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“Water for Cities: Responding to the Urban Challenge”

22 March 2011 – United Nations House – Beirut, Lebanon



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

15:30 – 16:00 **Registration at United Nations House Main Conference Hall, B-1 Level**

16:00 – 16:30 **Welcome and Opening Statements**

Moderator: Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division (SDPD), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

- Mr. Nasser Nasrallah, President, Association of the Friends of Ibrahim Abd El Al
- H.E. Ms. Birgitta Maria Siefker-Eberle, Ambassador of Germany
- Ms. Anhar Hegazi, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)
- Representative of the Ministry of Energy and Water of Lebanon
- World Water Day Public Service Announcement (video clip)

16:30 – 17:45 **Panel Discussion: Understanding the Urban Water Supply and Water Resource Protection Challenge**

Chairman: Mr. Farid El Khazen, Member of Parliament, Lebanon

- Urban Water Supply Services in Yemen – *Mr. Adel Al Haddad, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water and Environment, Yemen; Incoming Chairman of ESCWA Committee on Water Resources*
- Water Resource Protection Planning: A Case Study of the Jeita Springs – *Mr. Armin Margane, Coordinator, Protection of Jeita Springs Project, Lebanon-BGR Cooperation*
- Urban Water Supply and Demand Challenges facing Greater Amman – *Mr. Ali Subah, Assistant Secretary-General for Technical Affairs, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan*
- Monitoring Access to Water Supply and Sanitation in the Arab Region: Building upon the Millennium Development Goals – *Mr. Mohamed Al-Hamdi, First Economic Affairs Officer, Water Resources Section, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA*

Presentations will be limited to 10 minutes each

Discussion

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- 17:45 – 18:15 **First Screening of the World Water Day Documentary**
Beirut Waters: A Water Supply and Resource Protection Story
- 18:15 – 19:00 **Stakeholder Forum: Your Water Supply and You - What Can You Do?**
- Chairman: Mr. Wajdi Najem, Vice-President, Saint Joseph University; Member, Scientific Committee, Association of the Friends of Ibrahim Abd El Al
- Mr. Bilal Hammad, Mayor, Municipality of Beirut
 - Mr. Elias Taweel, Acting Director General of Urban Planning, Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, Lebanon
 - Mr. Youssef Karam, Manager, Irrigation, Water Sewage and Infrastructure Department, Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), Lebanon
 - Mr. Bilal Alayli, President, Order of Engineers and Architects, Lebanon
 - Mr. Gaby Abdel-Nour, GICOME Antoine Salamé et Associés, s.a.r.l., Supervisors of Works, Operation and Maintenance for Water and Sewerage in the Caza of Baalbeck - Nabi Chit Region, Lebanon
 - Mr. Paul Abi-Rached, Concerned Citizen; Director, T.E.R.R.E Liban, Baabda, Lebanon (*tbc*)
- Interventions will be limited to 5 minutes each*
- Discussion
- 19:00 **Close of meeting**
- Closing statement by Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, ESCWA
- 19:00 – 20:00 **Cocktail Reception hosted by the German Cooperation**