosoun and Kufur Dan/Jenin, together with ministry of women affairs.
- Attending 4 tender sessions as an observer.
- Preparing first quarterly report of directorate and director general office.
- Following up training of new staff.
- Attending fifth integrity conference held by AMAN Coalition.



General Directorate for Legal Affairs & Public Complaints

- Finishing 17 complaints at competent authorities
- Preparing legal consultations concerning appointment of general managers, legal advice center for anticorruption, testimony of SAACB staff, authorizations, procedures taken by P.N.A for anticorruption and medication tender No. 27/2009 ((objection of al-Jala'a Company
- Attending internal and external events such as EUROSAI-INTOSAI second forum, internal workshop about protection of witnesses and informants and Palestinian integrity systems



General Directorate for Social Cultural Services &

- Finishing a report on ministry of health (financial and administrative) for 2007/2008.
- Auditing performance at ministry of health in cooperation with ministry of planning.
- Supervising employment exams at ministry of health.
- Supervising employment exams at ministry of education nationwide.

General Directorate for Information Technology and Technical Support

- Accomplishing "Interactive Screen System" to be used by employees and directors in order to review latest data and events. System is now being updated to include different activities like those of legal affairs and complaints processing (full analysis and electronic archiving).
- Working on computerized document order system from central archive.

General Directorate for Financial & Administrative Affairs

- Allocating hours every week to familiarize new staff to work mechanisms.
- Completing appointment procedures for 13 new employees.
- Following up recruitment applications at General Personnel Council.
- Providing training through internal and external meetings and courses.
- Following up staff movement and dues.

Social News

- Congratulations:
 - Majidi Maitani and Sundos Dwaikat (engagement).
 - Oqba el-Bari (performing Umrah).
- Deaths:
 - Husam Faqeh, Ramiz Rufa'ai and Nabeeh Fuqaha (passing away of their relatives).

Activities of Non-oversight Directorates

Public Relations Unit

- Responding to invitation from ministry of education to attend closing cultural for extracurricular activities, and another invitation Palestine Broadcast Corporation on Labor Day.
- Participating in Palestinian captives demonstration.
- Visiting Jerusalem governorate as part of SAACB delegation which accompanied Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub.
- Resuming meetings series with participation of the Palestinian ambassador in Egypt Mr. Nabeel Amr and PLO executive committee member Mr. Saleh Ra'fat.
- Receiving Bir Zeit University students (law school).
- Receiving Norwegian embassy delegation.
- Providing a presentation about participation in ARABOSAI-EUROSAI second forum.
- Coordinating with MA'AN news agency to arrange an interview with Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Rub about anticorruption.
- Coordinating with Palestine Broadcast Corporation to cover meetings series.

Internal Control Unit

- Overseeing vehicle use system.
- Overseeing mail system, warehouses and documentation of fixed assets.
- Auditing some contracts and administrative transactions before approval.
- Escorting SAACB president to Egypt.
- Training several new employees on integrated documentation circuit as assigned by SAACB president.
- contributing in development of internal control unit at Hebron municipality.

Planning, Improvement & Capacity Development Unit

- Auditing operations of ministry of health in Nablus (tenders and memos issued to General Personnel Council).
- Commencing work on strategic plan proposal for 2011-2013
- Preparing a proposal for training of trainers
- Studying and assessing current strategic plan, and making comments and suggestions

Courses

SAACB staff enrolled in numerous courses and workshops during April 2009, including:



- Course about "reporting governmental financial statements".
- Course at ministry of finance about "internal oversight".
- Workshop about "experience of Jordanian supreme audit institution in auditing closing accounts".
- Workshop about customs arbitration.
- Workshop about reporting corruption and protecting witnesses and informants in Palestinian laws.
- Workshop about outcomes of Paris visit.
- Workshop about research English writing.

Operational Expenditures Financial Report-April 2009

Total of Fund resources for April 2009 were 27142.76 NIS, while expenses were 18601.16 NIS, and they were divided into:

- Paid expenses: 7515.41 NIS.
- Due expenses: 11085.75 NIS.

Closing balance expenses for April 2009 was 18068.28 NIS.

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