Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network 2023-2025
Vision

We envision the Palestinian people articulating and determining the contours of a liberated future.
Mission

Al-Shabaka convenes a multidisciplinary, global network of Palestinian analysts to produce critical policy analysis and collectively imagine a new policymaking paradigm for Palestine and Palestinians worldwide.
Decolonization

We believe fundamentally in the self-determination of indigenous peoples worldwide. Decolonization - the critical awareness and dismantling of colonial power and primacy, and the reclamation and recentering of indigenous knowledge, land, and culture - is a prerequisite toward achieving a self-determined future.
Independence
We are a non-partisan, non-governmental think tank; we produce critical analysis distinct from any political party or government body.

Accountability
As a Palestinian organization, we hold ourselves accountable to the Palestinian people. This includes adhering to political red lines developed through Palestinian consensus, avoiding harm to the Palestinian struggle, and proactively working to repair any harm we may cause.
Collaboration
We believe in the principles of cooperation and partnership. We approach our work from a spirit of camaraderie and coalition-building, and reject the notion of zero-sum power.

Intersectionality
We strive for our analysis to be intersectional and recognize the multiple layers of oppression that individuals and communities face, as well as the multitude of opportunities for collaboration that exist through shared experience.
Respect

We respect our colleagues and partners, and treat them with equality, dignity, and integrity.

Transformative Learning

We embrace the ongoing process of learning and unlearning as we strive for collective strategies towards liberation. We recognize the ever-evolving environment in which we live and adopt an iterative approach to knowledge production.
Transformative change and liberation require a groundswell of Palestinian popular mobilization.

Think tanks can serve liberation movements by carving out space for oppressed peoples to critically examine their histories and conditions, to inform frameworks of solidarity organizing, and to articulate visions for liberation and what follows.
A self-determined future must be built on collective self-awareness, as well as a critical understanding of the powers at play that are thwarting liberation.

The Palestinian people possess knowledge and ideas essential to our own liberation.
The Palestinian struggle is deeply intertwined with those of other indigenous and marginalized peoples across the globe. Accordingly, knowledge and experiences from other liberation movements must likewise inform our struggle.
We believe our vision will be realized through strengthening the popular movement for Palestinian liberation with the theoretical and analytical policy foundations to both dismantle the current structures of oppression and build a liberated future.
In order to realize our vision, we must create space for our network to...
1. Challenge the status quo of dominant narratives, particularly but not limited to - Zionism, as well as the policies and policy-making approaches informed by such narratives.
2. Reimagine policymaking in service of decolonization, and prefigure a new climate for policy analysis, designed by and for Palestinians.
3. Develop consensus-derived liberatory analysis and strategies.
4. Disseminate Palestinian-led thinking to support the building of grassroots power within and beyond Palestine, and to further solidify alliances and shape how allies engage with policy.
Key Strategies

Produce analysis that broadens the bounds of Palestinian policymaking and future visioning

Invest in Al-Shabaka's 200-member strong policy network

Anchor Al-Shabaka's presence in Palestine and across the Arab world

Build cross-movement power with other communities struggling for liberation