



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

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Program

In partnership with the Friendship Groups France-Egypt, France-country of the Horn of Africa, France-Iraq, Jordan-France, France-Lebanon, France-Syria, Senate France-Turkey

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:15 Opening of the Symposium

- **Mr. Gérard LARCHER**, President of the French Senate
- **Mr. Olivier Cadic**, Senator representing the French Citizens established abroad.
- **Mr. Fadi Comair**, President of MEDURABLE and of the REMOB
- **Mr. Walter Mazzitti**, President for the monitoring of the use of Hydric Resources c/o Ministry of Public Works- Italy

10:15 - 10:30 Introduction

Moderator

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

10:30 - 12:30

Session 1: retrospectives and acquired experiences

Moderators

Mr. Brice Lalonde, President of the Academy of water

Introduction

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

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

Roundtable 1

The Orontes

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

H.E. Mr. César Abi Khalil, Minister of Energy and Water in Lebanon

- **Mr. Dominique de Legge, President of the Friendship group France-Lebanon**

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

Roundtable 2

Jordan River

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

- Mr. Gilbert Roger, President of the Friendship Group France-Palestine

- **H.E. Mr. Shaddad Attili, Minister in charge of Palestinian Negotiations on Water**

Roundtable 3 The Nile River

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

Ms. Catherine Morin-Desailly, President of the Friendship Group France-Egypt

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

Representative of Ethiopia and Sudan

Mr. Cédric Perrin, President of the Friendship Group France-countries of the Horn of Africa

Keynote speaker:

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

Prof. Daene McKinney, University of Texas - Austin

12:30

Official photo on the steps of the Court of honor

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch-Cocktail

14:00 - 15:00

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

Reception

Mr. Bernard Cazeau, President of the Friendship Group France-Iraq

Speakers

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

Ms. Josiane Costes, President of the Friendship Group France-Turkey

H.E. Mr. Bekir Pakdemirli, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry-Turkey

Moderator

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

Speakers

- **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**

Discussion

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

15:00 - 16:30 **Session 3: techno-economic and environmental issues on the Tigris and the Euphrates: case of the Nexus (water, energy and food) and climate impact.**

Moderator 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

Speakers

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

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

- **Lesson learnt of the Drin River and its adaptation to the Tigris and Euphrates in Mesopotamia**

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

Exchange with the conference room

Pause (20 minutes)

16:40-17:00

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

Speakers

- **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 - 18:20
Closure

Mr. Loïc Fauchon , Honorary president of the World Water Council and President of the society of waters of Marseille.

Mr. Christian Cambon, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, defence and armed forces

18:20 Acknowledgements

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