A Digital Forum with a Jerusalem Spirit

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A session of the Jerusalem Digital Forum.

From the terrace of Notre Dame, overlooking the skyline of a beautiful city whose ancient stones have witnessed centuries of transformation, a new kind of light has radiated across Jerusalem, reflecting creativity, innovation, and the promise of a digital future. This backdrop framed the launch of Jerusalem Digital Forum, an initiative led by Burj Al-Luqluq Social Center Society in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). With a vision rooted in youth empowerment and technological advancement, the gathering marked a bold step toward placing Jerusalem's young innovators at the heart of global digital progress.

The forum arrived with purpose. Its themes of digital transformation, youth-driven innovation, and the potential of artificial intelligence reflected a collective belief that Palestinian youth in Jerusalem hold the keys to shaping the city's next chapter. Burj Al-Luqluq embraced this moment with remarkable energy, positioning itself as a catalyst for a new technological era in the city.

The event brought together an impressive group of leaders, thinkers, and innovators. Among them were Dr. Imad Abu Kishek, president of Al-Quds University; Dr. Saeed Sabri, an expert in digital transformation and strategic planning; entrepreneur Hani Al-Alami, a pioneer in high-tech and advanced technologies; Andreas Adrian from GIZ; and Muntaser Dkeidek, executive director of Burj Al-Luqluq. Their presence, insights, and engagement infused the forum with a spirit of possibility and determination.

"Igniting a technological movement through contemporary dialogue to enable a better life and navigate challenges through innovation, the Jerusalem Digital Forum conference fostered the development of a productive digital ecosystem."

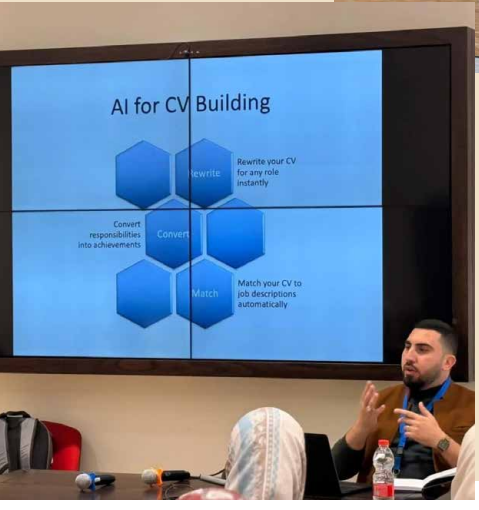


What unfolded throughout the forum was more than a series of talks, it was an evolving conversation about the digital age and the role of Palestinian youth within it. Participants explored the challenges and opportunities of emerging technologies, the global shifts toward automation, and the capacity of Jerusalem's young generation to adapt, innovate, and lead. Workshops, panel discussions, and brainstorming sessions created spaces for youth and experts alike to exchange ideas. Themes ranged from digital entrepreneurship to smart solutions for mobility, health, education, and employment. A recurring call to action emerged: to forge stronger cooperation between academia, the private sector, and civil society in order to develop digital solutions that respond to pressing community needs.

The forum emphasized that technology, when placed in the right hands, is not only a tool for economic advancement, it is a pathway to improved quality of life. Participants highlighted the responsibility and opportunity to nurture a generation of digital creators who can shape change, strengthen national identity, and build meaningful opportunities within Jerusalem.

Speakers did not shy away from discussing the profound challenges young Palestinians in Jerusalem are facing: restrictions on movement, systemic barriers, and limited economic opportunities. Yet the message was clear: Technology can serve as a powerful equalizer. It holds





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the potential to create jobs, empower young women working from home, and connect ideas across neighborhoods even when physical mobility is constrained. The promise of digital tools to bypass barriers and spark new forms of entrepreneurship resonated strongly, offering both hope and practical pathways forward.

Jerusalem Digital Forum stood as more than an event; it embodied a vision of what Jerusalem can become – a city where youth harness technology to transcend limitations and design innovative, culturally rooted solutions.

In the heart of a city often defined by its constraints, the forum illuminated a new narrative: technology as a gateway to a borderless landscape of knowledge and productivity. With continued investment, collaboration, and youth engagement, this digital movement has the potential to grow into one of Jerusalem's most inspiring success stories.

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