“Good Water Neighbors” Regional Mayors Meeting

Alternative Economic Opportunities for Rural Communities
Neighbors Path / Community Tours

Dan Panorama, Jerusalem, November 29, 2007

08:30 – Registration & Refreshments

09:00 - Opening Session: Introduction & Welcome
Mr. Munqeth Mehyar – FoEME Chair and Jordanian Director
Mr. Ramiro Cibrian Uzal – Ambassador of the EU Delegation to Israel
Ms. Yael Shaltiel – Director General, Ministry of Agriculture, Israel
Eng. Taiseer Gazawi - Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan
Bethlehem
Dr. Howard Sumka - USAID West Bank / Gaza Mission Director

09:30 - Alternative Rural Development Opportunities

ISRAEL:
• “Zman Midbar” alternative tourism experience
  Presentation: Seffi Hanegi, manager

JORDAN:
• Bird Watching Park, Aqaba
  Presentation: Abd Rahman Sultan (for Jordanian Society for Sustainable Development)

PALESTINE:
• Urtas – Folklore and Cultural Heritage Center
  Presentation: Ranya Hameid, Fadi Sanad

12:00 – Lunch

13:00 - FoEME’s “Neighbor’s Path”
FoEME will present the Neighbor’s path idea and their implementation in the Jordan Valley & Dead Sea communities
Presentations by: Michal Sagive – Israeli Project Coordinator; Abd Rahman Sultan – Jordanian Project Coordinator; Iyad Aburdeineh – Palestinian Project Coordinator

13:40 - Mayor’s Panel & Discussion – (Moderator: Mira Edelstein, acting project manager, Tel Aviv)
Jordan Valley / Dead Sea mayors will react / respond to ideas set forth:
Omer Cohen – Tourism Department, Jordan Valley Regional Council, Israel
Mahmoud Hussein Ali Jumat – Mayor, North Shuna Municipality, Jordan
Dani Tamari – Mayor, Beit She’an Regional Council, Israel
Rafi Ben Shitreet – Deputy Mayor, Beit She’an City, Israel
Mahmoud ali Hamad al Assi – Mayor, Sheikh Hussein Municipality, Jordan
Suleiman Romaneeen – Mayor, Auja, Palestine
Adnan Muhammed Ahmad Hamad – Deputy Mayor, Jericho, Palestine (not yet confirmed)
Dov Litvinoff – Mayor, Tamar Regional Council, Israel
Sand Hamoudi Ahmad el Hatabe – Deputy Mayor, South Ghor Municipality, Jordan
14:15 - FoEME’s “Neighbor’s Path”
FoEME will present the Neighbor’s paths in the Mt. Aquifer, Eshkol & Gaza communities
Presentations by: Michal Sagive and Iyad Aburdeineh

14:45 - Mayor’s Panel & Discussion – (Moderator: Nader Khateeb, FoEME Palestinian Director)
Mt. Aquifer and Eshkol RC mayors will react / respond to ideas set forth
Yitzchak Wald – Mayor, Baka el Gharbia, Israel
Muyaid Hussein – Mayor, Baka el Sharkia, Palestine
Ronnie Edan – Mayor, Emek Hefer Regional Council, Israel
Yair Kamaisky – Head of Environment Department, Tsur Hadassah, Israel
Eli Aharon – Deputy Mayor, Eshkol Regional Council, Israel

15:30 – Closing Remarks – Nader el Khateeb / Munqeth Mehyar / Mira Edelstein