



**The Water Leaders Forum:
Regional Engagement and Innovation from the Arab World**

Abu Dhabi, July 11th, 2010

PROPOSED AGENDA

08:30-09:30 OPENING

08:30 Welcome Coffee

09:00 Welcome Speech by HE Mohammed Al Bowardi, *Secretary General, Abu Dhabi Executive Council and Managing Director, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi*

09:10 Key Note Speech by Mr. Loic Fauchon, *President of the World Water Council*

09:30-11:00 Session I “Innovative Solutions from the Arab World: Securing Water Futures”

Panelists:

- H.E. Majid Al Mansouri, SG, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, Vice President of the Arab Water Academy
- H.E. Dr. Abdul Latif Jamal Rashid, Minister of Water Resources, Iraq
- H.E. Mr. Kamal Ali Mohammed, Minister of Irrigation and Water Resources, Sudan
- H.E. Eng. Abdul Rahman Fadhl Al-Eryani, Minister of Water and Environment, Yemen
- H.E. Dr. Shaddad Al Attili, Minister of Water, Palestine
- H.E. Eng. Gebran Bassil, Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Lebanon (TBC)
- Ms. Eng Nadia Abdou, Chairman, Arab Countries Water Utilities Association

Q & A Plenary Session (Media to be present)

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-12:30 Session II ‘Agents of Change in the Arab Water Sector’

11:30 Dr. Asma El Kasmi, *Director, Arab Water Academy*

The Arab Water Academy: Building Multidimensional Bridges for Arab Water Security and Sustainable Development

11:45 Prof. Andras Szollosi-Nagy, *Rector UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education*

Increasing knowledge and adapting skills and abilities to address water issues as part of the overall global and local challenges

Moderator: *Mr. Atem Ramsundersingh, CEO of STB Technologies Singapore, and formerly Acting Program Leader Water Program World Bank Institute*

12:00 Q & A Session

13:00-16:00 Private Leaders Lunch 'New Horizons, New Partners, New Solutions'

- Managing water under scarcity: highlights from the Australian experience
Prof. Gary Jones, CEO eWater-CRC, Australia
- Leadership communication for advanced policies and development in the water sectors
Mr. Paul Mitchell, The World Bank, Washington D.C.

19:30 Dinner hosted by HE Majid Al Mansouri