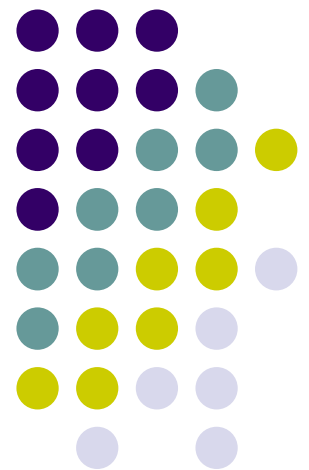


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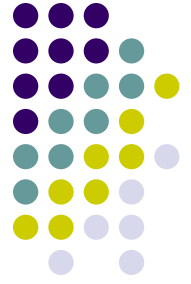
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*Holistic Opportunities  
for Palestinian Engagement*

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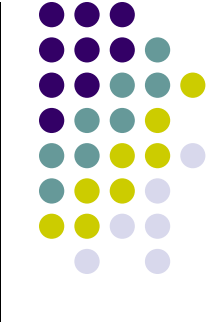
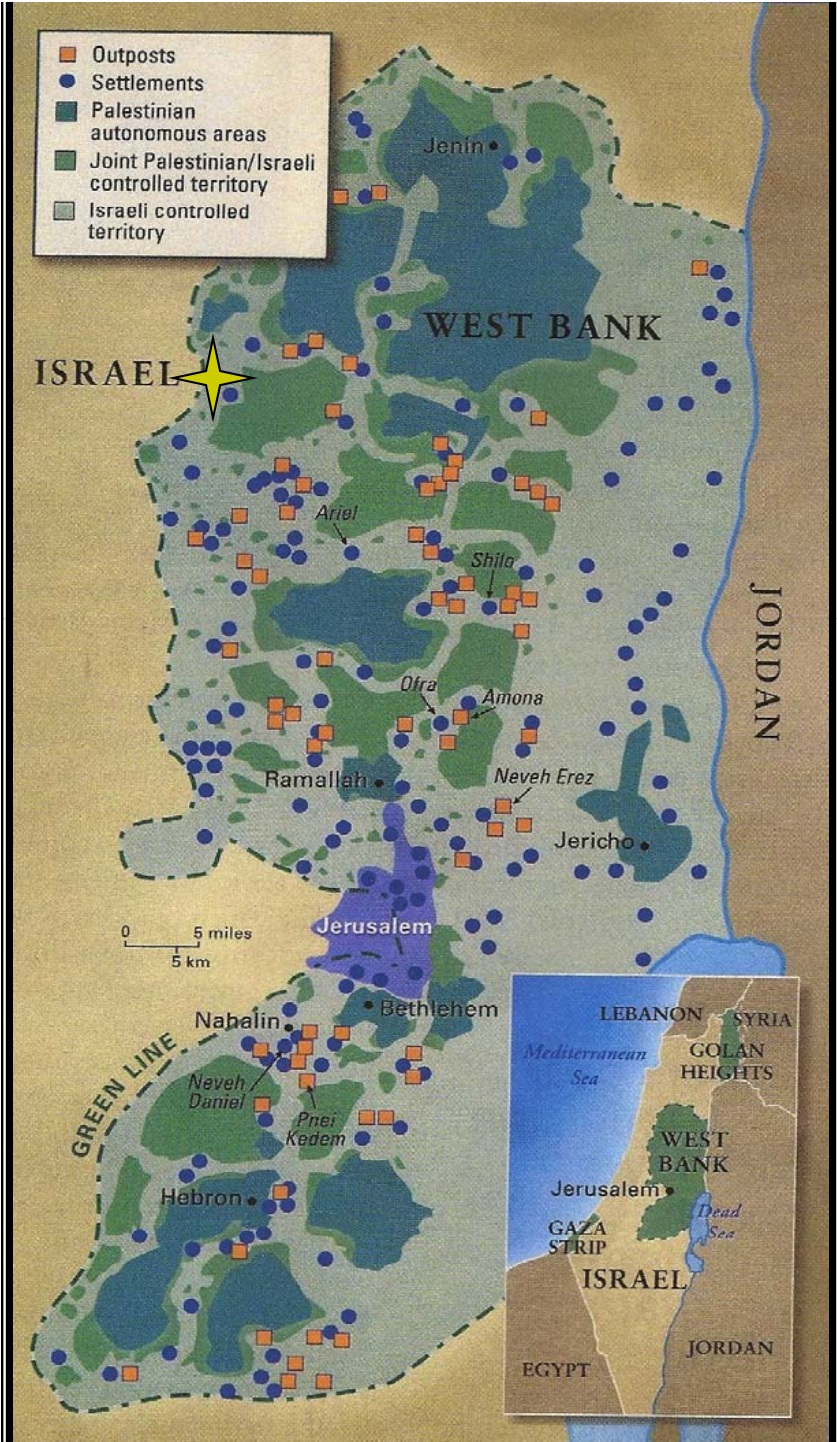


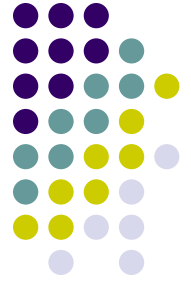
# Executive Summary



The HOPE Project seeks to:

- (1) Working through a Canadian post-secondary institution, establish a new engineering facility at the Palestine Technical University (PTU). The goal is to facilitate access to post-secondary education, in order to target persistently high youth unemployment (\$12 million);
- (2) Through the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE), offer scholarships to Palestinian, Israeli, and Canadian students to attend PTU. In addition, will fund symposiums in order to facilitate inter-communal integration (\$8 million).





# Objective

- Target youth unemployment;
- Create associational linkages through joint-educational initiatives and facilities;
- Create a forum for Canadian-Israeli-Palestinian dialogue;
- In turn, reduce overall settler-native violence in the local area by ensuring local level stability despite potential national level tensions.

# Areas of Focus and Rationale

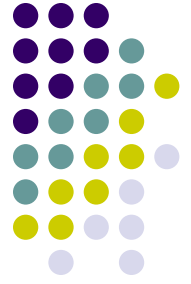


- ✓ Unemployment is high in the West Bank at 22.6%;
- ✓ Address youth low labour participation (44%);
- ✓ Facilitate future forum for discussions and workshops to ease tensions;
- ✓ Will foster intellectual courage in an open environment among youth and decision-makers;
- ✓ Cultivate a collaborative civic engagement among student body.



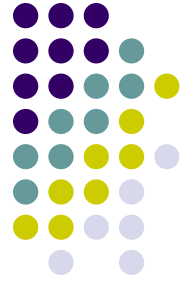
# Budget

- PROJECTED TOTAL COST:
  - \$20,000,000.00 (CND)
- 12, 000, 000. 00 (CND)
  - Grant to selected Canadian higher education institution (for the construction of project), allocated by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD);
  - This grant will help fund the construction of an engineering lab facility.
- 8, 000, 000. 00 (CND)
  - Administered by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE);
  - Provide services for members and learners including international exchanges, scholarships, training, internships, and technical assistance.



# Beneficiaries / Stakeholders

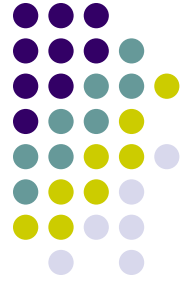
- Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie
  - Sole governmental university in Palestine;
  - Historical symbolism between Palestinian and Israeli relations (Jewish philanthropist - J.S. Kadoorie);
  - Aspires to occupy an elevated status among the local, regional, and international universities, especially in Engineering.
- Local Palestinian/Israeli Population
  - Increased access to skill-based training and employment opportunities, thereby giving an equal footing to Palestinian administered institutions.
- Canada (government)
  - Benefit from international recognition and engagement in the region.
- Canadian Post-Secondary Institution
  - Increased international outreach and recognition.



# Project Evaluation

- Track graduation rates and scholarships holders;
- Track applications to scholarships;
- Rate of Canadian-Israeli enrollment;
- Assess the national reputation and ranking of the establishment;
- Track job-creation initiatives;
- Once facility is in operation, track events held in new conference venue (prospect of holding future symposiums that promote professional integration between Israelis and Palestinians).





# Preconditions

- Stable security environment;
- Cooperation from selected universities (as well as the assurance of sound financial and accounting practices);
- Permission and cooperation of Israeli and Palestinian state/regional/local governments.



Thank You

