



The 11th World Summit on Counter-Terrorism **September 13-14, 2011** **Herzliya, Israel**

The declaration of a Palestinian State and its ramifications to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and regional, international affairs

In September 2011, Palestinian efforts to establish a Palestinian state will reach a peak in their attempts to achieve international recognition of the establishment of a state by, amongst other things, unilateral declaration of such a state at the General Assembly of the United Nations. This cluster of workshops will examine the Palestinian activities, Israel's efforts to answer this challenge, and the ramifications of such a declaration on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and regional and international affairs.

- **The transition from the Palestinian Authority to a Palestinian state (The U.N. declaration and the coming elections in the Palestinian Authority)**

The workshop will examine the Palestinian efforts to obtain international recognition of a Palestinian state and the consequences of this recognition. The workshop will examine the development of the Palestinian Authority in recent years, under Salem Fayyad's development plan, and the changes in Palestinian strategy as a result of the Reconciliation Agreement signed between Hamas and Fatah. The workshop will examine the chances of a Palestinian state, if it is indeed established, to exist as an independent state, as well as the conditions required for this state not to decline into a factor for regional instability.



- **Hamas as a hybrid terrorist organization – The evaluation of the Hamas movement**

This workshop will examine the Hamas movement as a hybrid terror organization, which ostensibly operates as a legitimate political organization as well as carrying out activities as a terrorist organization. It will examine the movement's development from its inception in 1987, until today. The workshop will note the milestones, historical achievements and failures, and will discuss the movement's ideology as well as its strategy. It will also examine Hamas' chances of taking control of the Palestinian Authority government, and the consequences of a Hamas government on the chances of attaining peace with Israel and stability in the Middle East.

- **External influences on the Palestinian arena: Egypt, Turkey, Iran, the Arab League, Saudi Arabia, the United States and the international community**

This workshop will examine the external influences of various players on the Palestinian arena, including: Egypt, Turkey, Iran, the Arab League, Saudi Arabia, the United States and the international community. The workshop will examine the influence of these entities on different actors in the Palestinian arena and their ability to promote, stop, or influence internal and external processes.