

## **Omar Hamarneh**

Omar Hamarneh is currently the Executive Chairman of iPARK, a technology focused business Park that provides a complete package of support and services across the wide spectrum of entrepreneurship and Innovation sphere from pre-incubation and entrepreneurship training and development, technology business incubation and spinoffs, IP protection, transfer and commercialization and access to finance.

Previous to this Omar was Acting Deputy Secretary General of the Higher Council for Science and Technology of Jordan where he was responsible for Science and Technology policy, development of the National Innovation strategy, international cooperation including development and implementation of bilateral and multilateral agreements between Jordan and other nations including the Jordanian –US S&T agreement, Jordan China agreement, and many others. While at the Higher Council, Omar helped establish the National Consortium for Technology and Incubation of Business which in partnership with 2 main universities, the Royal Scientific Society, the Government and private sector service providers was able to spearhead the concept of Business Incubation and culminated in the creation of incubation programs in 3 universities, the Royal Scientific Society and the beginning of IP policies in the universities.

Omar continues to advice on issues of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and related strategic matters and policies and has worked with many organizations including the World Bank, Infodev, the US commerce dept., various EU programs and more.

Today Omar also sits on the Board of Trustees of Prince Sumaya University for Technology, served on the advisory board of Talal abu Ghazaleh Graduate School of Business and continues to be personally active as a mentor and adviser to entrepreneurship programs, business plan competitions and other national and regional initiatives.