# HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATION

**THE WATER CONVENTION – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEBANON?**

11 APRIL 2019, 8:30 – 14:30

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THE GRAND SERAIL, BEIRUT, LEBANON

## AGENDA

**Thursday, 11 April 2019**

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### High level opening

*Chair: Dr. Fadi G. Comair*, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)

- **Mr. Harry Liiv**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Estonia and Vice-Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention
- **Prof. Michael Scoullos**, Chair of the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med)
- **Mr. Olivier Cadic**, Senator Representing French Citizens Abroad
- **H.E Mr. Ahmad Arafa** and **H.E Mrs. Caroline Ziadeh**, Ambassadors, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lebanon
- **H.E. Ms. Christina Lassen**, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon
- **H.E. Ms. Nada Boustani**, Minister of Energy and Water

### Setting the stage

*Chair: Prof. Michael Scoullos*, GWP-Med

- **Introduction to the Water Convention: framework and activities**
  - **Ms. Diane Guerrier**, Secretariat of the Water Convention, UNECE
  - **Mr. Harry Liiv**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment, Estonia and Vice-Chair of the bureau of the Water Convention
- **Experience of INBO on the application of the Water Convention**
  - **Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier**, Honorary President of INBO
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| 11:00-13:45  | Interactive session - Accession to the Water Convention: what benefits for Lebanon and how to reap benefits?  
Chair: Dr. Fadi Comair, MEW  
Facilitator: Prof. Michael Scoullos, GWP-Med  
**Aceding to the Water Convention - Why and how? Experience of Iraq**  
H.E. Hasan Al-Janabi, Ambassador, Former Minister of Water Resources, Iraq  
**Moderated group discussion on possible accession of Lebanon to the Water Convention**  
**Questions for discussion:**  
- What would be the benefits for Lebanon to become a Party to the Water Convention?  
- Which challenges might Lebanon face in implementing the Water Convention?  
- How could the Water Convention support Lebanon through its activities?  
**Expected contributions by:**  
- **Representatives of Lebanese authorities:**  
  Ministry of Energy and Water  
  Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants  
  Ministry of Environment  
  Ministry of Justice  
  Ministry of Defense  
- **Representatives of Parties and possible future Parties to the Water Convention:**  
  Estonia, Greece, France, Italy, Spain, the European Union, Tunisia  
- **Representatives of International Organisations and other stakeholders:**  
  ESCWA  
  Les Amis de l'Eau  
  Medurable  
  Ms. Michèle Guillaume, Director of Institut de Médiation, University Paris 2  
  Ms. Christelle Comair, Science Po, Paris, PhD Water Mediation  
**The Water Convention in the Lebanese context: answering to thematic issues**  
Facilitator: Mr. Pierre Roussel, Honorary President of OIEau  

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| 13:45-14:30 | **Next steps and closing**  
  *Chair: Dr. Fadi Comair, MEW*  
  What are the steps for accession to international treaties?  
  *H.E Mr. Ahmad Arafa and H.E Mrs. Caroline Ziadeh,* Ambassadors, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lebanon  
  Questions and answers  
  Outcomes of the consultation and recommendations  
  Closing remarks  
  *Mr. Olivier Cadic - Mr. Harry Liiv - Prof. Michael Scoullos - Dr. Fadi Comair - H.E. Ms. Nada Boustani* |
| 14:30     | Lunch                                                                   |