

Hassan Abdel Rahman

Former Palestinian National Authority Ambassador to the United States and to Morocco



Hassan Abdel Rahman is a former Palestinian National Authority Ambassador to the United States of America and Palestine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco from 2005 to 2009. Nominated by the PLO Executive Committee in 1983 to serve as the PLO's representative in Washington D.C., from 1994 through 2005 he represented the Palestinian National Authority in the American capital.

Amb. Abdel Rahman is currently the Chief Executive Officer and Vice-President of the Council on Arab Relations with Latin America and the Caribbean (CARLAC) and a Senior Advisor to the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (FUNGLODE).

In 1971, Ambassador Abdel Rahman graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico with a bachelor's degree in political science and sociology. One year later, he earned a master's degree in public policy from the University of Puerto Rico. In 1972, Ambassador Abdel Rahman left for the United States where he was a doctoral candidate in political sciences from the University of New-York.

In 1974, Ambassador Abdel Rahman was assigned by the PLO to help prepare for Yasser Arafat's historic address to the United Nations. When on November 22, 1974, the organization received formal observer status, Ambassador Abdel Rahman became its deputy representative in New York, and the Director of its information Center.

In 1982, Amb. Abdel Rahman was appointed to serve as the PLO's official representative to the United States, a position he held (save for a brief two-year interlude as the organization's representative in Canada between 1991 and 1992) until the signing of the Declaration of Principles in September 1993. From 1994 to 2005, he served as Chief Representative of the Palestinian National Authority to the United States. As a fluent Spanish speaker, he concurrently served as the PNA's liaison to the governments of Colombia, Chile and Venezuela.

In addition to his official representative positions, Ambassador Abdel Rahman was an active participant in the Peace Process in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, serving as a senior political advisor to the Palestinian negotiating teams at the Madrid Conference of 1991, Wye River Conference and Camp David 2000 Summit.

During his tenure in Washington D.C., Ambassador Abdel Rahman was a frequent guest on television news programs and the college lecture circuit.