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Venue: Kamal Naser Hall, Birzeit University

Chairman: Maher Abu-Madi,

Director, Institute of Environmental and Water Studies, Birzeit University

08.00 - 09.00	Welcome and registration
09.00 - 09.05	H.E. Khalil Hindi President, Birzeit University
09.05 - 09.15	H.E. Nabil Abuznaid , Head of Palestinian Mission in The Netherlands Mr. Gert Kampman , Head of Cooperation, The Netherlands Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority
09.15 - 09.20	H.E. Omar Kittaneh Minister of Palestinian Energy Authority
09.20 - 09.25	Mr. Hazem Kittani DG of Technical Affairs, Palestinian Water Authority
09.25 - 09.30	Mr. Wim Douven Associate Professor, Director of Global Partnership for Water Education and Research (PoWER), UNESCO-IHE
09.30 - 09.35	Mrs. Irna van der Molen Assistant Professor, Manager of Palestinian-Dutch Academic Consortium on Water Maastricht School of Management
09.35 - 09.45	Celebration 20 years Dutch - Palestinian Academic Relations
9.45 - 10.00	Coffee break

10.00-11.45	Theme 1: Water and Energy Discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is renewable energy the solution to the energy crisis in Gaza? • What are future energy sources for waste water treatment and desalination plants? • What business cases can the water sector present to the energy stakeholders? • Which parallels can be drawn between water and energy regarding the collection rate? • How can research institutes and universities contribute to the water and energy nexus?
10.00 - 10.10	Presentation Mr. Monther Shoblak , Director CMWU
10.10 – 10.40	Panel discussion - moderated by Mr. Monther Shoblak , Director CMWU: H.E. Omar Kittaneh , Minister of Palestinian Energy Authority Mr. Marwan Baradwil , PWA Gaza Mr. Thomas Eisenbach , Director KfW Mr. Paolo Curradi , HoS Water & Land Development, EUREP Mr. Rashed Al-Sa'ed , Associate Professor, Birzeit University
10.40 – 11.45	Plenary discussion (with all participants Forum)
11.45-12.00	Coffee break

12.00-13.45	<p>Theme 2: Private Sector Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the PWA/PEA regulations for Public Private Partnerships? • How can the government enable an environment for effective private sector participation? Is the private sector ready to step into the water sector and what are the business models? • How can risks be mitigated for increased private sector involvement? • What are existing or future opportunities for Public Private Partnerships? • Can the payment issues be tackled by the private sector? • How can donors facilitate increased private sector participation?
12.00 - 12.10	Presentation by Mr. Samir Hulileh , CEO PADICO
12.10 - 12.20	Presentation by Mr. Abdel Khaleq Karmi , Chairman of the Union of the Palestinian Water Service Providers and General Manager of Jerusalem Water Undertaking
12.20 - 13.00	<p>Panel discussion – moderated by Mr. Meine Pieter van Dijk, Prof. Entrepreneurship in Emerging Countries, Maastricht School of Management:</p> <p>Mr. Yousef Awayes, Director International Coordination, PWA Mr. Abdel Khaleq Karmi, Chairman of the Union of the Palestinian Water Service Providers and General Manager of JWU Mr. Samir Huleileh, CEO PADICO Mr. Iyad Rammal, Senior Infrastructure Specialist, World Bank Mr. Peter Riley, Director, Water Resources and Infrastructure Office, USAID Mr. Mohamed Hijaz, CEO Eagle Electromechanical Co. Mr. Ramez el Titi, Senior Advisor, GIZ</p>
13.00 - 13.45	Plenary discussion (with all participants Forum)
13.45 - 15.00	Lunch break
15.00 - 16.30	<p>Theme 3: National Research Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can the academic and research institutions harmonize their initiatives to meet the sector needs? • How can research support policy making in the water sector? • What research topics respond to the national sector needs? • How can the quality of national research be improved? • What are the lessons learned in the past 20 years?
15.00 - 15.10	Presentation by Mr. Subhi Samhan , Director of Research & Development, PWA
15.10 – 15.40	<p>Panel discussion – moderated by Mr. Fahoum Shalabi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Higher Education:</p> <p>Mr. Subhi Samhan, Director of Research & Development, Palestinian Water Authority Mr. Adbelrahman Tamimi, Director Palestinian Hydrology Group Mr. Marwan Haddad, Director Water and Environmental Studies, An Najah University Mr. Nidal Mahmoud, Associate Professor, Birzeit University Mr. Amer Marei, Associate professor, Al Quds University Mr. Mazen Salman, Assistant professor, PTU Kadoorie</p>
15.40 - 16.30	Plenary discussion (with all participants Forum)
16.30 – 17.00	Closing and conclusions