

CONFERENCE

Australia-Israel Strategic Dialogue



Australia-Israel dialogue participants.

In October, the BESA Center held a conference and dialogue with colleagues from the political, military and academic sectors in Australia, focusing on the strategic outlook in the Indo-Pacific and Middle East, nuclear proliferation, homeland security, asymmetric threats (including terrorism and cyber warfare), defense industry cooperation, bilateral trade, and more.

The dialogue was co-sponsored by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), and supported by the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, Pratt Foundation, and the Peretz and Sheindel Sherman Strategic Dialogues Program at the BESA Center. The Australian Ambassador to Israel Dave Sharma participated throughout and hosted the participants for dinner.

Among the speakers and participants were Stephen Loosley AM (chairman), Dr. Anthony Bergin (deputy director), and David Lang (editor) of ASPI, Australian members of parliament Gai Brodtmann and the Hon. Mark Dreyfus QC, Senator Linda Reynolds CSC, Zeke Solomon AM of Allens Lawyers, Allan Gyngell AO of Australian National University, Maj. Gen. (ret.) Jim Molan AO DSC and Maj. Gen. Gus McLachlan of the Australian Army,

Dr. Colin Rubenstein (executive director) and Ahron Shapiro (policy analyst) of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, and others.

On the Israeli side, participants included Admiral (res.) Eliezer Marom, former Israel navy commander, Amb. Jacob Rosen, Nevo Barchad and Raphael Morav of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Itzik Rabinovitz, vice president of Elbit Systems of Australia, and Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies associates Maj. Gen. (res.) Yaakov Amidror, Brig. Gen. (res.) Moni Chorev, Prof. Hillel Frisch, Maj. Gen. (res.) Gershon Hacohen, Col. (res.) Aby Har-Even, Prof. Efraim Inbar, Col. (res.) Dr. Eran Lerman, Mr. Uzi Rubin, Dr. Jonathan Rynhold, Prof. Shmuel Sandler, Prof. Shlomo Shpiro, and Dr. Max Singer.



Maj. Gen. (ret.) Jim Molan AO DSC of the Australian Army.