

## ARAB ENVIRONMENT 2010

### Water: Sustainable Management of a Scarce Resource

Annual Conference of the Arab Forum for Environment and Development (AFED)

Beirut, 4-5 November 2010

Habtoor Grand Hotel

#### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### Thursday 4 November 2010

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:00 **Opening Ceremony**

- Curtain-Raiser: THE LAST DROP (*Documentary, Main findings of AFED Report*)
- AFED Welcome Word
- Partner Statement
- Youth Declaration and Presentation of AFED Water Award for Schools

Patron Statement: The Prime Minister of Lebanon, **H.E. Mr. Saad Hariri**

-Keynote Speech (**INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER**)

10:00 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **PANEL I**

#### **State of Water**

*Chairman: Dr. Mohamed El-Ashry, Editor, AFED Water Report, Former CEO, GEF*

- Overview of the Water Sector in the Arab World: **Dr. Shawki Barghouti**, Director General, ICBA
- Freshwater Ecosystems: **Dr. Walid Salih**, Regional Coordinator, UN University Institute of Water
- Climate Change and Integrated Water Resource Management: **Dr. Hamed Assaf**, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, American University of Beirut (AUB)

11:30 - 12:00 **Discussion-** ministers on panel

12:00 - 13:00 **PANEL II**

#### **Managing a Scarce Resource**

*Chairman: H.E. Mr. Gebran Bassil, Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Lebanon*

- Water Demand Management: **Dr. Hammou Laamrani**, Regional Project Coordinator, IDRC
- Agricultural Water Management: **Dr. Ayman Abu Hadid**, President, Agricultural Research Centre, MOA, Egypt
- Municipal and Industrial Water Management: **Dr. Jean Chatila**, Director, Institute for Water Resources and Environmental Technology (IWRET), LAU, Beirut

13:00 - 13:30 **Discussion-** ministers on panel

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

*Simultaneously: Special Presentations*

15:00 – 16:00 **PANEL III**  
**Making Water**  
*Chairman: Dr. Habib El Habr, Director and Regional Representative, UNEP*  
 - Future of Desalination: **Dr. Adel Bushnak**, Chairman, Bushnak Group, Jeddah, Director, International Desalination Association  
 - Water Reuse: **Dr. Redouane Choukrallah**, Head of Salinity and Plant Nutrition Laboratory, Institut Agronomique Hassan II, Rabat  
 - Water from the Desert: **Dr. Farouk El-Baz**, Director, Center for Remote Sensing, Boston University

16:00 – 17:00 **PANEL IV**  
**Water Research & Education**  
*Chairman: H.E. Dr. Adnan Badran, President, Petra University, Former PM, Jordan*  
 - **Dr. Asma El-Kasmi**, Director, Arab Water Academy, Abu Dhabi  
 - **Dr. Rabi Mohtar**, Director, Global Engineering Program and Professor of Environmental and Natural Resources, Purdue University, USA  
 - **Dr. Abdeen Salih**, Professor of Civil Engineering and Water, Khartoum University

17:00 – 17:30 **Discussion-** ministers on panel

**Friday 5 November 2010**

09:00 - 10:00 **PANEL V**  
**Governance and Reform**  
*Chairman: H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zeid, President, Arab Water Council, and former Minister of Water Resources, Egypt*  
 - Water Trans-Boundary Issues: **Raya Marina Stephan**, Water Law Specialist, UNESCO International Hydrological Program, Paris  
 - Water Governance: **Dr. Safwat Abdel Dayem**, Secretary General, Arab Water Council, Cairo.  
 - Water Legislation: **Dr. Tarek Majzoub**, Consultant in International Water Law, Beirut

10:00 - 10:30 **Discussion-** ministers on panel

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **PANEL VI**  
**Public-Private Partnership in the World of Water**  
*Chairman: H.E. Dr. Jihad Azour, Senior Executive Adviser, Booz & Co., Former Minister of Finance*  
 - **Corporate presentations, good practices**  
 - **Public-private partnership, Financing water reforms**

12:00 - 13:00 **SPECIAL SESSION**  
**The Road to Cancun**  
*Towards an Arab Climate Negotiations Strategy*  
**H.E. Mr. Hazem Malhas**, Minister of Environment, Jordan. **H.E. Mr. Hamood Bin Said Al-Busaidi**, Minister of Environment & Climate Affairs, Oman. **Dr. Adel Zayyani**, Director General of Environment Authority, Bahrain.  
 Guest Panelist: **Mr.(s) .....**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (or Environment) Mexico

13:00 - 13:30 **Open Discussion**

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch** **Concurrently:** 3 Special Breakaway Sessions on Priority Topics (with buffet lunch)

15:00 - 16:30 **Closing session**  
 Open Discussion with Ministers. Conclusions and Recommendations