



AFZ Checklist

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Becoming an Apartheid Free Zone (AFZ) is an exciting challenge. This checklist can help you identify the possibilities your space has to concretely end any existing complicity once it has become an AFZ.

When you are considering becoming an AFZ, it's a good time to look at possible relations of complicity as well as opportunities to create a space, where no one is discriminated against and racism and oppression have no place.

We recommend you look into:

- The supply of products and services that you sell, buy or use;
- The flow of money;
- The existing partnerships,
- The intersectionality.

SUPPLY

While there is no comprehensive database of all the companies involved in Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights, the following are important resources:

- The [UN database](#);
- The [list](#) of companies and brands currently a focus of BDS campaigns;
- The [DBIO list of financial institutions and companies involved in Israel's illegal settlements enterprise](#);
- The [AFSC's investment screen](#) ;
- The [Who Profits database](#).



SUPPLY

Do you have any of these companies in your supply chain?

If yes, do you have a viable alternative to these companies' products/services?

Yes:

- How quickly would you be able to cut your ties with these complicit companies?
- Make this decision public!

No:

- Can you do without it? If so - Make this decision public.
- Is this product/service essential? If so - Please consult with the BNC to see if you can still qualify as an AFZ.

SUPPLY

Is your entire supply chain clear and transparent? Are you able to trace all products/services that are part of your supply chain?

- If not, are you ready and able to try to trace them?
- If yes, how quickly can you do so?
- Make this decision public!

Do you already own durable goods from a company complicit in Israeli apartheid?

Use them to publicize your support for Palestinian rights by covering the logo with a campaign sticker until the product life span ends and you substitute them with an alternative.

MONEY

Financial institutions (banks, insurance agencies) are often a key supporter of Israel's occupation, colonialism and apartheid, even if not that visible.

Have you checked if your bank is funding Israeli apartheid?

Unfortunately, no comprehensive database identifying all relevant banks is currently available.

If you are dealing with a European bank, you can check this list of [companies funding Israeli apartheid](#).

Otherwise, you could try to inquire with your bank about its investment portfolio.

MONEY

Think about your organization's/institution's insurance, pensions fund and main investments:

Are any of these with a financial institution that is funding Israeli apartheid?

You may check this with the same means used to check your bank.

If yes:

- Would it be possible to change it?
- How long would it take you to interrupt the cooperation?
- Make your decision to end the relationship public.

PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Apartheid Israel invests much effort and resources to present itself as democratic and liberal, through a wide network of academic, cultural, and sporting partnerships, all over the world.

Israeli academic, cultural, and sporting institutions are overwhelmingly complicit in its regime of apartheid. Those that have not ended complicity in Israeli apartheid nor publicly endorsed the comprehensive rights of the Palestinian people should be boycotted.

It is important to note that BDS campaigns focus exclusively on complicity, not identity, and institutions, not individuals.

PARTNERSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS

- Do you have any academic, cultural or sporting partnerships with complicit Israeli organizations?
- If yes, would it be possible to stop the cooperation?
- What would your withdrawal from such a partnership imply?
- How long would it take?
- Make your decision to end this relationship public.

A large crowd of people is gathered on a city street for a protest. In the foreground, a long black banner with the words 'BOYCOTT ISRAEL' in large, bold, yellow letters is held by several individuals. The crowd behind the banner is diverse, with many people wearing headscarves. In the background, a maroon banner with the letters 'AFZ' is visible, along with other smaller signs, including one that says 'BOYCOTT' and another that says 'CONTRE GAZA'. The street is lined with tall green trees, and a traffic light is visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is one of a large-scale public demonstration.

Being an AFZs is also an opportunity to connect with others struggling to overcome other forms of racism, oppression and discrimination.

Intersectionality

A true commitment to fight Israeli apartheid can only be possible within the framework of respect for human rights for all.

To be part of the network of AFZs developed by the BDS movement, you will need to ensure you don't violate the basic principles of anti-racism and anti-discrimination laid out in the statement "Racism and Racial Discrimination are the Antithesis of Freedom, Justice & Equality".



Intersectionality

Some ideas for outreach could include:

- Is your place part of any fairtrade network or does it follow any human/labour rights or anti-discrimination policy?
- Do you have a transparent policy or concrete practice for gender equity and against gendered violence and homo/transphobia?
- Are you in touch with other anti-racist groups working on issues such as indigenous rights, refugee-migrants' rights, decolonization, international solidarity with other oppressed peoples or environmental and climate justice?

Intersectionality

Would it be possible to create space for synergy or mutual support between diverse struggles in your 'space'?

For example, a common wall of announcements, a common room or library, a night where everyone introduces oneself, other shared activities

If you don't have such previous links, why not start now building cooperation and partnerships for the common struggle against all forms of racism, racial discrimination and oppression?