



EuroMed Dialogue Award 2010

Together for ecological sustainability

Taking place on the theme of *Intercultural Dialogue for Ecological Sustainability*, the winner of the Fifth edition is ECOPEACE Friends of the Earth Middle East, a civil society advocacy organization jointly established by environmentalists from Palestine, Jordan and Israel.



Its primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect shared environmental heritage. It seeks to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in the region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv, and is a member of Friends of the Earth International, the largest grassroots environmental organization in the world.

FoEME is both an advocacy organization, conducting trans-boundary research projects and publishing joint reports and position papers, as well as a grass-roots organization promoting cross border dialogue. All of FoEME's trans-boundary projects include Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian youth, adults, researchers, mayors and municipal representatives in community work with all working together to foster platforms for dialogue to promote environmental sustainability and peace.

FoEME's three co-Directors were honoured by TIME Magazine as Environmental Heroes of 2008. FoEME received a UNDP/UNEP SEED Finalist Award in 2008 and in 2009 was granted the prestigious Jeff Skoll Award for social entrepreneurship. On 2 November 2010, the Aristotle Onassis International Prize for the Protection of the Environment 2010 was awarded to ECOPEACE Friends of the Earth Middle East.

Speaking after the announcement, the organisation's regional co-directors - Munqeth Mehyar (Jordan) Nader Khateeb (Palestine) and Gidon Bromberg (Israel) – said: *“Our 'Environmental Peacemaking' work focuses precisely on the interdependent nature of our region's shared natural and cultural resources, thus creating a platform for dialogue so necessary in our area. The exposure and recognition from this Award will help us to continue to forward ecological sustainability in our shared region”.*

For more information about the winner, please visit: www.foeme.org