



Raja Khalidi... MAS's New Director General



Ramallah, November 1st, 2019: The Board of Trustees of the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS) appointed Mr. Raja Khalidi as the Director General of the Institute, effective November 2019. Mr. Khalidi succeeds Dr. Nabeel Kassis, whose tenure as Director General spanned 2013-2019.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Mohamed Nasr, welcomed the new Director General, and affirmed his confidence that Khalidi's assumption of the position will contribute to the Institute's further advancement and strengthen its role in service of Palestinian development. The Board of Trustees also thanked Dr. Kassis for his exceptional efforts during his tenure, praised the tangible developments achieved by the Institute during his administration, and wished him success in his future endeavors.

Khalidi had been the Research Coordinator at MAS since 2016. He previously worked at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) from 1985 to 2013, and was the Coordinator of its Program of Assistance to the Palestinian people from 2000 to 2006. He spent his last 5 years at UNCTAD as the head of the Office of the Director of the Division of Globalization and Development Strategies, which led UNCTAD's response to the global economic crisis and its participation in the G-20 process. He was also a consultative member of the Welfare Association (Taawon), a founding member of the Family Relief Fund in Palestine (Geneva), and a member of the MAS Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2013. Mr. Khalidi prepared and published numerous papers and reports on the economic situation and development policies in the occupied Palestinian territories, and on the Arab economy in Israel.