

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	
8:30-9:00	Registration and welcoming coffee
9:00-9:45	<p>High level opening</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Fadi G. Comair</i>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water (MEW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
9:45-10:30	<p>Setting the stage</p> <p><i>Chair: Prof. Michael Scoullos</i>, GWP-Med</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Water Convention: framework and activities <i>Ms. Diane Guerrier</i>, Secretariat of the Water Convention, UNECE • <i>Mr. Harry Liiv</i>, 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 <i>Mr. Jean-Francois Donzier</i>, Honorary President of INBO

With the support of:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Convention and the context of Lebanon: progress and main considerations <i>Dr. Fadi Comair</i>, Director General of Hydraulic and Electric Resources
10:30-11:00	Coffee break and group picture
11:00-13:45	<p>Interactive session - Accession to the Water Convention: what benefits for Lebanon and how to reap benefits?</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Fadi Comair, MEW</i> <i>Facilitator: Prof. Michael Scoullas, GWP-Med</i></p> <p>Acceding to the Water Convention - Why and how? Experience of Iraq <i>H.E. Hasan Al-Janabi</i>, Ambassador, Former Minister of Water Resources, Iraq</p> <p>Moderated group discussion on possible accession of Lebanon to the Water Convention</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Expected contributions by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>The Water Convention in the Lebanese context: answering to thematic issues <i>Facilitator: Mr. Pierre Roussel</i>, Honorary President of OIEau</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Chantal Demilecamps, 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 • Ms. Anthi Brouma, Deputy Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med
13:45-14:30	<p>Next steps and closing</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr. Fadi Comair, MEW</i></p> <p>What are the steps for accession to international treaties?</p> <p>H.E Mr. Ahmad Arafa and H.E Mrs. Caroline Ziadeh, Ambassadors, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lebanon</p> <p>Questions and answers</p> <p>Outcomes of the consultation and recommendations</p> <p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Mr. Olivier Cadic - Mr. Harry Liiv - Prof. Michael Scoullas - Dr. Fadi Comair - H.E. Ms. Nada Boustani</p>
14:30	Lunch