

The Palestinian-European Civil Society Forum: Advocacy for Palestine

FORUM GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Palestinian-European Civil Society Forum on Advocacy for Palestine is a multi-day event offering a platform for the principal Palestinian and European human rights and civil society actors active in and on Palestine to meet and address the reality on the ground, key challenges and innovative solutions. It is primarily organised by Jerusalem Human Rights Consortium (JHRC) in collaboration with Palestinian and European organisations. The Event team is pleased to share this Forum guide with you so that you can get ready for your trip.

Registration

The Event team has launched an online [registration form](#) in which you will be asked to provide information about your travel dates, language preference and any special arrangement you need. This will help us plan Forum activities and make the most out of your participation. If you register before booking a flight, please email us your flight dates and times (arrival and departure) and flight numbers at logistics@jlac.ps. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that if you are a citizen of an EU member state, you do not need to apply for a visa. If that is not the case, please contact the Event team to assist you in the process.

Programme

The Palestinian-European Civil Society Forum on Advocacy for Palestine will consist of three days of field visits all over the West Bank and the Palestinian community in Israel, and three days of panels, workshops and cultural evenings on multiple themes related to civil society work in Palestine. The full workshops and field trip schedule will be sent to you shortly, but if you are planning to attend all the field trips, we recommend that you arrive in Palestine on 3 November 2022.

Transportation

The JHRC will cover transportation from Ben Gurion Airport to the Forum venue in Ramallah for both arrival and departure. If you would like to make use of this service, please make sure to share your flight numbers and times with our team. The JHRC will cover all local transportation related to Forum activities and field trips.

Israeli new procedure for entry and residence of foreigners

The new procedures issued by the Israeli civil administration of the West Bank, known as COGAT, and titled "Procedure for entry and residence of foreigners in the Judea and Samaria area" has raised a lot of questions.

Our analysis is

1. The published procedures mainly apply to individuals crossing through the Allenby bridge, as COGAT has no jurisdiction out of the West Bank,
2. The requests to fill specific forms are only for nationals of countries that require a visa to enter Israel

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3. The restrictions on entry to the West Bank, are not new, but rather have been in place since early 2000s, but are rarely enforced.

For further information, or if you wish to discuss the approach that you want to use, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Security check in Ben Gurion Airport is expected. The check is usually a few questions about the purpose of the trip, length and locations to be visited, for this, facilitation letters will be provided in coordination with sponsors and partners - for the purpose of issuing your facilitation letter, please provide us with a copy of your passport by sending it to logistics@jlac.ps

Weather and Clothing

The weather in Palestine in November is rather pleasant, with temperatures ranging between 10-19 Celsius degrees. Please make sure to bring warm clothing and account for the possibility of wind and rain. For the field trips, comfortable walking shoes and clothing will be beneficial. The rest of the activities (workshops and panels) will be held indoors. Please note that the Forum will feature at least two formal receptions with all participants, local and foreign diplomats and donors.

Meals, Accommodation and Accessibility

Each participant will be accommodated in a single room reserved and covered by the JHRC. Therefore, make sure to book your flight and let the Event team know as soon as you do by emailing us at logistics@jlac.ps. Please keep in mind that you can check into a hotel late on 3 November and check out at midday of 10 November. If you require more days which are not covered by JHRC, the team can help you book the extra days. Throughout the Forum, meals and snacks will be provided. If you have dietary preferences and/or allergies, please make sure to specify them during the registration process. The Forum venue is fully wheelchair accessible, but for facilitating your participation in the field trips and activities outside the conference venue, please communicate any accessibility requirements to the Event team.

If you have any further queries, feel free to contact us at jhrc.summit@jlac.ps. Further, you can visit our website www.csforum.ps.



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