



The role of big tech companies in quashing human rights advocacy for Palestine was viewed as an immediate challenge with significant implications. As one participant noted, “tech organisations get to decide which voices can be heard.”

Participants noted that perhaps the greatest challenge to advancing Palestinian rights is the lack of a coherent national movement. At the same time, they agreed that civil society represents the greatest opportunity to craft and lead a collective and effective Palestinian voice in the future.

Collective action points and areas for strengthened Palestinian and international collaboration

There was a call to build an inclusive mechanism to bring civil society together across the different geographical locations, both inside and outside the OPT. The mechanism should find ways to embrace the differences among Palestinians in their respective geographical locations and increase cross-geographical collaboration around: i) coordinated messaging; ii) joint research; iii) dialogue on Palestinian identity and the new political horizon; and iv) the role of civil society in reaching that horizon.

Conclusion: Enabling further dialogue

Participants expressed a desire to see international organizations like The Carter Center and The Elders work to protect civic and advocacy space and support coalition-building between international nongovernmental organizations and Palestinian civil society around a shared agenda. They also said there is an urgent need to increase resources, including more flexible funding sources, for Palestinians to work together across geographies. Donors who come with preset agendas or strings attached were viewed as harming the ability of Palestinians to work collectively.

The Carter Center indicated that it would continue convening civil society across geographies for further discussions, with the field office serving as a conduit for engagement between workshops.