



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

The Luxembourg Palace - Salle Clémenceau  
December 10, 2018

### 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

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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 Scoullos, 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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