Bringing the Jordan River Back to Life: Strategies for Rehabilitation Conference

Agenda

Le Royal Hotel,
Zahran Street, 3rd Circle
Amman, Jordan
May 3-4, 2010

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Monday, May 3, 2010

13:00 Lunch and Welcome from Munqeth Mehyar, Jordanian Director, FoEME

14:00 Conference Registration

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14:20 Keynote Address from Her Royal Highness Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, President of El Hassan Science City and President of the Royal Scientific Society

14:40 Conference Opening and Welcomes
   ▪ Mr. Mousa Jamaâni, Secretary General of the Jordan Valley Authority
   ▪ Mr. Jay Knott, Head of USAID, Jordan
   ▪ Dr. Mohammad Al Adwan, Member of the Upper House of the Jordanian Parliament
   ▪ Ms. Anna Paolini, Head of the Jordanian National Office, UNESCO

15:00 International Champions of the Jordan River
   ▪ Dr. Véronique De Keyser, Vice Chairwoman of the European Parliament Working Group on the Middle East
   ▪ Ms. Melanie Hutchinson, Associate Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for West Asia

15:20 Kings' Academy Jordanian Youth Champions of the Jordan River

15:30 Jordan River Champions Awards

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 Experts Panel 1 and Open Discussion
   Developing a regional rehabilitation strategy: The Environmental Flows Study
   Presented by Elizabeth Ya'ari, Israeli Jordan River Project Coordinator, FoEME
   Expert Authors Panel:
   ▪ Dr. Sarig Gafney, Ruppin Academic Center in Israel
   ▪ Dr. Samer Talozi, Jordan University of Science and Technology
   ▪ Mr. Banan al Sheikh, Al Quds University, Palestine

17:15 Experts Panel 2 and Open Discussion
   An Economic Analysis of Policy Options for Water Conservation in Jordan, Israel and Palestine
   Presented by Baha Afaneh, Jordanian Jordan River Project Coordinator, FoEME
   Expert Authors Panel:
   ▪ Ms. Tatyana Gorskaya, Head of Research and Studies, Integrated Management and Information Consultants
   ▪ Dr. Taleb Harithi, Director, Palestinian Authority Natural Resources Authority
   ▪ Dr. Gadi Rosenthal, Director, Kivun Consulting

18:15 End of First Day

19:30 Depart on Bus for Dinner in Madaba
Tuesday, May 4, 2010

8:00  Breakfast

9:00  Welcome from FoEME Directors

9:10  Presentation of Jordan River Peace Park Initiative and Open Discussion
     Presented by Alan Plattus, Yale University and
     Munqeth Mehyar, Jordanian Director, FoEME

9:40  Presentation of Tourism Concept for Jordan River and Open Discussion
     Presented by Marion Hammerl, Global Nature Fund

10:10 Experts Panel 3 and Open Discussion
     International and Regional Tourism Opportunities
     Moderated by Nader Khateeb, Palestinian Director, FoEME
     • Mr. Manfred Schreiber, MENA Area Manager, Studiosus
     • Ms. Julietta Baums, co-CEO, Nomad Tours

10:40 Jordan River Valley Mayors' Panel and Open Discussion
     Tourism opportunities for Jordan Valley Communities
     Moderated by Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, FoEME
     Jordan River Community Mayors' Panelists:
     • Mr. Ali Hussein Al-Delki, Mayor of Muaz Bin Jabal Governorate, Jordan
     • Mr. Suleiman Romanin, Mayor of Al Auja, Palestine
     • Ms. Sol Lavi Ben-Shimol, Tourism Director of Emek HaMayont Regional
       Council, Israel

11:40  Closing Statements

12:00  Lunch and check out of rooms

13:00  Depart for tour of Bethany Beyond the Jordan Baptism Site on the Jordan River

16:00  Depart for border crossings