International Conference on Sustainable Development in the Jordan Valley

November 10-12, 2014
Kempenski Hotel, Dead Sea, Jordan

Monday, November 10, 2014

12:30-14:00 Conference Registration: Sacrament Hall

13:00-14:00 Lunch at Obelisk Restaurant

14:00 Conference Opening and Welcomes in Sacrament Hall

- Munqeth Mehyar, Jordanian Director and President of EcoPeace Middle East
- Dr. Therese Sjömander Magnusson, Director Transboundary Water Management, SIWI
- H.E. Joanna Wronecka, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- H.E. Helena Gröndahl Rietz, Swedish Ambassador to Jordan
- H.E. Eng. Saed Abu Hammour, Secretary-General of the Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan
- H.E. Member of Knesset Yaacov Peri, Minister of Science and Technology, Israel
- Eng. Yousef Awayes, Director General, International Cooperation & Coordination Unit, Palestinian Water Authority

15:00 The Rehabilitation of the Jordan River as a Catalyst for Regional Economic Development and Peacebuilding
Opening remarks from Yuval Rabin, Chairman Israel Peace Initiative
Presentation by Nader Khateeb, Palestinian Director of EcoPeace Middle East, Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director of EcoPeace Middle East and Yana Abu Taleb, Jordanian Deputy Director of EcoPeace Middle East

15:45 Coffee Break

16:15 Regional NGO Master Planning in the Jordan Valley
Royal Haskoning DHV and national consultant teams

17:15 Question & Answer Session with RHDHV consulting team

18:00 Rehabilitation of the Lower Jordan River: The Israeli Perspectives – A Suggested Plan (Phase A)
Professor Avital Gasith, Tel-Aviv University, Aquatic Ecologist, Consultant to the Lower Jordan River Drainage Authority

18:15 Introducing tomorrow's thematic working groups as aligned with the regional master plan's strategic objectives
Dr. Marian Patrick, Programme Manager Transboundary Water Management, SIWI
18:30  Closing Remarks
Dr. Therese Sjömander Magnusson, Director Transboundary Water Management, SIWI

18:45  Sign up for thematic working groups as exiting the conference hall

19:00  Dinner at Kish Terrace Restaurant

20:30  Thematic Working Group Facilitators and Rapporteurs Meeting
Location: Larsa 2 Meeting Room

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

7:30  Breakfast at Obelisk Restaurant

8:30  Conference Registration: Sacrament Hall

9:00  Welcome and recapturing day one’s key findings and results
Marian Patrick, Programme Manager Transboundary Water Management, SIWI

9:15  Address by H.E. Eng. Saed Abu Hammour, Secretary-General of the Jordan Valley Authority, Jordan

9:30  Address by Shadad Atilili, Minister within the Negotiations Affairs Department and Water and Environment Advisor to the PLO

9:45  ITAIPU Binacional: Moving from Dispute to Sustainability
Nelton Miguel Friedrich, Coordination Direction, Itaipu and Jorge Habib Hanna El Khouri, Superintendent of Engineering and Corporate University Coordinator, Itaipu

10:00  Thematic Working Groups facilitated by high-level experts to determine the feasibility of the suggested interventions:

- **Pollution Control** - Comprehensive sanitation solutions throughout the basin for a clean basin by 2025.
  *Facilitated by Dr. Iyad Rammal, Specialist, Water Global Practice, World Bank*
  *Rapporteur: Elizabeth Yaari, EcoPeace Middle East*

- **Ecological Rehabilitation** – Reaching Environmental Flow for the LJR by 2050 and use of the River for conveyance 2025-2050
  *Facilitated by Dr. Samer Talozi, Professor in Water Resources and Irrigation Engineering, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid*
  *Rapporteur: Eshak Alguza’a, EcoPeace Middle East*
Sustainable Agricultural Development - Agriculture production based on treated waste water only in the LJR basin by 2025
Facilitated by Pieter van der Zaag, UNESCO IHE
Rapporteur: Samar Salma, EcoPeace Middle East

Sustainable Water Management and River Rehabilitation, and Lower Jordan Basin Governance
Facilitated by Greg Shapland, Middle East and North Africa, Foreign and Commonwealth Office UK
Rapporteur: Alain Maasri, Global Nature Fund

Sustainable Tourism and Cultural Heritage Development
Facilitated by Abdel Rahman Sultan, EcoPeace Middle East
Rapporteur: Mira Edelstein, EcoPeace Middle East

Urban and Infrastructure Development
Facilitated by Etra Occhialini, Project Head Jericho Master Plan
Rapporteur: Kata Molnar, SIWI

11:20 All participants return to the Sacrament Hall
11:30 Address by MK Amir Peretz, Minister of Environment, Israel
12:00 Mr. Ghazi Musharbash, Former Member of Parliament, Jordan
12:15 Group Photo
12:25 Preparation for working group presentation of main points to the plenary for facilitators and rapporteurs
13:00 Lunch at Obelisk Restaurant
14:15 All participants return to the Sacrament Hall
14:30 Summary of Feedback from Thematic Working Group Facilitators
Facilitated by Dr. Marian Patrick, Programme Manager Transboundary Water Management, SIWI

15:30 Aligning regional development priorities in the Jordan Valley
Facilitated by Dr. Therese Sjömander-Magnusson, Director of Transboundary Water Cooperation Unit, SIWI

- Dr. Anders Jagerskog, SIDA
- Dr. Iyad Rammal, Specialist, Water Global Practice, World Bank
- Sergio Piccolo, Head of Cooperation, EU Representative Office, Jerusalem
- Björn Druse, Managing Director, Finance and Administration, SIWI

16:45 Closing remarks by SIWI
19:00 Dinner at Obelisk Restaurant
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

7:30  Breakfast/ free morning/ check-out by 12:00 noon

9:00  Invitation only – No Regret Actions – Advancing the implementation of the NGO Regional Master Plan:
Facilitated by Munqeth Mehyar, EcoPeace Middle East Jordanian Director; Nader Khateeb, EcoPeace Middle East Palestinian Director and Gidon Bromberg, EcoPeace Middle East Israeli Director

12:45  Lunch

13:30  Departure to Bethany Beyond the Jordan Baptism Site

15:30  Return to Kempinski Hotel

16:00  Bus departs back to Amman