

**Biographical note**  
**Maher Nasser**

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Maher Nasser, from Palestine, has over 26 years of work experience in the United Nations System during which he has worked in various capacities in Gaza, Jerusalem, Vienna, Amman, New York, Cairo, back to Vienna and again back to New York.

Prior to assuming his current post as Director of the Outreach Division in the Department of Public Information in New York, Mr. Nasser was the Director of the United Nations Information Service in Vienna from July 2008 and Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Cairo from January 2006. Before joining DPI in 2006, Mr. Nasser was the Chief of the New York Liaison Office for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) from 2001. He also worked for UNRWA, in Vienna and Amman from 1996 to April 2001. From 1992 to 1994, Mr. Nasser worked as an Associate Information Officer for the United Nations Drug Control Programme in Vienna (now UNODC). Mr. Nasser also served as UNRWA's Public Information Officer and Spokesperson in Gaza and in Jerusalem from 1987 to 1991. Prior to joining the United Nations, he worked for two non-governmental organizations based in Jerusalem.

From October to December 1991, Mr. Nasser was the personal assistant to Dr. Haidar Abdul Shafi, the Head of the Palestinian Negotiating Team to the Madrid Middle East Peace Conference and subsequent bilateral negotiations in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Nasser has a degree from Bir Zeit University in the West Bank, and a postgraduate diploma in business administration from the University of Warwick, in the United Kingdom.

From 1 April to 13 August 2012, he was Acting Head of the Department of Public Information.