

# Program at a Glance

**Mathematical Modeling Conference**  
Through the Lens of International Assessments: PISA and TIMSS

**25.01.2026 | Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of Shevat, 5786 | 9:30-16:15**  
**Technion - Israel Institute of Technology**

09:30-10:15

**Gathering and Registration**

10:15-11:00

**Opening Session**

- » Conference Chair – Prof. Zehavit Kohen, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

**Launch of the updated middle school mathematics curriculum**

- » Yoav Kisch, Minister of Education
- » Merav Zarbiv, Deputy Director General and Head of Innovation and Technology Administration

**Greetings:**

- » Prof. Danny Raz, Senior Vice President, Technion
- » Eli Horvitz, Executive director of the Trump Foundation

11:00-11:45

**Panel: Leading change in the educational system aligned with international standards**

- » Dr. Gal Alon, CEO of RAMA
- » Dr. Maya Gordin, Director of Division A STEM, Ministry of Education
- » Revital Drori, VP Policy and Strategy, Trump Foundation
- » Dr. Yossi Machluf, Director of Research Analysis and Infrastructures, Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Education
- » Gregory Shporin, Mathematics Curriculum Supervisor, Ministry of Education

11:45-12:00

**Coffee Break**

12:00-12:50

**Keynote Lecture: Mathematical education in a changing era - problems and solutions with multiple variables**

- » Prof. Roza Leikin, University of Haifa

12:50-13:40

**Lunch**

13:40-14:45

**Parallel Sessions: Lectures**

14:45-15:00

**Coffee Break**

15:00-15:45

**Parallel Sessions: Workshops**

15:45-16:15

**An international perspective on mathematical modelling: Lessons from Australia; Prof. Vince Geiger (Australian Catholic University)**

- » recorded lecture with open discussion, Moderator: Prof. Zehavit Kohen

