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## PROGRAMME

### The Young Water Ambassadors will present their Mediterranean Union

5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum - Istanbul, Turkey - 17, 20 and 21 March 2009

The Mediterranean Union for Young Water Ambassadors (UMJAE) was created at the initiative of the president of the Water Embassy association, Mrs Jeannette Prétot, Lebanese Arab and French European, who had the desire of regaining a common culture between the Northern and Southern countries of the Mediterranean: "Because it is time to learn how to share our knowledge, our sensibilities, our techniques, without ranking them or judging them : the field decides, and the field is made out of human beings that one must know how to listen to".

The Water Embassy, a non-profit making association under French Law, was created in 2006 after observing that in the world there is an unequal access to water. The association's goal is to work on water related problems in developing countries. Its action revolves around a number of themes: awareness raising, training,

information, accomplishment. With the support of the Seine Normandy Water Agency, the association organises, among other actions, Water Classes for students of all levels, as well as decentralised cooperation projects based on the Oudin / Santini Act (French solidarity law) which allows that 1% of each water bill to be invested in the construction of infrastructures in developing countries.



## 1st meeting of the Mediterranean Union for Young Water Ambassadors

**March 17th 2009**

### **Side-event (workshop), 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

*Feshane International Fair Congress and Culture Center - Hall Lale*

During a workshop, the Young Ambassadors will share the draft decentralised cooperation projects that they have developed in their country during the Mediterranean Water Classes. They will then work together with their official representative at building up actual suggestions for decentralised cooperation projects. Thus, in front of a panel of experts, each Water Class Ambassador from a participating developing country will present a field action aimed at fighting against the water-related problems found in her/his country (sanitation, irrigation, access to drinking water) and that has a link with the clean-up of the Mediterranean. The Water Classes Ambassadors from the participating developed countries will have to find European local authorities that are willing to participate in the realisation of the field projects through twinning with the local authorities of the developing countries involved in the Mediterranean Union for Young Water Ambassadors Project.

### **2:30 pm – Opening**

**Jeannette Prétot**, President of the Water Embassy and **Daniel Thevenot**, Paris-Est University : Presentation of the Experts Committee and of the workshop's organization.

### **2:45 pm**

Official opening by Mrs **Ksia Chahra**, Representative of the Arab League.

### **2:55 pm**

Presentation of the field projects by the Young Water Ambassadors from the participating developing countries, with the support of **Roberto Palomba** (Italy) and **Gasulla Neus** (Spain).

Name	First name	Academic institution	professor-coordinating the water class	country
BOUACH	Achène	Ecole Nationale Supérieure Polytechnique Alger	Mr. Ahmed KETTAB	Algeria
MOGHAZY	Noha Hossam	Institute of Oceanography & Fisheries	Mrs Nevine ABOU SHABANA	Egypt
HALWANI	Malek	Université Libanaise, Faculté de Santé Publique	Mr. Jalal HALWANI	Lebanon
ABOULHASSANE	Amal	Ecole Hassania des Travaux Publics (EHTP)	Mr. Rachid IRAQUI	Morocco
ALAFIFI	Ayman	Islamic University of Ghaza (IUG), Civil Engineering Department	Mr. Yunes MOGHEIR	Palestine
TOUMA	Rania Flavie	Aleppo University, Faculty of Agriculture, département des grandes cultures unité eaux Et développement	Mrs Hayat TOUCHANE	Syria
AYDI	Walid	Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Sfax (ENIS)	Mr. Mohamed TURKI	Tunisia

**4:10 pm**

Discussion and comments on the field projects by the panel of experts.

NAME	FIRST NAME	ORGANISATION	TITLE
BERTEAUD Chairman	Pascal	Etablissement Public d'Aménagement Marne. Former Water Director	Managing Director
GUETTIER	Philippe	French Ministry of Environment	Deputy Head of Water Unit French Presidency of European Union
DUDA	Alfred	Global Environment Fund (GEF)	Lead Environmental Specialist
YON	Daniel	Seine Normandy Water Agency (AESN)	Member of the basin committee AESN, President of the Solidarity management & sustainable development Commission and Mayor of Frignicourt
AUGEY	Pierre	Adour-Garonne Water Agency	President of the international relations commission of the basin committee, counsellor for a French department (Gironde) and mayor of Fargues-de-Langon
GUERBER	François	Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency	Data and Charges Director
LAINÉ	Hervé	General Council for Environment and Sustainable Development	Ingénieur Général des ponts et chaussées
COMAIR	Fadi	Lebanese Ministry of Water and Environment	Managing Director of hydraulic and electric resources in Lebanon
WAHBA	Mohamed	Ministry of water Resources and Irrigation	Deputy Minister technical office
DE BELENET	Arnaud	Mayor of Bailly-Romainvilliers	Delegate of the Seine-et-Marne Mayors' Union

**5:10 pm**

Conclusion of the workshop by Senator Oudin.

**5:25 pm - Coffee break****5:45 pm**

Léo Vincent, RMEI with Ahmed Kettab and Jalal Halwani, coordinators of the Water Classes in Algeria and Lebanon : Comments and recommendations for the follow up on the decentralised cooperation projects.

**5:55 pm-6:30 pm**

Session, animated by Fabien Esculier, Young Water Ambassador, student Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech, for the preparation of a Joint Declaration and the Istanbul Plea of March 20th 2009.

**March 20th 2009****Between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**

Reading of the Joint Declaration and of the Istanbul Plea by the Young Water Ambassadors, in the presence of Mr. Jean Louis Borloo, French politician and current French Minister of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable development and Land planning, and Mr. Mahmoud Abd Al-Halim Abu Zeid, Egyptian Minister of water Resources and of Irrigation, numerous other official representatives. The UMJAE invites all the water representatives of the Mediterranean countries to discuss with the students, the teachers, the official representatives and the experts.

**March 21th 2009****Side-event (workshop), 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, followed by a Mediterranean cocktail starting at 5:00 pm.**

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The Young Water Ambassadors invite all the ministers and official representatives of the Mediterranean countries to the adoption of the Istanbul Declaration which will be followed by a Mediterranean cocktail.

### 2:30 pm - Opening

Jeannette Prétot, President of the Water Embassy, Léo Vincent, President of the RMEI.  
Daniel Thevenot, Paris-Est University : Presentation of the workshop's programme and organization.

### 2:45 pm

Presentation of a decentralised cooperation project by Fadi Comair, Chairman - Director of the hydraulic and electric resources.

### 3:00 pm

Financing mechanism by Alfred Duda, Lead Environmental Specialist (GEF) and Hervé Lainé, sustainable development Council.

### 3:20 pm

Debate and recommendations by the Experts Committee.

### 3:45 pm

Introduction by Mrs Jeannette Prétot, President of the Water Embassy.  
Second reading of the Young Water Ambassadors' final resolution by the students. Summarization and prospects by Fabien Esculier, student Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech (projected agenda).

### 4:10 pm

Conclusion and recommendations by Mrs Julia Jordan, Union for the Mediterranean, French Presidency.

## Acknowledgments

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- ◆ The Mayors' Union of Seine-et-Marne
- ◆ The French Water Academy

### Ministers

- ◆ Jean-Louis Borloo, French Minister of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable development and Land planning
- ◆ Mahmoud Abd Al-Halim Abu Zeid, Egyptian Minister of water Resources and of Irrigation.

### Secretaries of State

- ◆ Yves Jégo, Secretary of State in charge of Overseas
- ◆ Andre Santini, Secretary of State in charge of Civil Service

### Senator

- ◆ Michel Houel

### Deputy

- ◆ Franck Riester

### Mayor

- ◆ Arnaud de Belenet, Mayor of Bailly-Romainvilliers

### President of the Mediterranean Network of Engineering Schools

- ◆ Léo Vincent

### Professors-coordinators of the 12 pilot classes

- ◆ Ahmed Kettab, Mediterranean Network of Engineering Schools (RMEI)
- ◆ Jalal Halwani, associated schools.

### Experts Committee (Chairman)

- ◆ Fadi Comair, Director of hydraulic and electric resources (Lebanon)
- ◆ Pascal Berteaud, former Water Director, Vice-President of the Water Embassy (France)

### Session moderators

- ◆ Daniel Thevenot, emeritus professor at Paris-Est University, UMJAE partner, advisor/expert: for conferences and workshops
- ◆ Fabien Esculier, UMJAE representative at the Youth Forum Organizing Committee and coordinator of the student project

### Report

- ◆ Dareen Nazzal, UMJAE