

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference: Sustainable Development and Management of Water in Palestine



27-30 August 2007
InterContinental Hotel
Amman - Jordan



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Al-Azhar University



Palestinian National Authority
Palestinian Water Authority



House of Water and
Environment

INTRODUCTION

Millennium Development Goals approved by 189 countries in September 2000, and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation adopted in 2002 by the World Summit for Sustainable Development, emphasize the need to reduce inequalities, to change unsuitable consumption, to protect and sustainably manage natural resources for economic and social development and to safeguard health. These goals are in the heart of sustainable development of the Palestinian water sector. The historic balance between water demand and supply in Palestine has been artificially constrained by non-market forces and suffered from inequality problems. Thus, it is necessary to plan for and develop more equitable, yet sustainable, future water consumption rates and supply capabilities for needed social and economic development. The pollution question and environmental issues in Palestine are a major concern to the sustainable development of the Palestinian water resources.

This conference will focus on the challenges facing the Palestinian water sector and demonstrating how solutions can be found through applied, innovative research and programmes of capacity building.

The conference aims to contribute to the long-term conservation, development and management of the water resources in Palestine through holistic approaches.

This conference "Sustainable development and management of water in Palestine" is an activity of the "Capacity Building and Training on Environmental Planning and Management" Project, 1998-2006 funded by the UNESCO-FLANDERS FUST, Flemish Government-Kingdom of Belgium who provided both financial and technical supports, and implemented by the Water Research Center at Alazhar University in coordination with all Palestinian institutes working in the field of water and environment.

This conference will disseminate the results of 21 research studies conducted and completed through the activities of UNESCO-FLANDERS FUST Project. Furthermore, the Organizing Committee is inviting researchers from the Arab region and the international community to participate in the conference by submitting papers to be presented and published if accepted in a special proceedings of the conference. All submissions should be in topics within the conference themes.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Water resources experts, environmentalists, engineers and other professionals are invited to gather to discuss important issues regarding water situation, challenges and solutions in Palestine, including planning and process fundamentals, financing, public policy issues, resources management, groundwater issues, water rights issues, and more.

The conference will provide opportunities for water resources professionals and experts engaged in research, development, and education to share knowledge and ideas, to identify and update emerging issues, and to network with the UNESCO-FLANDERS FUST Project and partner organizations.

CONFERENCE THEMES

The programme of the "International Conference: Sustainable Development and Management of Water in Palestine" will cover the following six keynote themes:

- Integrated water resources management.
- Water supply/demand management.
- Institutional and human resources capacity building.
- Conflict resolution on trans-boundary water resources management.
- Water quality and environmental issues.
- Cultural, ethical and socio-economic aspects of water resources.



KEY DATES

15 January 2007	First call for papers
15 March 2007	Abstract submission deadline
15 April 2007	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
15 May 2007	Full papers due
30 July 2007	Notification of full accepted papers
25 October 2007	Printing of conference proceedings

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION

Please submit a one page abstract containing: title, up to 300 word narrative; and for each author, name, degree, affiliation, complete address, telephone number and email address. Email submissions as PDF or Word document are welcomed (send to amjad.aliawi@hwe.org.ps & CC to UNESCO Cairo Office email HYD@mail.unesco.org.eg). **Faxed copies will not be accepted**

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE:

The Conference language is English.

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

www.waterconference-ps.org



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