The First Palestinian Symposium on Water Rights and Access to the Jordan River and Development Needs in the Jordan Valley
March 2nd, 2011
Intercontinental Hotel, Jericho, West Bank

9:30 – 10:00 Registration
10:00 – 10:30 Welcome
- Dr. Nader Al-Khateeb – WEDO / FoEME
- Mr. Majed Al Fityani – Governor of Jericho and the Jordan Valley

First Session: Water Rights and Access to the Jordan River and Eastern Basin of the Mountain Aquifer

10:30 – 10:50 Dr. Shaddad Attilli – Minister of Water and Head of PWA, PWA perspective for Water Demand and Supply for the Jordan valley

10:50 – 11:10 Mr. Iyad Hamdan - Ministry of Tourism, Tourism Potential and Strategies for the Jordan Valley

11:10 – 11:30 Mr. Qasem Abdo - Ministry of Agriculture, Strategy of Agricultural Ministry for the Jordan Valley

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:00 Mr. Jamil Mtour - Environmental Quality Authority, EQA Vision for Development in the Jordan Valley

12:00 – 12:15 Engineer Ghazi Al Naji - Jericho Municipality, Water Strategy of Jericho, 2050

12:15 – 12:30 Dr. Nader Al Khateeb - WEDO/FoEME, Rehabilitation of the Jordan River Initiative

Issue of Joint Ministerial Statement on Palestinian Support for the Rehabilitation of the lower River Jordan including Access and Water Rights

Lunch Break 12:30 – 14:00

Second Session: Development Initiatives in the Jordan valley

14:00 – 14:15 Jesse Baltutis - WEDO/FoEME, Benefits of a Healthy Jordan River

14:15 – 14:30 Deeb Abed Al Ghafour - PWA, Phashkha Desalination Plans

15:30 – 15:30 Q & A

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Proposed Field Trip for Participants
March 3rd, 2011
Jordan Valley Field Trip

Participants will be picked up from the Intercontinental Hotel, Jericho, at 9:00am for the start of the field trip to select locations of environmental significance to water resources in the Jordan Valley and historical places of interest.

9:00 – 12:30 Field trip
• Dead Sea Lido
• Ein Fashkha
• Baptism Site
• Spring of Auja
• Auja Environment Center

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch for participants at Auja Environment Center, Al-Auja