



Chairperson, Tel Aviv Global

Mr. Yarom Ariav served as Director General of Israel's Ministry of Finance from 2007–2009. During his tenure, he successfully led the Israeli economy through the worldwide financial crisis of 2008, and was responsible setting and implementing Israel's macroeconomic policy. Mr. Ariav chaired the steering committee for Israel's accession to the OECD, and was a central figure in the Israeli administration. He was headed the committee responsible for implementing government socio-economic agenda.

Prior to his government service, from 1993 through 2006, Yarom Ariav served as a senior executive for ICL Fertilizers, a segment of the Israel Chemicals Group traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The numerous positions that he held included ICL Representative in South America and Director at SQM in Chile; Vice President of Marketing of the Rotem Amfert Company; Senior Vice President of Marketing of ICL Fertilizers, and President and CEO of ICLFE, the European operation of ICL Fertilizers (2002–2006).

From 1985 to 1993 Mr. Ariav served the Government of Israel in several positions, including Coordinator of Government Oil Policy at the Ministry of Energy. In 1985, he joined the Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance, where he was directly responsible for the budgets of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Tourism, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Energy, and the Ministry of Science. He was also involved in formulating government initiatives such as strengthening the business sector, encouraging research and development, agricultural planning, defining regional policy, and government commerce.

Since the end of his work at the Finance Ministry, Mr. Ariav has been involved in the development of a variety of projects for the Israeli economy and Israeli society. He is the active chair of Lavi Capital LTD, which operates an investment bank specializing in infrastructure related to the European market. Mr. Ariav also serves as the chair of the Lod Foundation and of the investment committee of AMITIM pension funds, is a member of the board of Alony Hetz LTD, and is the chair of the "Tel Aviv Global City" initiative.

He holds a B.A. and M.A. (cum laude) in Economics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where he is a guest lecturer at the Federmann School of Public Policy and Government.