Under the Patronage of H.E. Dr. Hazim El-Nasser, Jordanian Minister of Water & Irrigation

"Water Security and Sustainable Development for our Common Future"

Crowne Plaza Jordan Dead Sea Resort & Spa
Dead Sea, Jordan

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

12:00  Arrival and check in to hotel
13:00  Lunch & Registration

14:00  Opening & Welcoming Remarks
- Mr. Ghazi Musharbash – Chairman of the Board, EcoPeace Middle East
- H.E. Saed Abu Hammour - Secretary General of the Jordan Valley Authority
- H.E. Ayoub Kara – Deputy Minister Regional Cooperation, Israel
- H.E. Dr. Shaddad Attili - Minister in Negotiations Affairs Department, Palestinian Authority
- Erik Ullenhag - Ambassador of Sweden to Jordan

15:00  Panel: Water & Sanitation Crisis in Gaza - will solutions move forward in time? What are the obstacles, risks and opportunities at hand?
Moderated by Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Middle East Co-Director
- Dr. Mahmoud Daher - Head of World Health Organization Gaza sub-office
- Ms. Marina Wes - Country Director West Bank and Gaza, World Bank
- Ms. Charlotte De Bruyne – Water Specialist, Office of the Quartet
- Mr. Yair Farjun – Mayor, Hof Ashkelon Regional Council, Israel
- Mr. Emad Elian – Gaza Vision Champion & Coordinator
- MK Omer Bar Lev – Ranking Member Defense & Foreign Relations Committee, Labor Party

16:30  Coffee break

17:00  Panel: An electrifying effect? Can the recent electricity agreement in the West Bank be followed by a new arrangement on water & sanitation? What are the national, international and local community perspectives?
Moderated by: Nader Khateeb, EcoPeace Middle East Co-Director
- H.E. Dr. Shaddad Attili - Minister in Negotiations Affairs Department, Palestinian Authority
- Mr. Oded Fixler – Senior Deputy Director, Israeli Water Authority
- Mr. Robert Piper – UN Deputy Special Coordinator for Middle East Peace Process
- Dr. Oded Eran – Ambassador (ret.), Senior Researcher, INSS
- Mr. Yona Yahav - Mayor, Haifa, Israel

19:00  Keynote address
- H.E. Dr. Hazim El Nasser - Minister of Water & Irrigation, Jordan
- H.E. Dr. Yuval Steinitz - Minister of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water Resources, Israel

20:00  Dinner (Guest speakers to be confirmed)

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08:00  **Registration**

09:00  **Welcoming Remarks**
- Mr. Munqeth Mehyar – EcoPeace Middle East Co-Director
- Mr. Anders Jägerskog - Swedish International Development Agency

09:30  **Pre-launch Announcement of Global Challenges Foundation $5 million 2017 Prize**
Fredrik Karlsson

09:40  **Leveraging Global Experience of Transboundary Water Management and Lessons Learned for the Lower Jordan**
Introduced by Ms. Elizabeth Yaari - Programme Manager, SIWI and Ms. Zaki Shubber - Institute for Water Education in The Netherlands

10:00  **High Level Panel: Basin Commissioners and Basin Representatives**
Moderated by Dr. Sharon B. Megdal – Director, University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center
- Mr. Bokang Makututsa - ORASECOM Lesotho Commissioner, Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) (Southern Africa)
- Dr. Dejan Komatina - Secretary General, International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) (Balkan area)
- Mr. Gustaaf Borchart – Commissioner, International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR) (Central Europe)
- Mr. Edward Drusina (USA) - Commissioner, International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) (Comisión Internacional de Limites y Aguas, CILA)

11:15  **Coffee break**

12:00  **Stakeholder Insights**
Two parallel breakout sessions:
1. **Session A** – featuring Mr. Drusina, Mr. Salmon and Dr. Megdal who will share their experiences with Israeli / Palestinian/ Jordanian Jordan Valley communities
2. **Session B** – featuring Mr. Makututsa, Dr. Komatina and Mr. Borchart who will share their experiences with Israeli / Palestinian Mountain and Coastal Aquifer communities

13:30  **Lunch**

14:30  **Reporting back from Breakout Sessions**
Ms. Anwar Abu Hammour and Ms. Shelly Lev-Sherman - EcoPeace staff

14:45  **Sustainable Financing Proposals:**

  **Traditional and Innovative Financing for Transboundary Water Management**
  Presented by Mr. Björn Druse, Managing Director, Finance and Administration Department, SIWI

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Panel: Role of Leading Public and Private Financing Institutions
Moderated by Ms. Therese Sjömander Magnusson, Director, Transboundary Water Management, SIWI
• Mr. Bjorn Phillip – Program Leader, World Bank
• Ms. Cassandre Pignon – Business Development Director, Shurook, Office of the Quartet

15:15 Moving Forward on the Ground
Moderated by Ms. Yana Abu Taleb, Deputy Director Jordan, EcoPeace Middle East

High Level Panel: Local Leadership from Palestine, Jordan and Israel
Sharing insights and experiences to advance regional sustainable development in the Jordan Basin
• Mr. Edan Greenbaum – Mayor, Jordan Valley Regional Council, Israel
• Mr. Oved Yavin – Head of Lower Jordan River Drainage Authority, Israel
• Mr. Sulaiman Assa – Mayor, Al Ubeidiya, Palestine
• Mr. Hassan Jermi – Joint Service Council Jordan Rift Valley, Palestine
• Mr. Khalifeh Dayyat - Mayor, Dier Alla, Jordan
• Mr. Ibrahim Al Udwan - Mayor, South Shounah, Jordan

16:15 Closing Remarks and Next Steps – EcoPeace Directors

16:30 End of conference; depart to border crossings

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