

Hydrodiplomacy and Climate Change for Peace in Mesopotamia: Case of the basin of the Tigris and the Euphrates

The Luxembourg Palace - Salle Clémenceau
December 10, 2018

Program

9:00 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 10:45 Reception and animation of the Symposium

- **Mr. Olivier Cadic**, Senator representing the French Citizens established abroad.
- **Mr. Fadi Comair**, President of MEDURABLE and of the REMOB
- **Mr. Loïc Fauchon**, Honorary president of the World Water Council and President of the society of waters of Marseille.
- **The senators (to be defined)**

10:45 - 11:30 Opening of the Conference

Moderator

H.E. Mr. Fathalla Sijilmassi, Former Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

- **H.E. Mr. Hasan Janabi**, Minister of Water Resources-Iraq
- **H.E. Mr. Nabil al-Hasan**, Minister of Hydraulic Resources - Syria (to be confirmed)
- **H.E. Mr. Bekir Pakdemirli**, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry-Turkey (to be confirmed)
- **H.E. Mr. César Abi Khalil**, Minister of Energy and Water in Lebanon

11:30 - 13:00

Session 1: retrospectives and acquired experiences: the Orontes, the Jordan River and the Nile Basin.

Moderators

Mr. Brice Lalonde, President of the Academy of water

Senator x (to be confirmed)

The stakeholders

- **The Nile: peace initiative for the neighboring States? (2017 edition)**

H.E.Mr. Mohammed Abdel Ati, Egyptian Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources

- **The Jordan River, the biblical River: water conflicts in search of peace (2016 Edition)**

H.E. Mr. Shaddad Attali, Minister in charge of Palestinian Negotiations on Water

- **The Orontes River: fair agreement between the riparian countries (2015 Edition)**

Mr. Fadi Comair, President of MEDURABLE and of the MENBO

- **The texts of reference for water cooperation on transboundary basins**

Mr. Jean-Louis Oliver, Secretary General of the French water Academy

Keynote speaker:

- **The impact of climate change on water security of transboundary basins: application of technological tools**

Prof. Daene McKinney, University of Texas - Austin

Discussion

13:00 - 14:30

Cocktail lunch

14:30 - 15:30

Session 2: hydro-political issues in Mesopotamia: case of the Tigris and the Euphrates

Moderators

Senator x (to be confirmed)

Mr. Pascal Berteaud, President of the International Office for Water

Stakeholders

- **The experiences of the INBO in hydro-political issues in Mesopotamia**

Mr. Jean-François Donzier, Secretary General of the International Network of basin organizations

- **Water conflicts: a cooperation based on mutual interests**

Mr. Dursun Yıldız, Director of the Academy of the Hydro-politics

- **The security risks associated with the exploitation of the hydraulic works in Mesopotamia**

Mr. Franck Galland, Director of the Foundation for Strategic Research

- **Security risks related to climate change in Iraq**

Mr. Kawa Hassan, Director of the Middle East and North Africa program at the Institute "EastWest", Brussels Office

Discussion

15:30 - 17:00 **Session 3: techno-economic and environmental issues on the Tigris and the Euphrates: case of the Nexus (water, energy and food) and climate impact.**

Moderators

Senator x (to be confirmed)

Mr. Jean-Louis Guigou, President of IPEMED

Main speaker

- **The impact of the Nexus on technical and economic development of the transboundary basins**

Mr. Pierre Roussel, Honorary President of the International Office for Water

Stakeholders

- **The contributions of the Public private partnership for the development of the Transboundary basins**

Ms. Céline Prat Marot-Deshortaux, founder of C4P Development

- **Sharing transboundary experience from the Balkans: the case of Drin river**

Prof. Michael Scoullou, Team Leader of the Horizon SWIM H2020 SM

- **The role of ESCWA and plans of adaptation to the impacts of climate change on water resources in Mesopotamia**

Ms. Rola Majdalani, Director of the Department of sustainable development at the ESCWA

Discussion

Moderators

Senator x (to be confirmed)

Mr. Pierre Gény, Perpetual Secretary of the Academy of Overseas Sciences.

Stakeholders

The General principles of mediation versus water conflicts

- Professor Michèle Guillaume Hofnung, Director of the Center for Mediation of the University of Paris 2
- **Mediation in the service of Hydrodiplomacy: a governance project for the prevention and resolution of conflicts related to water**

Miss Christelle Comair, doctoral student at the University of Paris 11 and President of the association "Youth for Development"

- **Water Diplomacy in the Tigris-Euphrates Basin: Challenges and Prospects**

Prof. Aysegül Kibaroglu, Department of Political Sciences and International Relations, MEF University, Istanbul

- **International cooperation frameworks for the management of transboundary basins in Mesopotamia**

Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, Environmental Officer of the UNECE Water Convention

- **A geopolitical reflection for the resolution of the crises at the level of the transboundary areas in Mesopotamia**

Mr. Pierre Berthelot, associate researcher at the french Institute of strategic analysis

Discussion

18:00 - 18:30
Closing

H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, the former Spanish Foreign Minister

H.E. Mr. Hasan Janabi, Minister of Water Resources-Iraq

18:30

Conclusion and acknowledgements

- **Mr. Fadi Comair, President of MEDURABLE and of the MENBO**
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