

## Natural Gas in the Eastern Mediterranean – Economic Impacts and Strategic Implications

Wednesday-Thursday, June 5-6, 2013

Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)  
40 Haim Levanon Street, Ramat Aviv, Tel Aviv  
**The conference will be held in English**

### June 5

16:30-17:00 Gathering and registration

17:00-17:15 Greetings

**Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin**, Director, Institute for National Security Studies  
**Sir Michael Leigh**, Senior Advisor, The German Marshall Fund  
**Dr. Roby Nathanson**, Director, Macro Center for Political Economics

17:15 -17:45 Keynote Speaker:

**MK Amir Peretz**, Minister of Environmental Protection

### Session 1

#### Comparing Dividends of Domestic Consumption vs. Export

**Chair:** **Dr. Oded Eran**, Institute for National Security Studies

17:45-18:05 **Prof. Eytan Sheshinski**, Sir Isaac Wolfson Professor of Public Finance, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

18:05-18:25 **Martin Skancke**, Consultant, former Director General in the Ministry of Finance, Norway (responsible for the Government Pension Fund)

18:25-18:45 Discussion

## June 6

9:00-9:15 Gathering and registration

9:15-9:45 Keynote Speaker:  
**MK Avishay Braverman**, Economics Affairs Committee Chairman

### Session 2

#### Regional Cooperation and Leveraging the Natural Gas Findings

**Chair:** **Prof. Hubert Faustmann**, Director, FES Cyprus

Is Joint Production and Transportation Utopian?

9:45-10:00 **Dr. Oded Eran**, Institute for National Security Studies

Implications of Joint Energy Resources:

10:00-10:15 **Bini Zomer**, Director, Corporate Affairs, Noble Energy Israel

10:15-10:30 **Yossi Abu**, CEO, Delek Drilling

Regional Economic Cooperation through the Use of Energy:

10:30-10:45 **Dr. Ahmet Han**, Kadir Has University, Republic of Turkey

10:45-11:00 **Charles Ellinas**, CEO, Cyprus Hydrocarbons

11:00-11:30 Discussion

### Session 3

#### Global Strategic Implications

**Chair:** **Sir Michael Leigh**, The German Marshall Fund

11:30-11:45 **Leonidas Kioussis**, DG Energy, EU Commission Representative (tbc)

11:45-12:00 **Dr. Liudmila Studenikina**, Gubkin Russian State University of Oil and Gas

12:00-12:15 **Simon Henderson**, Washington Institute for Near East Policy

12:15-12:30 Discussion

12:30-13:30 *Light buffet*

## Session 4

### Are the Environment and Energy Mutually Exclusive?

Chair: **Sagi Karni**, Foreign Affairs Advisor to the Minister of Energy and Water Resources

13:30-13:45 **Dr. Sinaia Netanyahu**, Chief Scientist, Ministry of Environment Protection

13:45-14:00 **Yael Cohen-Faran**, Director, The Israel Energy Forum

14:00-14:15 **Brig. Gen. (ret.) Israel (Relik) Shafir**, CEO, Israel Energy Initiatives

14:15-14:30 Discussion