Abstract:

In 1996 the Oslo Agreement was signed, accordingly the telecommunication infrastructure was handed to the newly established Palestine National Authority PNA. All the economic activities within the PNA control area was subjected to the Paris economic protocols which was an annex to the Oslo accords. Annex III article 36 is telecommunication protocol. In effect all development in the Telecommunication and IT sector is governed by the protocol.

In the Seminar, a chronology of telecom IT sector development or underdevelopment will be discussed; example of Israeli or self-made obstructions and millstones will be explained. Current discussion and standoff with the Israelis related to 3G services in the Palestinian territory will be covered.

Steps to liberalize the mobile telephone services and the broadband services, price control and unbundling of services will be explained. The current regulatory and legal framework will be illustrated.

Future trends in telecom services licensing and infrastructure sharing will also be discussed.

Past and current egoverement development work will be discussed

Biography:

Finished high school in 1977, Gaza Strip, left to Manchester, England for his university education, and joined Manchester Institute of Science and Technology UMIST, in 1983 obtained BSc degree with honours in Engineering, the following year he obtained MSc in engineering also from UMIST. In 1985 he enrolled for a PhD at Imperial College Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London. In 1989 he completed a PhD and DIC in Engineering. He then worked for the following 5 years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University College London UCL and Imperial College.
In November 1994 decided to relocate to Palestine and was appointed as Assistant Professor of Engineering at Birzeit University, West Bank.

Worked as freelance consultant on institutional development and planning for major local and international organisations

From January 2001 to March 2005 was the Executive Director of Palestinian IT Association of Companies PITA, ICT private sector business association.

In 2005-2006 served as advisor to the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Technology. Later on, Dr. Abudaka has worked as Birzeit University Consultant.

Appointed Minister of Transport in June 2007 and Minister of Telecom and IT from May 2009 till May 2012 when he resigned.

Worked as telecom advisor to Jerusalem District Electricity Co. (JDECO)

Returned to work as Executive Director of Palestine IT Association PITA between September 2013 and October 2015.

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