Objectives of the UPAT Workshops

- Ensure the basic needs for food, housing, safety, utilities and amenities, education and culture, healthcare and mobility
- Make use of the human potentials, creativity and talent of their inhabitants
- Preserve and restore the natural and cultural assets to ensure livability and modern continuity with the historical past
- Look past the barriers that separate the territories of Israel and the future state of Palestine
- Take the borders of 1967 as borders that are fully open for travel, trade and traffic
- The UPAT team is invited to suggest visions, designs and ideas for Gaza and Central West Bank.
Geo-political Parameters

• Borders: 1949 Armistice Line, aka the Green Line is the internationally recognized borders between Israel proper and the oPt - The Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

• East Jerusalem: the capital for the future Palestinian statehood under the two-state solution framework

• Israeli settlements: Illegal under international law and UN resolutions and conventions

• Palestinian refugees: lawful right of return to Palestinian refugees in the oPt and the Diaspora ‘right to self determination’

• Natural resources (water): free access to natural resources, especially water

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Our activities and our approach

We saw many places, we met many people in Government, civil society and universities, and we read many documents:

- National Spatial Plan
- Gaza Revised Regional Plan
- Many reports and studies

Our approach:

- Listen and learn
- Understand perspectives and priorities
- Facilitate a long term strategic view
- Focus on the spatial dimension of policy
- Suggest, predict, propose: this is not a plan
- Engage with stakeholders in SWOT analysis
Using STRENGTHS to address WEAKNESSES and to make the most of OPPORTUNITIES, and to mitigate THREATS.

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SWOT Analysis
State of Palestine with full sovereignty

- People
- Place
- Culture
- Trade
- Innovation

Demographics
Brain drain
Resources
Inequality
Too many governments
Wrong priorities

2 metropolitan regions
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State of Palestine 2035: a cross road in Middle East
- City
- Port
- Airport
- Overland roads
- Sea roads
- Aerial roads

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West Bank
11 Governorates
112 Municipalities

Gaza Strip
5 Governorates
26 Municipalities
Palestine’s Capital Region
1 Metropolitan Government working with national agencies
? Governors and local councils with specific functions

Palestine’s Gaza Coast
1 Metropolitan Government including metropolitan authorities
? Governorates and/or local councils with specific functions
Blue & Green Infrastructure
Road Network

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Rail Network

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Israel

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Bicycle Network

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Campus & Industrial Areas

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Cultural Areas

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Agricultural Areas
Vision Gaza
Built up area
Existing road network
Existing railway network
Proposed railway network
Areas for development
Ramallah

Present Urban Area
Ramallah

Present Urban Area
+ Main Roads
Ramallah

Present Urban Area
  + Main Roads
  + Public Transport
Ramallah

Present Urban Area + Main Roads + Public Transport + Green Structures
Jerusalem

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  + Urban Linkages
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Implications
Example 1: Protecting the port

Gaza Port requires extensive transport and industrial infrastructure on land. A decision on its location affects:

- major freight routes
- retaining land for freight, industry
- controls on interim uses
Implications
Example 2: Urban governance

To maximise the potential of the dynamic metropolitan areas of the State of Palestine, they are likely to be planned and managed as single socio-economic regions. The time to prepare for this is now.

Creating new integrated government structures is not easy -- but promoting existing institutions makes it harder.
Implications
Example 3: Transport spine

The alignment for the main fast long-distance highway and rail line is likely to be on Gaza’s eastern border.

• During reconstruction -- avoid compromising proposed alignment.
• Today avoid dividing Gaza with big highways not needed in the long term.

10-lane highway in Gaza urban area
Implications
Example 4: Road or rail?

Large infrastructure projects compete for funding and priority – but an urban rail system is likely to deliver many more benefits in the long run.

Major investments in high volume roads will delay or displace integrated public transport projects.
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