

## **ISRAEL KLABIN**

Israel Klabin was born in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He has a BA Degree on civil Engineering by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, a Master Degree in Mathematics and Physics and a “doctorat” from the Institut de Sciences Politiques, France (Maître de Conférence).

He has served the Brazilian Government as a consultant for regional development and for the implementation of the agency responsible for the development of the Northeast of Brazil (Superintendência de Desenvolvimento do Nordeste - SUDENE).

He was an advisor for the American government, under President's Kennedy for the Alliance for Progress (Development Program for Latin America).

He was Mayor of Rio de Janeiro from March 1979 to May 1980.

His strong interest on environmental issues has led him to the path of sustainable development, a concept which has guided his plans and projects in the ecological field. In the same year of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (1992) he founded, along with 24 national and international corporations, the Brazilian Foundation for Sustainable Development (FBDS), which he has presided ever since.

In 1997 he was the President of the Host Committee and was appointed Co-Chairman of the International Committee of the Rio+5, a continuation of the UNCED '92 meeting.

He has lectured on global and Brazilian issues at Brazilian and international Universities as well as scientific entities and published articles in national and international journals, member of the board of various universities and research institutions.

He is a member of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.