



המכון הישראלי לדמוקרטיה
The Israel Democracy Institute

CAESAREA FORUM - XVII

PROGRAM

Chair: Dr. Yuval Steinitz, Minister of Finance

Academic Director of the Forum: Mr. David Brodet

Wednesday and Thursday, 1st-2nd July 2009

Hotel Royal Beach, Eilat

WEDNESDAY, 1st JULY 2009

8:30 - 9:30 Registration and assembly

9:30 - 13:00 **First Session: "The Requisite Size of the Government - between Economy and Politics" [The Olive and Acacia Hall]**

Presentation of the Team's Recommendations:

Prof. Joseph Zeira, Department of Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Presenters: **Prof. Avishai Braverman**, Minister of Minority Affairs
Mr. Yoram Ariav, Director General and Acting Head of the Budget Department, Ministry of Finance
Prof. Zvi Eckstein, Deputy Governor, Bank of Israel
Dr. Michel Strawczynski, Director, Macro-Economic and Policy Department, Bank of Israel
Prof. Omer Moav, Department of Economics, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg, Head, National Economic Council, Prime Minister's Office
Ms. Yael Andorn, Director General, Amitim Pension Funds
Dr. Yossi Bachar, Economic Consulting and Business Development Ltd.
Dr. Eldad Shidlovsky, Head, Economics and Research Department, Ministry of Finance

Plenary discussion

13:00 - 14:15 **Minister of Finance's Session: [The Ranch House Restaurant]**

Luncheon

Address by the **Dr. Yuval Steinitz, Minister of Finance**

14:30 - 18:15 **Second Session: "The Future of Growth Promotion in Israel: A Return to Boosting Avant-garde Industries and Scientific Technological Innovation" [The Olive and Acacia Hall]**

14:30-16:30 Presentation of the Team's Recommendations:

Prof. Arnon Bentor, Dean, Civil and Environmental Engineering Faculty, and Senior Researcher, The Neaman Institute, The Technion

Presenters: **Mr. Eli Hurvitz**, Chairman, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
Dr. Eli Ofer, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor
Mr. Michael Eisenberg, Partner, Benchmark Venture Capital
Prof. Shlomo Grossman, Chairman, The Planning and Budget Committee, The Council for Higher Education
Mr. Sami Friedrich, Chairman, Shaldor Ltd.
Dr. Ya'acov Sheinin, Managing Director, Economic Models Ltd.
Prof. Oded Shmueli, Deputy President of Research, The Technion

Plenary discussions

16:30-16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45-18:15 Plenary discussion (continued)

18:15 - 19:00 **Greetings from Mr. Meir Yitzhak Halevi**, Mayor of Eilat

Address by the Guest of Honor **Prof. Lawrence Christiano**, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

"Some Policy Changes in Light of the Financial Crisis"

19:15-20:15 ***Dinner [The Vista Restaurant]***

20:30-22:00 **Former Finance Ministers' Session**

Chair: **Dr. Yuval Steinitz**, Minister of Finance

Participants: **MK Silvan Shalom**, Vice Prime Minister; Minister of Regional Cooperation and Development of the Negev and the Galil

MK Roni Bar-On

MK Meir Sheerit, Chairman, The Science and Technology Committee of the Knesset

Mr. Abraham (Beiga) Shochat

THURSDAY, 2nd JULY, 2009

8:30 - 12:15 **Third Session: Panel Discussion: "Regulation, The Financial System and Macro-Economic Policy - Insights from the Global Financial Crisis" [The Olive and Acacia Hall]**

8:30-11:00 Presentation of the Team's Recommendations:

Prof. Elchanan Ben-Porath, Department of Economics and Center for the Study of Rationality, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Panelists: **Prof. Lucian Arye Bebchuk**, Friedman Professor of Law, Economics and Finance; Director, Program on Corporate Governance, Harvard Law School
Prof. Eugene Kandal, Department of Economics and School of Business Management, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Prof. Lawrence Christiano, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

Presenters: **MK Yitzhak Cohen**, Deputy Minister of Finance
Prof. Zvi Eckstein, Deputy Governor, Bank of Israel
Mr. Roni Hizkiyahu, Supervisor of Banks, Bank of Israel
Mr. Yadin Antebi, Supervisor of Capital Market, Insurance and Savings, Ministry of Finance
Ms. Smadar Barber-Tsadik, CEO, The First International Bank
Mr. Eli Yones, CEO, Bank Mizrahi Tefahot Ltd.
Prof. Yedidia Stern, Vice-President, Research of Israel as a Jewish State, The Israel Democracy Institute
Prof. Efraim Sadka, School of Economics, Tel-Aviv University

Plenary discussion

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-12:15 Plenary discussion (continued)

12:30 - 14:15 **Governor of the Bank of Israel's Session [The Ranch House Restaurant]**

Luncheon

Address by **Prof. Stanley Fischer**, Governor of the Bank of Israel

14:15-19:00 **Fourth Session: The Macro-Economic Policy in Times of Financial Crisis [The Olive and Acacia Hall]**

14:15-16:45 Presentation of the Team's Recommendations:

Prof. Eran Yashiv, School of Government and Policy, Tel Aviv University

Presenters: **MK Rabbi Moshe Gafni**, Chairman, Knesset Finance Committee
Mr. Ofer Eini, Chairman, The New Histadrut
Mr. Shraga Brosh, President, Manufacturer's Association of Israel
Adv. Eyal Gabbai, Director General, Prime Minister's Office
Mr. Yoram Ariav, Director General and Acting Head of the Budget Department, Ministry of Finance
Dr. Karnit Flug, Director, Research Department, Bank of Israel
Mr. Uri Yogev, Chairman, Whitewater Company; Chairman, Advisory Committee, The National Economic Council

Prof. Manuel Trajtenberg, Head, National Economic Council, Prime Minister's Bureau
Mr. Oded Tira, President, Phoenicia Ltd.

Plenary discussion

16:45-17:00 *Coffee break*

17:00-19:00 Plenary discussion (continued)

19:00-20:30 **Prime Minister's Session**

Presentation of the Forum's Conclusions:

Dr. Arik Carmon, President, The Israel Democracy Institute

Mr. David Brodet, Academic Director of the Forum

Dr. Yuval Steinitz, Minister of Finance

Address by the Prime Minister, Mr. Binyamin Netanyahu

20:30 *Light Dinner [Bobba's Restaurant]*