



World Water Day 2014
Seminar on the Water-Energy Nexus: Issues and Challenges
Under the Patronage of His Excellency Mr. Arthur Nazarian, Minister of Energy and Water
Friday, 21 March 2014 – Beirut, Lebanon

AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration at the Order of the Press**

10:00 – 10:30 **Welcome and Opening Session**

Moderator: Representative from the Association of Lebanese Industrialists

- Welcome Statement – *Mr. Mohamed Baalbaki, President, Order of the Press*
- Opening Statement on World Water Day – *Mr. Nasser Nasrallah, President, Association of the Friends of Ibrahim Abd El Al (AFIAL)*
- Statement on behalf of the United Nations Secretary General and UNIDO as co-convenor of World Water Day 2014 – *Mr. Cristiano Pasini, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Representative, Head of Regional Office in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria*
- The Water-Energy Nexus: A Global, Regional and National Perspective for Ensuring Access to Basic Services – *Ms. Roula Majdalani, Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)*
- The Water-Energy Nexus from an Industry Perspective within the Framework of Moving Towards a Green Economy – *Mr. Neemat Frem, President, Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI)*

10:30 – 11:00 Question and Answers

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion: Understanding the Water-Energy Nexus in the Lebanese Context**

**Interventions will be limited to 5 minutes each to allow time for discussion*

Chairman: *Mr. Ramzi Arab, Secretary-General, AFIAL*

- Energy constraints affecting the delivery of water services in the Bekaa: Implications for human welfare – *Mr. Maroun Moussalem, Chairman and Director General of Bekaa Water Establishment*
- Managing the water-energy nexus at the factory level – *Mr. Assaad Saadeh, Nestle Waters*

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Agenda (*continued*)

- Hydropower development and potentials in Lebanon – *Mr. Ghassan Gebran, Head of Hydropower, Litani River Authority*
- Promoting water and energy use efficiency in industry – *Mr. Ziad Chammas, ALI Board Member; Chair, ALI Environment & Energy Committee; Coordinator, Green Help Desk*
- Perspectives from the agricultural sector – *Mr. Mohamad Ali Nahouli, Farmer, Adloun, South Lebanon*

Discussion

12:00 – 12:15

Wrap-up and Closing Statements

- Summary of discussed priorities for action – *Ms. Roula Majdalani, ESCWA*
- Closing Statement – *Mr. Neemat Frem, ALI*
- Closing Statement – *Mr. Nasser Nasrallah, AFIAL*

12:15 – 13:00

Reception