Invitation
“Jordan River Peace Park”
Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 17:00 – 20:00
Wild Jordan, RSCN, Amman

The “Jordan River Peace Park” is an 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.

The area of the park will be developed in stages, first in Jordan and in the end span both sides of the international border from the ‘Peace Island’ / Bakoura area to the ‘Three Bridges’ site. The proposed site includes the 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 together with Jordanian and regional 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 Amman at Wild Jordan on May 15.

FoEME is grateful for the participation of Yale University and Yale World Fellows Program in this unique initiative.

FoEME is grateful to the British Embassy, 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:

17:00 Reception

17:20 Welcome
   Jordanian Minister of Tourism or Environment (invited)
   Representative of Her Majesty Queen Rania’s Office (invited)
   U.S. Ambassador to Jordan (confirmed)
   U.K. Ambassador to Jordan (invited)

17:40 Welcome and Overview of Project and Pre-Feasibility Presentation
   Munqeth Mehyar, Chair and Director Amman Office, FoEME
   Adnan Budieri, President, EcoTech Jordan

18:20 Charrette Presentation
   Alan J. Plattus, Yale University
   Head of Jordanian Architecture Team

19:00 Panel Discussion
   Muaz bin Jabal Mayor (confirmed)
   Ministry of Tourism Representative (invited)
   Ministry of Environment Representative (invited)
   Ministry of Water and Irrigation Representative (invited)
   Representative of the King Abdullah II Fund (confirmed)

   Open Discussion: Questions and Answers
   Moderated by: Munqeth Mehyar, FoEME

19:50 Closing Statements, FoEME

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REGISTRATION FORM

I confirm my participation for presentation of the “Jordan River Peace Park”, on Thursday, May 15th.
Name: ____________________________________________
Organization: _______________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________
Mobile phone _______________________________________

Please RSVP and return this form by May 10th, to email: nour@foeme.org or by fax: 06-5866604

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