



DAIMLER

מרכז פרס לשלום  
מركز بيرس للسلام  
The Peres Center For Peace



## WITTENBERG DECLARATION OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> FORUM OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

In July 2008, researchers and business people from Germany, Jordan and Israel, led by the Amman Center for Peace and Development, the Peres Center for Peace and the Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics met in Wittenberg to hold the 6<sup>th</sup> Forum on Economic Cooperation. The seminar was hosted by the Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics and supported by Daimler.

The Forum 2008 was dedicated to the potentials of alternative energies in the Middle East. Due to the possible impacts of climate change and the scarcity of energy resources the question of energy availability and security is vital for socio-economic development, peace and stability worldwide. It was agreed that alternative energies offer manifold opportunities in order to find common solutions for the shared challenge of sustainable energy supply. Possible projects that are economically beneficial for both sides were discussed.

The participants worked together in an atmosphere of respect, open mindedness and cooperation. After three days of intensive discussions and presentations several ideas were discussed in order to be evaluated by each party in due time.

Reaffirming the commitment to peace and development, the participants recognize the significance for cooperation in the field of alternative energy. The common goal is to approach the growing problems of energy supply in the region by establishing a trustful exchange of know-how and ideas. Implementing some of the initiatives will contribute to consolidate energy security, peace and prosperity in the region.

Wittenberg, July 16, 2008

General (ret) Mansour Abu Rashid  
Amman Center for Peace and Development

Mr. Oren Blonder  
The Peres Center for Peace

Prof. Dr. Arnis Vilks  
Wittenberg Center for Global Ethics