IF I WERE A DECISIONMAKER…
- VOICES AND VISIONS OF PALESTINIAN YOUTH IN JERUSALEM

Tuesday, 26 October 2021
Ambassador Hotel, Jerusalem

PROGRAM

9.30-10.00 OPENING REMARKS
Dr. Mahdi Abdul Hadi, Chairman of PASSIA
Hannes Alpen, Resident Representative FES Office Palestinian Territories

SESSION I: SOCIAL-CULTURAL ISSUES AND IDENTITY
(Societal restrictions and curtailed freedoms due to social-cultural norms and traditions, political/national identity vs. pragmatism, such as applying for Israeli citizenship)

10.00-11.00 Social, Cultural and Identity Issues
Hadeel Diabeh
Coordinator, Al-Bustan Association, Silwan

SESSION II: EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
(Options, perspectives, and priorities for personal advancement; what to change to meet needs for employment perspectives and avoid brain drain)

11.00-11.30 Education
Ali Al-Firawi
Project Coordinator, African Community Society
11.30-12.00 Employment
Wael Shaban
Youth activist and currently accountant with Haat

12.00-12.15 Coffee Break

**SESSION III:** INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SPACES
(Housing problems, and options for young people to meet, services and activities currently offered to them, and do available projects meet their real needs?)

12.15-12.45 Infrastructure and Housing
Fatmeh Hammad
Human rights defender and recipient of the Folke Bernadotte Academy scholarship on Women Peace and Security based in MIFTAH

12.45-13.15 Public Spaces and Services
Khalil Issa
Freelance trainer and youth activist

13.15-14.15 Lunch Break

**SESSION IV:** DISCUSSION

14.15 HOW TO ENHANCE YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION