

The Eli Hurvitz Conference on Economy and Society 2022



June 21-22, 2022 Orient Hotel, Jerusalem

Conference Co-Chairs: Prof. Eugene Kandel and Prof. Karnit Flug | Conference Director: Daphna Aviram-Nitzan
Israel Democracy Institute President: Yohanan Plesner

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

9:00-9:30 AM Gathering

Greetings

Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel
Naftali Bennett, Prime Minister of the State of Israel

9:30 AM Opening Remarks

Yohanan Plesner, President, Israel Democracy Institute (IDI)

Avigdor Liberman, Minister of Finance

10:00 AM - 12:40 PM Morning Session

Economic Strategy for Inclusive Growth

Session Chair: **Yohanan Plesner**, President, IDI

Conference Chairs: Israel's Macroeconomic Challenges

Prof. Eugene Kandel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem,
Chair of Start-Up Nation Policy Institute
Prof. Karnit Flug, Vice President for Research & William
Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy, IDI; The Hebrew
University of Jerusalem, Former Governor of the Bank of Israel

Opening Discussion

Ram Blinkov, Director General, Ministry of Finance
Yogev Gradus, Commissioner for Budgets, Ministry of Finance
Prof. Michel Strawczynski, Director of Research Department,
Bank of Israel
Shira Greenberg, Chief Economist, Ministry of Finance

11:00 -11:30 AM Break

Dr. Ami Applebaum, Chair of the Board of Israel Innovation
Authority
Anat Guetta, Chair of the Israel Securities Authority
Dr. Moshe Bareket, Director General, Israel Capital Markets,
Insurance and Saving Authority, Ministry of Finance
Dr. Ron Tomer, President, Manufacturers Association of Israel
Dubi Amitai, Chair, Presidency of Israeli Business Organizations

Open Discussion

MK Alex Kushnir, Chair of Knesset Finance Committee, Yisrael
Beiteinu Party

12:40 - 1:00 PM Address by the Governor of the Bank of Israel

Prof. Amir Yaron

13:00 Lunch

2:00 - 3:00 PM Afternoon Session

Expanding the Concept of Innovation as a Growth Accelerator and for Reducing Productivity Gaps

Opening Remarks: Expanding the Concept of Innovation

Session Chair: **Michal Fink**, Deputy Director General for
Strategy and Policy Planning, Ministry of Economy and
Industry

R&D is Not Enough

Adv. Rita Golstein-Galperin, Head, Public Sector Reform
Program, IDI

Opening Discussion

Dr. Ron Malka, Director General, Ministry of Economy and
Industry
Naama Kaufman Pass, Director General, Ministry of
Agriculture
Tom Dan, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Innovation,
Science and Technology

Insights from the Field

Nili Shalev, Incoming CEO, Export Institute
Avi Hasson, CEO of Start-Up Nation Central
Adv. Amnon Merhav, CEO, Israel Builders Association
Yair Bitton, CEO, DHL Express, Israel

Discussion on Possible Policy Steps

Yuval Admon, Deputy Head of the National Economic Council
Dr. Shmuel Abramson, Senior Deputy to Chief Economist,
Ministry of Finance
Shira Berliner, High-Tech Employment Director, Ministry of
Economy and Industry
Naomi Heiman-Reish, Senior Deputy Director of the Small and
Medium Business Agency, Ministry of Economy and Industry

Open Discussion

MK Michael Biton, Chair Knesset Economic Affairs
Committee, Blue and White Party

3:40 - 4:00 PM Break

4:00 - 6:30 PM Afternoon Session

Promoting Climate Initiatives in Israel

Opening Remarks – Session Chairs

Barriers and Opportunities for Climate Innovation – Insights
from the Field

Daphna Aviram-Nitzan, Director, Center for Governance and
the Economy, IDI

Promoting a Climate Innovation Ecosystem

Dr. Jonathan Menuhin, Executive Director at Israel Innovation
Institute

Tamar Zandberg, Minister of Environmental
Protection

Karine Elharrar, Minister of Energy

Orit Farkash-Hacohen, Minister of Innovation,
Science and Technology

Government Actions for Promoting Climate Innovation

Yair Pines, Director General, Prime Minister's Office
Galit Cohen, Director General, Ministry of Environmental
Protection
Hilla Haddad Chemlnik, Director General, Ministry of
Innovation, Science and Technology
Lior Shilat, Director General, Ministry of Energy
CPA Yahli Rotenberg, Accountant General, Ministry of Finance

Climate Entrepreneurs Report from the Field

Avi Brenmiller, Chair and CEO, Brenmiller Energy
Ofir Ben Nun Steinberg, Chair, Nostromo Energy
Irit Fidel, CEO, Fidelity Energy Consulting
Dr. Tareq Abu Hamed, CEO, Arava Institute
Noam Goldstein, Executive Vice President, Operational
Excellence, Innovation & Energy, ICL

Open Discussion

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9:00 - 9:30 AM Gathering

Benny Gantz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defense

9:45 AM - 12:45 PM Morning Session

The Challenges of the New Labor Market

Opening Remarks

Session Chair: **Prof. Karnit Flug**, Vice President for Research & William Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy, IDI; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Former Governor of the Bank of Israel

Orna Barbivai, Minister of Economy and Industry

Intergenerational Mobility in the Labor Market

Prof. Karnit Flug

Changes in the Tasks and Skills Required of Workers in Israel

Prof. Yotam Margalit, Senior Fellow, IDI; Tel Aviv University

Comments from Israel Democracy Institute Researchers

Dr. Gilad Malach, Director, Ultra-Orthodox in Israel Program, IDI

Dr. Nasreen Haddad Haj-Yahya, Director, Arab Society in Israel Program, IDI

Ben Fargeon, Researcher, Arab Society in Israel Program, IDI

Opening Discussion

Tair Ifergan, Director General, Labor Branch, Ministry of Economy and Industry

Rami Garor, Director General Israeli Employment Service

Yair Lapid, Alternate Prime Minister of Israel and Minister of Foreign Affairs

11:00 - 11:30 PM Break

Hassan Tawafra, Director, Authority for Economic Development of Arab Society, Ministry of Social Equality
Yulia Eitan, Head of the Administration on Diversity in Employment, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services

Voices from the Field

Einat Zinger-Dan, CEO, Business Roundtable Israel, Social Economic Forum

Hila Mukeyvisuis, Senior VP of Human Resources, Strauss Group

Zuri Dabush, CEO, Klil Industries

Rani Dudai, Director of JDC-Tevet

Tali Nir, CEO, 121 Engine for Social Change

Racheli Ibenboim, Partner and CEO TELEM: Project management for integrating the ultra-Orthodox in employment

The Connection between Labor Relations and Productivity

Mahmoud Rahman, Senior Deputy Director of Wage & Labor Agreements, Ministry of Finance

Adv. Michal Waxman Hili, Director of the Labor and Human Resources Division, Manufacturers' Association of Israel,

Adam Bloomberg, Deputy CEO for Economics, Histadrut General Federation of Labor and education

Open Discussion

MK Nir Barkat, Likud

1:00 - 2:00 PM Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 PM Afternoon Session

The Roles of the Education System from the Perspective of the Labor Market

Session Chair: **Eli Hurvitz**, Executive Director, Trump Foundation

Is the Education System preparing its Graduates for the Labor Market?

Prof. Karnit Flug, Vice President for Research & William Davidson Senior Fellow for Economic Policy, IDI; The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Former Governor of the Bank of Israel
Prof. Zvi Eckstein, Dean Tiomkin School of Economics, Head of the Aaron Economic Policy Institute, Reichman University

The Ministry of Education's Strategic Plan for Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

Dalit Stauber, Director General, Ministry of Education

Opening Discussion

Dedi Perlmutter, Former Intel Vice President, Chair of Inter-ministerial Team for Boosting Employment in High-Tech, Educational Entrepreneur

Dr. Tami Hoffman, Research Fellow, Education Policy, IDI

Dr. Adi Brender, Head, Macroeconomic and Policy Division, Bank of Israel

Eli Morgenstern, Education Coordinator, Budget Department, Ministry of Finance

Moshe Bachar, Senior VP to Director of Salary and Employment Agreements, Ministry of Finance

Voices from the Field

Hagar Yahav, CEO, BIZ Israel

Shirley Rimmon Bracha, Director, Education Administration, Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality

Dr. Muhammed Khalaily, Researcher, Arab Society in Israel Program, IDI

Dr. Sharaf Hassan, Head of the Follow-up Committee on Arab Education

Michal Zernowitski, Program Manager for Integration of the ultra-Orthodox, Berl Katznelson Foundation

Open Discussion

MK Moshe Gafni, United Torah Judaism Party

3:40 - 4:00 PM Break

4:00 - 5:00 PM Afternoon Session

The Future of Science in Israel

Opening Remarks and Data Presentation

Session Chair: **Prof. Eugene Kandel**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Co-Chair of Start-Up Nation Policy Institute

Panel Moderated by Prof. Eugene Kandel

Prof. Peretz Lavie, Chair, National Council for Civilian Research and Development

Prof. David Harel, President of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Prof. Michal Feldman, Tel Aviv University, Committee Member: Report on the State of the Sciences in Israel, Israel Academy of Sciences

Sapir Ifergan, Coordinator of Technology and Higher Education, Budget Division, Ministry of Finance

Response

Prof. Yossi Makori, Chair of the Planning & Budgeting Committee

Open Discussion