Dr. Michael Oren is the Deputy Minister for Diplomacy in the Prime Minister's Office, where he is also a Special Envoy. His responsibilities include strengthening Israel's ties with friendly nations, and developing ties with countries that have expressed interest in establishing diplomatic ties with Israel. He is charged with advancing Israel's foreign policy and diplomatic relations where it relates to economic and national security projects. Deputy Minister Oren also works closely with the international community in order to combat delegitimization and defend diplomatic attacks against the country.

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Michael Oren was named by *Politico* as one of the fifty most influential thinkers in America, by the *Forward* as one of the five most influential Jews in America, and by the *Jerusalem Post* as one of the ten most influential Jews worldwide.