

## **World Statistics Day – The Palestinian Way as of 19/09/2010**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) is going HOT on the World Statistics Day on which many national events will be carried out. The celebration will be under the auspices of HIS Excellency Dr. Salam Fayyad – The Prime minister, and in participation of key national and international figures namely Dr. Hasan Abu Libdeh - the founder of PCBS, Mr. Juraj Riecan - the Director of ESCWA's Statistics Division, and Hans from GapMinder.

A special contest has been arranged to distribute awards on best news item prepared by the media utilizing PCBS' statistics. The awards will be presented on the World Statistics Day where a session is devoted to discuss the mutual partnership between PCBS and the media.

The celebration is also flavored with hi-tech where Hans from Gapminder will show the power of statistics through data visualization. In addition, PCBS will focus in the celebration on Palestinian hot issues including economy, demography as well as settlements and the annexation wall. Special speakers will address these issues showing the role of national statistics in providing relevant information to help in planning and decision making.

PCBS plans to distribute on this day awards for distinguished employees to capitalize on the role of PCBS' staff in developing Palestine's official statistics.

PCBS will launch a special web site on October first to highlight the World Statistics Day.