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## CLIMATE OF CHANGE: A CONVERSATION WITH MK ALON TAL

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Yosef Abramowitz: <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-06-19/ty-article/bedouin-face-lockout-from-israels-solar-energy-industry/00000181-7c68-d410-a9fb-ffea7d800000>

Rich Sorkin: "We are grasshoppers" - this is a problem everywhere. Can Israel be "a light among nations" ?

shahar solar: Thing globally act locally

Caryn Rosen Adelman: The Ukraine war and effects on shortages for food, grain, gas seem to be causing a relook or pivot away from the climate change efforts.? Is this still a priority and the economies are in such flux

Scott Garson: In America, the people often have one opinion but our government is incapable of passing legislation that mirrors the will of the people. Aside from the issues of the Israel government, what is the will of the people?

Angie Atkins: Itamar is a Public Health Physician with more than 30 years of experience in Health Management and operation combined with academic research. He served 14 years in the Israeli Ministry of Health, as the Director of the Public Health Services and as an Associate Director General. Internationally, he was a member of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization between 2018 and 2021. Since 2004, he is a researcher in Ben-Gurion University (BGU) in Israel and currently a Full Professor in the School of Public Health.

Angie Atkins: Someone had to miss our call today who is from Detroit because the schools let out early due to severe heat

Angie Atkins: yes, 3 to a room...that's great - you are so smart. thanks!!! staff can stay in main room

Rich Sorkin: Same issue in U.S. business leaders under 40 much better than over 50, at least for now.

Rich Sorkin: Greta is creating a de facto referendum on democracy and capitalism, despite the fact that China is the worst offender on Climate.

Angie Atkins: Eran is a Former Deputy Director-General at the Ministry of Agriculture, head of environmental resources management such as soil, water and forestry. Eran was a Co-leader of the Ministry Committee for climate risks management for agriculture, and lead the process of consolidate united ministerial policy for sustainable agriculture. In the last 8 years, Eran was leading, with a vast group of partners, an up to date approach to mitigate flood risks in Israel. This new approach, called "Integrated Watershed Management" is now a major part of the formal governmental policy. Prior to his last position Eran served as the Chief Legal Advisor of the Ministry, and as an Attorney at the Ministry of Justice. Today Eran is a private consultant for municipal and governmental agencies for climate change, sustainability and strategic process and changes in organizations.

Angie Atkins: Thanks to Alon - an extraordinary insight into the current state of affairs in Israel re: Climate Change. To all participants, thanks for being here. AND TO CLIMATE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS PLEASE STAY ON THE CALL

Sandra Curtis: Many thanks, Alon.

deborah kattler kupetz: thank you!

Sonia Cummings: Thank you Alon

Ayala Parag: Thank you so much for this interesting discussion