California-Israel Global Innovation Project
Financing Global Solutions

Mission
Our mission is to overcome worldwide barriers to economic growth and security by synthesizing the complementary strengths of Israel (the Startup Nation) and California (the Scale-Up State), by leveraging joint initiatives in water management, health services, agritech, energy efficiency, and cyber security.

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies’ Milken Innovation Center and the UCSD Rady School’s US-Israel Innovation Center are the hubs organizing, managing, and strengthening networks that are leading to research and development collaborations, financial innovations, and practical, ready-to-go solutions.

Timeline
- March 2014 – MOU signed
- Summer 2014 – First U.S. fellows group in Israel
- May 2014 – Milken Global Conference panel on the MOU implementation
- July 2014 – Kick-off planning strategy at UCSD and Jerusalem
- August 2014 – Implementation strategy (Governor’s Office)
- Jan-May 2015 – Innovation training at Hebrew University, University of California – San Diego
- March 2015 - Global Health Lab in Jerusalem
- June 2015 - Water Lab planned in Jerusalem

Upcoming events
- Global Health Lab in March 2015 with 40 key life science professionals and policy makers develop a roadmap to bring new sources of capital to finance the commercialization of health technologies in Israel and California.
- Water solutions lab in June 2015 will feature financial and technology solutions to address water needs in Israel, California, and the developing world.

Outcomes
- The California-Israel Global Innovation Partnership panel at the Globes Business Conference in Tel Aviv, included The Honorable Richard Bloom, Member, California State Assembly, 50th District, Yariv Cohen, Chairman, Kenaam; Jay Keasling, CEO, Joint Bioenergy Institute, Distinguished Professor of Biochemical Engineering, University of California, Berkeley; Director, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; Amir Poley, Founder and CEO, TaKaDu; Chairman, Smart Water Network Forum, and was moderated by Michelle Moskowitz, University of California, Berkeley, Office of the Chancellor.
- The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Israel’s Industry Center for R&D announced a cooperative agreement that aims to improve research into stem cell therapies and regenerative medicine. The agreement will allow researchers from California and Israel to apply for joint research funding and share information.
- The Los Angeles City Council established a joint task force on water and clean technology development as part of the California-Israel Global Innovation Project.

Op-eds and Blog Connections
- California-Israel partnership can create global change, San Diego Union-Tribune, July 31, 2014
- Solving California’s Drought Crisis, Globes, December 12, 2014
- Two MBA Students at the Rady School of Management at UC San Diego Receive Rady Israel Center Fellowships
- UCSD Rady School Fellows blog

Press releases and clippings
- Netanyahu Offers to Help Brown Manage California Drought, Bloomberg Business, March 6, 2014
- Milken conference explores Israel-California tech partnership, Jewish Journal, May 7, 2014
- City Council passes LA-Israel Resolution for Cooperation, May 27, 2014
- California-Israel Joint Bioenergy R&D Cooperation Agreement, June 25, 2014
- Israel and West Hollywood launch HIV/AIDS task force, Jerusalem Post, September 21, 2014
- Los Angeles-Israel Cooperation Task Force Meets, October 20, 2014
- Israelis bring ‘magic fairy dust’ to LA conference, Jerusalem Post, October 30, 2014
- From Silicon Valley to Silicon Wadi, Jerusalem Post, November 24, 2014
- California, Israel announce new partnership on stem cell research, JWeekly, December 1, 2014
- California Stem Cell Agency, UC San Diego announce new partnership on stem cell research

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