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"Good Water Neighbors" Conference 2013

Held on the Occasion of the UN International Year of Water Cooperation
The Urgency of Shared Water Issues - Water Can No Longer Wait

November 13-14, 2013
Sharon Hotel, 4 Ramot Yam St., Herzilya, Israel

**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

09:00 **Registration** and light refreshments

09:30 **Opening words** by Mr. Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, Friends of the Earth Middle East

10:00 **Welcome words:**
  HE Lars Faaborg-Andersen, Ambassador of the European Union
  HE Carl Magnus Nesser, Ambassador of Sweden
  Dr. Benedikt Haller, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy

10:35 **Keynote Address:** Mr. Mark Singleton, Deputy Head of Mission, Office of the Quartet, Jerusalem: Water Issues and the Palestinian Economic Initiative

10:50 **Coffee Break**

11:15 **Excerpt on water scarcity issues facing the Palestinian population in the West Bank, from the documentary film "Our Water Their Water", Directed by Felix Vigne**

11:30 **Panel: Walking on Water: Opportunities for Advancing Water Issues in the Peace Process**
  Moderated by Gidon Bromberg, FoEME Israeli Director
  Mr. Khalil Ghabiesh, Head of West Bank Water Department
  Dr. Oded Eran, Senior Research Associate at the Institute for National Security Studies, and Ambassador (ret.) to Jordan and the EU
  HE Engineer Saad Abu Hammour, Secretary General, Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan
  Mr. Frode Mauring, Special Representative, Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNDP

13:00 **Lunch**
14:30 **Presentation**: Progress on the Good Water Neighbors Project's Priority Initiatives 2012

15:15 **Excerpt on cross-border wastewater pollution issues from the documentary film; "Our Water Their Water", Directed by Felix Vigne**

15:30 **Panel: Thirsty for Change: Are we Doing Enough or Too Little Too Late - Regional Water and Sanitation issues**
   **Opening Words**: Mr. Shimon Tal, Former Israeli Water Commissioner
   *Moderated by Nader Khatib, FoEME Palestinian Director*
   Dr. Rashed Al-Saed, Technical Advisor at Global Environmental Services, Palestine
   Mr. Fuad Eijeilat, Assistant Secretary General of the JVA, Jordan
   Mr. Thomas Eisenbach, Director, KFW Development Bank, Ramallah
   Mr. Sergio Piccolo, Head of Operations, Office of the EU Representative West Bank and Gaza
   Mr. Anders Jagerskog, Mission Director, SIDA, Amman
   Mr. Shimon Tal, Former Israeli Water Commissioner

17:30 **End of Sessions, Day 1**

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Thursday, November 14, 2013:

09:00 Registration for Day 2

09:30 Keynote address: His Excellency Lord John Alderdice, Member of the House of Lords:
The Experience of Northern Ireland and Lessons for the Middle East

09:50 Panel: International Experience in Peace Building
Moderated by Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, FoEME
Dajana Berisha, Executive Director, Forum for Civic Initiatives, Kosovo
Ana Rankovic, Network Coordinator, SEE Change Net, Bosnia & Herzegovina
His Excellency Lord John Alderdice, Member of the House of Lords

10:15 Keynote Address: His Excellency Mr. Amir Peretz, Minister of Environment, Israel

10:30 Panel: Living up to our Dead Sea Responsibility
Opening Words & Moderation: Uri Ginott, Government Relations FoEME Israel
HE Engineer Saad Abu Hammour, Secretary General, Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan
Prof. Avishai Braverman, Member of the Israeli Parliament
Mr. Noam Goldstein, Senior Vice President, 'Meshivim' Division, Israel Chemicals
Mr. Dov Litvinoff, Head of the Tamar Regional Council, Israel
Mr. Nader Khatib, FoEME Palestinian Director

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 Panel: How can we save the Jordan River?
Moderated by Ghazi Musharbash Former Member of Jordanian Parliament
Mr. Dov Hanin, Member of the Israeli Parliament
Ambassador (ret) Ram Aviram, BIT-Consultancy
Mr. Yossi Vardi, Head of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, Israel
Mr. Ali Al Agli, Head of Muaz Bin Jabal Regional Council, Jordan
Mr. Hassan AL Jermy, Mayor of Zobaidat, Palestine

12:45 Presentation: Good Water Neighbors Project's Priority Initiatives 2013
13:30  Lunch

14:30  Panel: Environmental education: Building Bridges Over Troubled Waters
(Jordan River Love song playing in background)
Moderated by Amy Lipman-Avizohar, Education Coordinator, FoEME Israel
Ms. Dalia Fenig, Deputy Chairperson of the Pedagogical Secretariat, Director of Pedagogical Development, Ministry of Education, Israel
Mr. Mohammad Nawsrah, Former School Principal Tabket Fahel, Jordan
Dr. Rashed Al-Sa'ed, Technical Advisor at Global Environmental Services-Palestine

Roundtable Activities with FoEME's new Eco-Education Program, led by Community Coordinators

16:00  Coffee Break

16:30  Discussion via live video conference: The Role of Water Diplomacy in the Middle East Peace Process with the 'International Conference on Water, Security and Peace', The Hague, Peace Palace
Moderators Gidon Bromberg and David Grey
From Herzliya:
Dr. Saeb Bamyia, Former Deputy Minister of National Economy, Palestinian Authority
Ambassador (ret) Ram Aviram, BIT-Consultancy, Israel
Dr. Saed Humaidi, Former General Director for Environmental Authority, Palestine
HE Engineer Saad Abu Hammour, Secretary General, Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan

From The Hague:
H.E Ambassador Ronald Mollinger, Former Director of Middle East Desalination Research Center (invited)
Dr. Aaron Wolf, College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University

17:15  Closing Words – 3 FoEME Directors

17:30  End of Sessions Day 2

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