### The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy

المبادرة الفلسطينية لتعميق الحوار العالمي والديمقراطية

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#### VISION

A sovereign, independent, democratic, tolerant and inclusive Palestinian state, which grants Palestinians their basic rights, preserves their dignity, and enjoys international recognition and respect.

#### **MISSION**

Established in 1998. MIFTAH seeks to promote the principles of democracy and good governance within various components Palestinian society; it further seeks to engage local and international public opinion and official circles on the Palestinian cause. To that end, MIFTAH adopts the mechanisms of an active and in-depth dialogue, the free flow of information ideas, as well as local and international networking.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

#### 1. To enhance good governance in Palestine

- Specific Objective 1: To enhance women and youth participation in policy and decision-making within the public sector and local government organizations through:
- Empowering potential women and youth political leadership in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for national and local government elections.
- Supporting women and youth to be well prepared to take on political roles and to become involved in political and public spheres.
- Expanding networks and alliances at the local, regional, and international levels through MIFTAH's active engagement in different relevant activities carried out by civil society organizations (public meetings, conferences, workshops... etc.) at the local, regional, and international levels.
- Specific Objective 2: To advance policy advocacy and lobbying to ensure social justice and equality through:
- Organizing policy dialogue and advocacy on promoting access to justice and safeguarding citizens' rights within public policies through holding policy meetings with decision makers, as well as through addressing policy recommendations and policy proposals.
- Promoting gender equality and equity including protection against gender-based violence within a policy framework; addressing recommendations at both policy and legislative levels, in addition to governmental and non-governmental organizations, to influence mechanisms and procedures that support gender equality.

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## 2. To strengthen national unity and international awareness of the Palestinian narrative

- Specific Objective 1: To enhance internal dialogue to reach consensus on key political positions imperative to the Palestinians through:
- Reviving the national internal dialogue on timely political issues through holding policy dialogue sessions to enhance multichannel communication among all sectors of society, including political leaders, government, and civil-society organizations. The sessions are held with the view of following up on upcoming political issues, through engaging politicians, academics, ministers and decision-makers in open and candid exchange of information and ideas.
- Specific Objective 2: To promote the Palestinian narrative as a just and fair cause through:
- Contributing to the promotion of the Palestinian narrative at the global level (Global Dialogue)
  through hosting international delegations, conducting briefings and discussion sessions, and holding meetings with diplomatic missions.
- Shedding light on critical political opinions and increasing awareness about the Palestinian narrative, through drafting political statements, position papers, interviews with political figures, reports and studies, and factsheets to bolster solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

## **PROGRAMS**

#### (1) Policy Dialogue and Good Governance Program

This program aims at enhancing good governance in Palestine through improving the leadership roles of youth and women and their ability to shoulder responsibility towards social and political change at both the local and national levels, based on a democratic approach and the principles of good governance. The program aims to advance the interests and the capacities of youth and women in political and social influence, towards assuming decision-making positions and participating in formulating public policies. Furthermore, the program aims to provide an environment conducive to, and a safe space for, policy dialogue, which ensures social and political representation at the national and international levels. Through this program, MIFTAH contributes to supporting the Palestinian demand for safeguarding civil, political, economic and social rights in public policy formulation.

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#### **PROGRAMS**

## (2) Palestinian Narrative and Political Dialogue Program

This program aims at contributing to the promotion of the Palestinian narrative at the global level through hosting international delegations, conducting briefings and discussion sessions and holding meetings with diplomatic missions with focus on the Palestinian right to self-determination. Moreover, through this program MIFTAH aims at reviving the Palestinian (national) internal dialogue on timely political issues and contributing to building consensus on the Palestinian political agenda. The program also aims at reactivating the Media and Information Unit to shed light on critical political opinions and increase awareness about the Palestinian narrative through drafting political statements, position papers, reports, studies factsheets to bolster solidarity with the Palestinian cause.

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