

Yale



**Friends of the Earth
Middle East**



Invitation
“Jordan River Peace Park”
Monday, May 19, 2008 from 13:00 – 17:00
Van Leer Institute
43 Jabotinski St., Jerusalem
(Next to the President's Residence)

The “Jordan River Peace Park” is a Jordanian-Israeli initiative to provide new livelihood opportunities for the residents of the Jordan Valley and is the first step in attempts to rehabilitate the Lower River Jordan. Partners in the project include the Municipality of Muaz Bin Jabal (Jordan), the Jordan Valley Regional Council (Israel), and the Beit She’an Valley Regional Council (Israel) together with Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME).

The area of the park will span both sides of the international border from the ‘Peace Island’ / Naharayim / Bakoura area to the ‘Three Bridges’/ Gesher site. The proposed site includes the Rotenberg Hydroelectric power plant, situated on the confluence of the Yarmouk and Lower Jordan Rivers and the historic crossing point of the Jordan Valley at the Three Bridges site. FoEME is currently undertaking a pre-feasibility study and developing a business plan for the proposed park.

A Design Workshop / Charrette are taking place from May 12-15 in Jordan, with the participation of faculty and students from Yale University and the Bezael Academy of the Arts together with Jordanian and Palestinian architects. The workshop will create an important opportunity for dialogue between the relevant stakeholders, to gain governmental support, and to increase attention for potential investors, both locally and internationally.

FoEME is delighted to invite you to a presentation of the results of the charrette and recommendations of the pre-feasibility study and business plan for the proposed Jordan River Peace Park, to be held in Jerusalem on May 19.

FoEME is grateful for the participation of Yale University, Yale World Fellows Program, Yale Club of Israel and the Van Leer Institute in this unique initiative.

FoEME is grateful to the British Embassy in Tel-Aviv, GreenCross France and the Blaustein Foundation for their support in the preparation of the pre-feasibility study and business plan of the Peace Park.



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The agenda is as follows:

- 13:00 – Arrival and welcome remarks
FoEME and Bezalel Academy
- 13:30 – Presentation of pre-feasibility study for the Peace Park
Munqeth Mehyar, FoEME Jordan
- 14:00 – Presentation of design outcomes from the Charrette for the Park and its facilities
Prof. Alan Plattas, Yale University School of Design
Prof. David Guggenheim, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design
- 15:30 – Panel discussion with Jordanian and Israeli mayors and government
representatives – Q/A
- 17:00 – End of event

RSVP is required. Please complete the registration form below by May 12, and return it by email to: mira@foeme.org or by fax to: 03-5604693.

Please see Map to Van Leer Institute attached. Free parking is available at the Jerusalem Theatre, though FoEME recommends taking public transport on buses 13 and 9.

For more information: Mira: 03-5605383 ext. 3 or Nicole: 03-5605383 ext. 6

REGISTRATION FORM

I confirm my participation for presentation of the “Jordan River Peace Park”, on Monday, May 19th.

Name: _____

Organization: _____

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Please RSVP and return this form by May 12th, to email: mira@foeme.org or by fax: 03-5604693

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