

SHIMSHON SHOSHANI



Dr. Shimshon Shoshani is Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Education. He has served in this position twice before during his career as a civil servant and lecturer. He began his career as a teacher in Israel and the US. From 1978 to 1986, Shoshani served as Director General of the Department of Education and Culture in the Tel Aviv-Yaffo Municipality. He served as Director General of Israel's Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport from 1986 to 1989. From 1989 to 2003, he served as Director General of ORT (Latin America). During this period, he also served a further three year term as Director General of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport, as Director General of the Jewish Agency for Israel, and from 1999 to 2008, as CEO of Birthright Israel International. Shoshani has lectured at the Schools of Education of Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Haifa University. Since 1999, he has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yad Yitzchak Ben Zvi, and for the last two years has been Chairman of the Center for Technological Education. Since 1998, he has sat on the Board of Directors of The Van Leer Institute. Previously, he was on the Board of Tel Aviv University and the Council for the Beautification of Israel. He has also served as Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Israel Association of Community Centers, the Council for Dance, Public Council for Arts and Culture, and UNESCO Israel. Shoshani holds a BA in Literature and Biblical Studies from Bar Ilan University, an MA in Education from Tel Aviv University and a PhD in Educational Administration from the University of New York.