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Top Accomplishments 2022



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Letter from the President

In this annual report, we proudly share the extraordinary accomplishments of the NGO Monitor team in 2022 – successes made possible by the generous contributions of our supporters around the world.

We remain the only source of accurate, reliable, open-source research on the NGO network – from the superpowers, such as Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, to their Palestinian and Israeli allies. In webinars, conferences and other academic platforms NGO Monitor's research has broken through the halo effect that protected these powerful organizations from criticism.

Likewise, our groundbreaking research on Palestinian NGO terror links led to major funding cuts and fundamentally changed the image of these NGOs in Europe.

Our research was also instrumental in exposing the aggressive NGO campaign against Israel at the International Criminal Court and the UN's permanent Commission of Inquiry (soon to be joined by one at the International Court of Justice). By making the details of their campaign public, including the government funding behind it, we are able to criticize and counter NGO efforts.

In addition, going back to 2015, NGO Monitor has been the primary source for information on the NGO role in distorting ESG/CSR ratings, as reflected in the ongoing controversy with Morningstar. In 2023, our focus on this issue will expand significantly.

The impact of some of our work has even deeper roots. For over 15 years, NGO Monitor has systematically exposed the obsessions of Ken Roth and other NGO officials who exploit human rights for hate. Our research and analysis, highlighting the lies behind their support for BDS and other NGO "apartheid" campaigns, are widely quoted and cited by journalists and pro-Israel allies.

After 20 years of NGO Monitor's existence, our goals remain the same: to expand awareness of the power of political advocacy NGOs and their abuses of that power, particularly in demonizing and attacking Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people.

On all of these battlefronts, our challenge is to consolidate and expand upon the gains that came to fruition in 2022.

I am confident that NGO Monitor will continue to achieve impact in countering the NGO war against Israel, and ultimately against universal human rights.

Thank you for your assistance in making that happen.

Prof. Gerald Steinberg



Ryan Blau of PBL Photography



Exposing and Defunding NGO Terror Ties

When the Israeli government designated six PFLP-linked NGOs as terrorist organizations at the end of 2021, we knew the counterattack in 2022 would be strong. The NGOs, their European government funders, and supporters in the UN launched an all-out campaign to try to force a reversal. Pressed by their NGO allies, nine European governments even issued a statement claiming that they did not receive “substantial information...that would justify reviewing our policy towards” the NGOs.

Despite this public posturing, NGO Monitor research – demonstrating clear links between the Palestinian NGO network and the PFLP terror organization – was instrumental in **pushing governments to cut more than \$5 million of their funding for the terror-linked NGOs in 2022.**

In fact, NGO Monitor’s role was explicitly recognized by NGO and UN officials during a UN Commission of Inquiry hearing on the designations. Multiple officials from the PFLP-NGO network blamed NGO Monitor for influencing government decisions to end their funding. A representative from the Health Work Committees (HWC) stated that they had lost 35 of their 40 institutional donors!

European Governments Act Against the NGO-PFLP Network

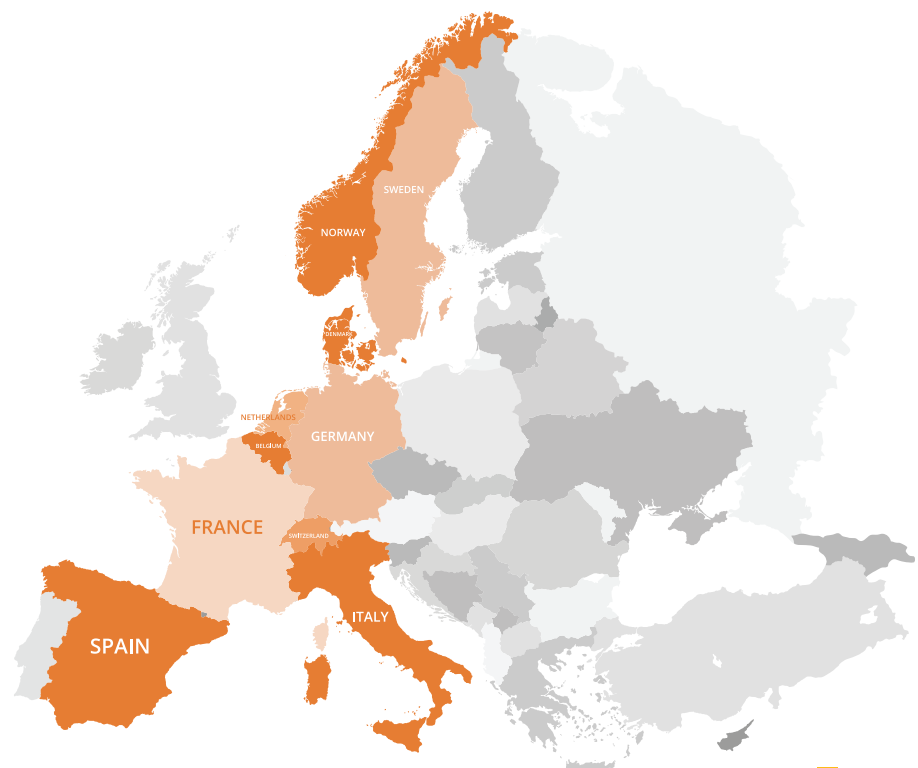
Adopting NGO Monitor methodology, the Netherlands cancels €2.2 million contract with Palestinian terror-linked NGO

On January 5, 2022, following an independent investigation, the government of the Netherlands announced that it would immediately cancel its contract with a Palestinian NGO, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC), over its ties to the PFLP. As a result of the investigation, the Netherlands cut an estimated €2.2 million in support to UAWC.

NGO Monitor played a key role in this decision. In 2018, NGO Monitor sent Dutch officials our research findings on the affiliations of many UAWC employees and board members to the PFLP. NGO Monitor regularly updated this information, and members of Parliament posed question based on NGO Monitor research.

Marking a major milestone in how governments vet NGO partners, and validating NGO Monitor's work and the significance of our methodology, the Dutch inquiry did not use the confidential information provided by intelligence agencies, and instead based its conclusions on reviewing open-source data.

Following the announcement, NGO Monitor provided additional reports to the governments of Switzerland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, and Belgium, and to the European Union, referencing the Dutch decision and the importance of freezing all ongoing or future funding to UAWC and other PFLP-linked NGOs.



“After intimidation of the donors by an Israeli organization called NGO Monitor... Support lessened and decreased from 40 donor organizations to only 5 donor organizations.”

Ali Hassounah, General Manager of Health Work Committees

German Foreign Minister states they will not fund designated NGOs

In February 2022, during a visit of German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock to Israel, Israeli media reported that “the German and Israeli foreign ministries will jointly consider ways to continue funding projects in the territories without the money going to six Palestinian organizations that Israel outlawed as terrorist groups.”

European Parliament adopts NGO Monitor language in key annual budgetary resolution

In May 2022, the European Parliament approved the 2020 discharge report, “EU General Budget – Commission and Executive Agencies,” one of the EU’s most important budgetary documents. This resolution includes a call for the EU’s executive arm, the European Commission, to apply specific and rigorous vetting procedures in order to ensure that funds are not provided to terror affiliated entities (including NGOs). It calls on the Commission to “thoroughly verify the use of Union funds by third entities, their affiliates, and/or natural persons to ensure that no funds are allocated or linked to any cause or form of terrorism and/or religious and political radicalisation; make sure that individuals or groups affiliated, linked to or supporting terrorist organizations are excluded from Union funding; ensure that those Union funds are proactively recovered, and that the recipients involved are excluded from future Union funding.”

Sweden, Ireland, and Danish church donor cut funding to BADIL

The major Palestinian NGO BADIL, which promotes antisemitic and anti-Israel tropes, supported the designated NGOs, and declared its rejection of European anti-terror funding measures.

After NGO Monitor provided this information to donor governments, BADIL lost funding from Sweden (\$306,182), Ireland (\$85,000), and a Danish church-based donor (\$300,000). This action demonstrates the impact of over 10 years of our meetings with funders and members of parliament, in which we documented BADIL’s antisemitism and anti-Israel activities.

In October 2021, the Israeli government designated six Palestinian NGOs as terror organizations. NGO Monitor first identified this issue in 2007, and since the designations, we have been the go-to source for information on the NGOs and the allegations against them. Our extensive research – using open-source methodologies – demonstrates the clear ties between the NGOs and the PFLP.

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to terror linked
and antisemitic
NGOs

The Main Source for Public Information on Terror-Linked NGOs

Throughout 2022, NGO Monitor's ongoing work exposing terror-linked NGOs was featured in over 75 media articles. Of note were appearances in Le Monde and Sky News Australia. NGO Monitor was also widely quoted in media articles when, in August, the Israeli government confirmed the designations of three of the NGOs and rejected the appeals of two others (the appeal of the last NGO is pending as of year's end).

Setting the Record Straight on Violence by Palestinian Minors

Terror-tied Palestinian NGOs regularly distort the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Palestinian minors in terror incidents. They ignore or minimize the violent attacks perpetrated by the minors that precipitated their deaths, and blame Israel for deploying self-defense measures to protect the victims. In situations in which the minors died in clashes with Israeli forces and violent rioting, the NGOs erase this essential element when discussing the incidents. In addition, they make factual claims that conflict with reports from media outlets and official accounts.

In July 2022, NGO Monitor launched a database that examines the circumstances surrounding the deaths of dozens of Palestinian teenagers at the hands of Israeli security forces since 2018, and details the distortions in NGO reporting on these incidents. The information on this database has been widely distributed to major stakeholders.

France dissolves terror-affiliated NGO

On March 9, the Interior Minister of France announced the dissolution of the anti-Israel NGO, Collectif Palestine Vaincra (CPV), due to "hatred, violence and discrimination." NGO Monitor's original research documented CPV's terror affiliations, leading to repeated calls on the French government to take action against the organization. Among the materials we produced was a report revealing that CPV raised money for a PFLP-linked group to "fund several vacation camps." In a video of the camp's activities published by the PFLP's media office, children can be seen parading with fake guns and rockets.



The NGO Apartheid Libel

In 2022, nearly every anti-Israel NGO campaign – at the United Nations, International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice, European Parliament, US Congress – involved the “apartheid” slur. This offensive and racist allegation is emphasized to deny the legitimacy of the Jewish State (regardless of borders) and to advance BDS initiatives to isolate Israel internationally.

As the leading Israeli NGO on issues related to international law and the UN, NGO Monitor was perfectly positioned to counter the “apartheid” libel, and quickly became the go-to experts.

In order to meet this threat directly, NGO Monitor redoubled its research and communication agenda to quickly respond to ongoing developments in international forums. We prepared detailed reports, submissions, and briefs to expose the false legal dimensions of the campaign, and provided research and analysis to all relevant stakeholders to defund the NGOs, counter their influence, and develop policies that will hamper their attacks.

“Categorizing Israel as an Apartheid state is just plain anti-Semitic.”

Nicola Beer, Vice President of the European Parliament

Disrupting Amnesty’s antisemitic attack

NGO Monitor took the leading role in preempting and disrupting Amnesty International’s antisemitic report targeting Israel through the “apartheid” slur. After obtaining an early copy of the report, we led the counterattack against it, publishing and distributing a step-by-step analysis before Amnesty’s publication, with substantive examples and critiques of the numerous falsehoods and slurs. Together with partners around the world – who joined in calling out Amnesty’s antisemitism – we reframed the discussion and forced them to divert attention away from their Israel accusations and focus instead on defending their agenda.

Groundbreaking research publications

In 2022, we issued three major reports deconstructing claims of apartheid. These reports offer in-depth, user-friendly analysis that focuses on legal and factual arguments to debunk the NGO falsehoods.

In March, NGO Monitor’s Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg and UK Barrister Joshua Kern released the second installment of *Neo-Orientalism: Deconstructing claims of apartheid in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict*. Expanding on their previous analysis, our legal experts rebutted the most common NGO allegations that are said to support a case that apartheid is being committed in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. This report also served as the basis of a letter commissioned by NGO Monitor and drafted by Kern to counter a UN submission authored by a Harvard University Law clinic together with a terror-designated PFLP-linked NGO.

NGO Monitor also published two unique and detailed analyses authored by Salo Aizenberg, carefully examining the Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch apartheid reports and highlighting hundreds of errors, misrepresentations, omissions, and double standards in each. These reports were widely cited.

Go-to experts

In 2022, NGO Monitor was the main “go-to” research and information source for campaigns involving the UN Commission of Inquiry, International Criminal Court, and BDS – all based on the apartheid claim. We are consulted



by MPs around the world, the business community, Jewish organizations, pro-Israel groups, legal experts, and academics.

Of note, Barrister Joshua Kern presented our research in October at the prestigious International Law Association conference in New York City. He countered the prevailing anti-Israel atmosphere at a discussion of “Racism & the Crime of Apartheid in International Law.” Kern was the sole panelist without a record of anti-Israel activism, and his participation prevented NGO activists, including Human Rights Watch’s Omar Shakir, from going unchallenged in advancing a false narrative accusing Israel of racism and apartheid.

NGO Monitor filed seven submissions on the apartheid topic at the UN and is the main organization dealing with this issue in UN frameworks. We provided research and legal analysis on apartheid claims used to counter and debunk attacks on pension and investment funds.



We also conducted numerous briefings with key stakeholders, influential figures, and corporate leaders in the Jewish world. These meetings served as opportunities to share our expertise on the anti-Israel apartheid campaign at prominent international academic conferences, law associations, and major Jewish organizations such as the Jewish Agency for Latin America, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, and the Creative Community for Peace. NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented her extensive research at events and academic conferences including with the Jewish Policy Council of America, the Begin Center, the Hebrew University International Conference on Jewish Questions and the Global South, Indiana University’s Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism, the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP) Conference on Global Antisemitism at Cambridge University, the inaugural conference for the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism at University College London, the American Association of Jewish Lawyers & Jurists (AAJLJ), and the German Kompetenznetzwerk Antisemitismus’ symposium on “Colonialism and apartheid analogies in Israel-related antisemitism.”

NGO Monitor hosted a webinar on “Apartheid in Historical Context: The Political War Against Jewish Self-Determination” with Professor Gerald Steinberg, Anne

Herzberg, Professor Steven Zipperstein (UCLA), and Izabella Tabarovsky (London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism).

Twenty-four elected officials from 13 countries speak up against Apartheid slur at online event

NGO Monitor co-hosted a conference with the Combat Antisemitism Movement and the World Zionist Organization's Department for Combating Antisemitism & Enriching Resilience titled "Trivializing History: How Anti-Israel Activists Have Hijacked the South African 'Apartheid' Label to Attack the Jewish State." Leaders from around the world spoke out against appropriation of the term "apartheid" from its historical South African context with the goal of defaming and isolating Israel by portraying it as a racist entity.



“Applying the Apartheid label serves no purpose other than to delegitimize the Israeli state, demonizing the Jewish people and ultimately bring about Israel’s destruction.”

Alan Shatter, Former Minister for Defense of the Republic of Ireland

“How do you know that these organizations, there is no further investigation and all the NGO Monitor, again, they are using the security, using the expert of the Israeli Shabak is using the NGO Monitor smear campaign material as evidence that we are affiliated.”

Sahar Francis, General
Director of Addameer

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Fighting NGO Antisemitism

Fighting Back Against NGO Abuse of Human Rights in Corporate Investment Ratings

In 2022, we achieved a major breakthrough in countering BDS targeting of corporations. Investment research firm Morningstar agreed to change the processes it uses to review companies that operate in Israel and the West Bank. Morningstar, through its subsidiary Sustainalytics (an ESG [environmental, social and corporate governance] outfit), had been relying on claims from BDS groups in its evaluations and downgrading businesses accordingly.

In 2015, NGO Monitor was first to identify the role of Sustainalytics in BDS campaigns in Denmark. In 2021, we published a deeper analysis, showing how Sustainalytics repeated claims from pro-BDS sources without any independent verification and treated Israel differently than other conflict zones. JLens, a Jewish investor network, used this research to launch a campaign to counter these practices by Morningstar, resulting in significant changes to the company's policies.

Specifically, Morningstar agreed to stop incorporating materials from Who Profits, a leading NGO in the BDS sphere, and biased UN bodies into its assessments. This is an important deterrent regarding other investment rating firms that rely on anti-Israel and BDS linked allegations.

Similarly, in February, after former UN official Michael Lynk lobbied the UK Local Government Pension Scheme to adopt the UN BDS blacklist, NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg submitted a detailed response to counter these efforts. Together with a submission from UK Lawyers for Israel, Anne's letter helped to block a local pension fund in Northern England from adopting Lynk's recommendations.

These episodes highlight one of our key strategies for effectively combating BDS, particularly when it is disguised as "corporate social responsibility": providing in-depth, unique, and actionable research products to partners with the expertise and experience necessary to drive policy change.

NGO Monitor Briefings in Australia

After numerous virtual meetings and presentations with the Australian Jewish leadership and members of Parliament, NGO Monitor's Vice President Olga Deutsch made her first in-person trip to Australia to address the rise in antisemitism in the form of global anti-Israel delegitimization campaigns.

During her visit, Olga attended special briefings with members of the NSW Parliament in Sydney to discuss ways of combating contemporary antisemitism in a complex political environment alongside Colin Rubenstein, executive director of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council (AIJAC). She gave a lecture hosted by AIJAC, United Israel Appeal Australia, and Central Zionist Council of NSW titled "The Global Delegitimation Campaigns against Israel and How to Combat Them" and spoke at the Sydney Institute on "The Global Rise of Antisemitism."

The trip made local headlines with articles in the Australian Jewish news titled "NGOs 'often get it wrong'" and a live broadcast by Sky News Australia, where Olga discussed the problem of many NGOs promoting a "politicized agenda."



By the Numbers

35

Conferences

18

UN Submissions

45

Research Papers and Reports

365

Media Articles





United Nations

A Voice Countering NGO Antisemitism and Misinformation at the United Nations

NGO Monitor, which is one of a select group of NGOs that holds special consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council, actively participated in over 15 sessions at UN bodies including the Human Rights Council (HRC) in 2022. President Prof. Gerald Steinberg and Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg worked to dispel misinformation and counter anti-Israel bias within the Council by speaking out on a variety of topics, including Iran, Ireland, the permanent Commission of Inquiry (COI), antisemitism, defamation campaigns, minorities, and counterterrorism. NGO Monitor was the sole civil society voice that did not promote the apartheid slur at the Human Rights Committee periodic review of Israel.

In June, NGO Monitor was the only Israeli NGO to speak at the UNHRC debate on the COI's first report. Prior to her appearance before the Council, Anne Herzberg presented at a side event on the COI organized by UN Watch. Other panelists were Hillel Neuer, Einat Wilf (a member of NGO Monitor's International Advisory Board), Yoseph Haddad, and Olga Meshoe Washington.

“The smear campaign against the Swiss Development Agency that took place for several years by right wing organizations, NGO Monitor and other entities against the SDC ... to inform Addamer that they are suspending the contracts with Addameer.”

Sahar Francis, General
Director of Addameer

UN report on racism incorporates NGO Monitor’s research

NGO Monitor was cited in the Special Rapporteur’s report on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. The report describes how we provide “information about trends in antisemitism,” including examples of antisemitism from NGOs working on “human rights” and “humanitarian issues.” It cites examples we provided of governments funding NGOs involved in “racism or incitement.”

NGO Monitor exposes the antisemitic bias of UN commissioners

NGO Monitor triggered a massive international campaign against Miloon Kothari – a member of the UN’s permanent Commission of Inquiry into Israel (COI) – when we uncovered his antisemitic statements on a podcast with a fringe media outlet. Our findings led to a major diplomatic response that highlighted the disrepute of the COI. Even the President of the Human Rights Council, a body known for extreme anti-Israel bias, criticized the COI and called on Kothari to publicly clarify “his unfortunate comments and his intentions behind them.”

In addition, in August, Barrister Joshua Kern and Anne Herzberg sent a letter to the HRC President detailing the myriad procedural and ethical failures of the COI. Much of the material in the letter was echoed in country responses when the COI presented its second report to the UN General Assembly in October.

In retaliation, Kothari solicited defamatory comments about NGO Monitor at a November hearing of the COI.



NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg and Research and Online Content Manager Ariella Esterson at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, June 2022

Countering anti-Israel bias in UN reporting on Children in Armed Conflict

In June 2022, the UN Secretary-General released his annual Children in Armed Conflict (CAAC) report dealing with the violation of children's rights in conflict zones. As with many other UN publications, the report reflected intense campaigns by NGOs – some with terror ties – in partnership with UN agencies. UNICEF compiles (misleading) statistics from a select group of NGOs and submits them to the UN Secretary-General. Through this privileged standing with the UN, the NGOs are able to advance an agenda of getting Israel included on the UN's blacklist of the world's worst children's rights offenders.

NGO Monitor took a stand, highlighting the misleading statistics and invented standards of the NGO network as adopted by the UN in our report: *UN Adopts Invented NGO Claims on Palestinian Minors to Threaten Israel with Blacklist*.

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Impact in the United States

In 2022, NGO Monitor expanded our US outreach, briefing over 50 congressional offices and government officials. We presented our research into US vetting standards for NGO related issues, including funding, identifying blind spots that could allow organizations promoting violence and hatred to receive support from US taxpayers. In our discussions, we referenced our new report revealing USAID grants to Palestinian NGOs that were promoting convicted terrorists as role models and publicly demonstrating support for terrorist organizations. We also wrote and distributed a policy paper with recommendations for anti-terror vetting and evaluations for NGO funding.

Highlighting the importance of these efforts, in May, multiple members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee questioned USAID Administrator Samantha Power, asking her what specific measures the agency employs to ensure that NGO funding in the West Bank and Gaza does not support malign actors. In monitoring these and other NGO allocations, we ensured transparency and served as an independent watchdog, thereby preventing funding from going to anti-Israel organizations under the cover of economic development or human rights.

“We must acknowledge the dangerous effects of falsified name-calling.”

U.S. Congressman
Henry Cuellar

NGO Monitor also focused on anti-Israel campaigns in the UN and other international bodies. NGO Monitor’s Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg briefed a bipartisan group of staffers from the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the implications of the United Nations’ permanent Commission of Inquiry for the International Criminal Court investigation, as well as its impact on the United States and Israel.



NGO Monitor’s Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg during briefings with representatives from the Heritage Foundation and US Senate, May 2022



NGO Monitor Campus Assistance

NGOs with anti-Israel agendas are present on college campuses, usually in cooperation with student groups that spread false and defamatory information about Israel. Our research shows that NGO claims are central to campus BDS campaigns that create a hostile environment for Jewish students.

In response to requests, NGO Monitor partnered with national and local Jewish groups to provide updates on issues and programs that would affect their campuses. In particular, we supplied tailor-made fact sheets and talking points on developments in the NGO world and on NGO officials who would be visiting campuses. Additionally, throughout the year, NGO Monitor staff exchanged correspondence and briefed student leaders over Zoom to better equip them to combat the growing impact of anti-Israel NGOs on their campuses.

NGO Monitor's Vice President Olga Deutsch was the keynote speaker at the German Israel Annual Student conference in Frankfurt, attended by over 300 students. Our staff also gave lectures to international law students at Hebrew University and provided information on fighting on-campus antisemitism to college students participating in the JNF-USA's Alternative Winter Break trip in Israel.

Academic Impact Publications, Conferences, and Other Events

Academic events and publications are essential to building and maintaining NGO Monitor's influence as an important and unique research organization whose impacts are widespread and long-lasting. This dimension also provides NGO Monitor with the ability to counter the access of anti-Israel NGOs to university and academic platforms.

In 2022, NGO Monitor's academic impact expanded significantly through publications and presentations.

Academic Publications

Gerald M. Steinberg. "The Central Political Role of German Left Actors in the Campaign to Replace the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism," *Journal of Contemporary Antisemitism*, 5:2 (2022) 67-81

Gerald M. Steinberg. "The apartheid and racism campaigns – the NGO contribution to antisemitism," *Israel Affairs*, 29:1 2022

Anne Herzberg. "The Role of UN Documentation in Shaping Narratives at the International Criminal Court and the Implications for the Rights of the Accused," *International Criminal Law Review*, 2022

Gerald M. Steinberg. False Accusations and Ideological Bias: Amnesty International, Ukraine, and the Illusion of NGO Fact-Finding Expertise. *Quillette* August 11 2022

Gerald M. Steinberg. Review of "Al-Haq: A Global History of the First Palestinian Human Rights Organization" by Lynn Welchman (University of California Press) in *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, 2022

Academic Conferences

Reichman University, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism's 21st Annual World Summit on Counter-Terrorism

NGO Monitor President Gerald Steinberg and Vice President Olga Deutsch presented on European countries funding terror-linked NGOs at the ICT's 21st World Summit on Counter-Terrorism.

The conference is widely recognized for its significance and impact in the counter-terrorism industry and has gained a reputation as a premier platform for counter-terror specialists, security experts, and esteemed academics to connect, share insights, and foster collaboration. This year's conference was attended by 900 individuals from 60 countries, including key figures in government, security, academia, and the private sector.

IASEI 30th Anniversary Conference – Bar Ilan University

NGO Monitor president Gerald Steinberg presented at the Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration's 30th Annual Conference on a panel on challenges and opportunities in EU-Israel relations. His presentation focused on Israel, Europe, and the conflict over NGO terror designations.

Hebrew University's Jacob Robinson Institute

In May, NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented at the Jacob Robinson Institute for the History of Individual and Collective Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem International Conference on "Jewish Questions and the Global South: Between Sovereignty and Human Rights." Her paper, "The Apartheid Charge: Historical Evolution and the Quest of International Law," details the historical origins and development of the apartheid slur against Israel beginning in the 1940s through the NGO campaigns of 2022.

Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism & Policy

In August, NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg and Barrister Joshua Kern presented at the "ISGAP-Woolf Institute International Conference, Global Antisemitism: 'A Crisis of Modernity Revisited'" at Cambridge University. Their talk was entitled, "The Apartheid Calumny: The Instrumentalization of International Law to Delegitimize Jewish Self-Determination."

London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism

NGO Monitor Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented at the London Centre for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism's inaugural conference on 21st Century Antisemitism. Together with Barrister Joshua Kern, Anne discussed "The Role of UN Human Rights Mechanisms in the Delegitimization of Zionism through the Charge of Apartheid."

Conferences and Events

NGO Monitor's impact was felt at numerous high-profile events and in prestigious media outlets in 2022.

Jerusalem Post Conference

On September 12, Olga Deutsch participated in a panel at the Jerusalem Post Conference in New York. Olga shared the stage with Elana Broitman from JFNA, Gregg Roman from the Middle East Forum, and Omri Attar from ELNET – discussing “The Politicalization of Human Rights.” The event, honoring the 90th anniversary of the Post, was attended by 600 people and featured interviews and presentations by leaders and prominent figures from all over the Jewish world.



The Knesset Task Force for UNRWA Policy Research

In March, NGO Monitor's Legal Advisor Anne Herzberg presented at a Knesset hearing on UNRWA organized by MK Sharren Haskel. UNRWA, which plays a “manifestly counterproductive” role in the region, is part of a wider infrastructure of UN agencies collaborating with terror-linked NGOs to delegitimize Israel.



WZO Conference on Confronting Challenges Presented by the BDS Movement

On December 15, NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch took part in a conference hosted by the World Zionist Organization and its Department for Combating Antisemitism at the ANU - Museum of the Jewish People. She was featured on a panel discussing the economic and financial aspects of BDS, and spoke about how BDS activists seek to influence pension funds and investment funds to divest from Israeli companies under the guise of human rights.



Event with Henry Jackson Society at the House of Lords

NGO Monitor held an event with the Henry Jackson Society at the House of Lords in London to discuss the misuse of Palestinian aid. The discussion was moderated by Baroness Ros Altmann and featured Colonel Richard Kemp (a member of NGO Monitor's International Advisory Board), Anne Herzberg, and Catherine Perez-Shakdam from HJS. Anne Herzberg presented NGO Monitor's research on the NGO-PFLP connection, stating that there is a need for careful controls and government oversight, but that there have been efforts to weaken such controls.



Swedish Book Fair

In late September, NGO Monitor Director of Communications Itai Reuveni was in Sweden to present our research as part of the Globala Torget forum at the Gothenburg Book Fair. Anti-Israel NGOs, SIDA (the Swedish government aid agency), the Olof Palme Center, and others demanded that NGO Monitor be removed and banned from the event. B'Tselem refused to participate in a planned debate with us, forcing its cancellation, and implemented its standard strategy of de-platforming, rather than substantive discussion. The incident was covered widely in the Swedish media, including in Fokus Magazine, Varlden idag, Bulletin, Inblick, and Dekonstruktiv Kritik podcast.



Sh'tula Documentary

NGO Monitor Vice President Olga Deutsch was featured in "Sh'tula," an important docuseries exposing rampant antisemitism and direct cooperation with terror groups by the International Solidarity Movement (ISM). The 5-part series, set to air on Israel's Channel 13, features a European student who managed to infiltrate the NGO as an activist and collected 3,000 hours of footage. NGO Monitor's research on ISM served as a vital source of information for the program.



Management and Board



Professor Gerald Steinberg

President and Founder

Professor Emeritus at Bar Ilan, Gerald Steinberg leads NGO Monitor's research and activities. He was awarded a prestigious Israel Science Foundation grant for research on NGO fact-finding, served on the advisory board of the Israel Law Review; participates in the Halifax International Security Forum, and similar frameworks. Prof. Steinberg is often cited and interviewed in the media regarding NGO and human rights related issues.



Olga Deutsch

Vice President

Olga Deutsch is an expert on EU funding to politicized NGOs, German funding to politicized NGOs, and BDS in Europe through the lens of NGOs. Before making Aliyah in 2009, she served as the chairperson of the European Union of Jewish Students, an umbrella organization for 34 national unions.



Naftali Balanson

Chief of Staff

Naftali has been part of NGO Monitor for over ten years and oversees all of NGO Monitor's publications and other output; helps develop strategic goals and objectives; and works closely with researchers, communications, and website staff. His articles and op-eds have appeared in the Jerusalem Post, The Forward, The Jewish Chronicle, and Ynet. He has an MA in English Literature from Columbia University.



Anne Herzberg

Legal Advisor

Anne Herzberg is the author of NGO Monitor's "NGO Lawfare: Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli Conflict" and the "International Law, Human Rights and NGOs Series," and other academic publications. She is one of the leading experts on NGO "lawfare" cases against Israeli officials and companies doing business with Israel. Her op-eds have appeared in Ha'aretz, The Wall Street Journal, and the Jerusalem Post.



Itai Reuveni

Director of Communications and Outreach

Itai Reuveni earned a BA in Political Science and Iranian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he also obtained an MA in Political Science and International Affairs. At NGO Monitor, Itai oversees Israeli government relations and civil society alliances. His articles and op-eds have appeared in NRG, Israel Hayom, JTA, and Channel 20, among others.



Yona Schiffmiller

Director of Research

Yona received his BA in Political Science and International Relations and his MA in International Relations from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Yona's articles and op-eds have appeared in The Hill, Israel Hayom, The Forward, and The Tower.

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