



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

**Abu Dhabi, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**AGENDA**

**08:30-09:30 OPENING**

08:30 Welcome Coffee

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

09:10 Welcome by Mr. Hedi Larbi, The World Bank, Director for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran and Iraq

09:20 Key Note Speech by Mr. Loic Fauchon, *President of the World Water Council*

**09:40-11:00 Session I “Innovative Solutions from the Arab World: Securing Water Futures”**

**Panelists:**

- H.E. Dr. Abdullatif Jamal Rashid, *Minister of Water Resources, Iraq*
- H.E. Eng. 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. Mohammed Al-Saud, *Deputy Minister for Water, Ministry of Water and Electricity, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia*
- H.E. Majid Al Mansouri, *SG, Environment Agency Abu Dhabi, Vice President of the Arab Water Academy, United Arab Emirates*

**Chairperson:** Mr. Loic Fauchon, *President of the World Water Council*

**Q & A Plenary Session (Media to be present)**

**11:00-11:30 BREAK**

**11:30-13:00 Session II ‘Agents of Change in the Arab Water Sector’**

11:30 Prof. Andras Szollosi-Nagy, *President of 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

11:45 Prof. Asma El Kasmi, *Director of the Arab Water Academy*  
Building Capacity and Multidimensional Bridges for Arab Water Security and Sustainable Development

12:00 Panel Discussion:

- Mr. Hedi Larbi, The World Bank, Director for Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iran and Iraq
- Dr. Adel Bushnak, Chairman of the Bushnak Group, Saudi Arabia
- Mrs. Chahra Ksia, The Arab League, President of the Center for Arab Water Security
- Dr. Shawki Barghouti, Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture

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

12:30 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.*