Roundtable: Climate Change and the Geopolitics of Water and Energy in the Levant Region

December 3, 2015

08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 Opening Remarks:
1. Gidon Bromberg – Israeli Director, EcoPeace Middle East
2. Amb. (ret) Dr. Oded Eran – Senior Research Fellow, INSS.
3. Marc Frings - Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

9:30 - 9:45 Opening Address:
Deputy Minister for Regional Cooperation, MK Ayoob Kara

9:45-11:30 First Panel (with KAS Israel)
"**Climate Change, Water Governance and Human and National Security Challenges facing Israel and the Region"**
This panel will explore the different dimensions - humanitarian, environmental, political and security - related to climate change and water supply, and the challenges posed to Israel and the region. Discussions will draw from the experience of water governance failure in the case of Syria and the present water and energy crises facing Gaza.

Panel Participants:

1. Dr. Orna Matzner, Senior Manager Office of the Chief Scientist, Israeli Ministry of Environmental Protection
2. Professor Arnon Soffer, Haifa University
3. Mahmoud Daher, World Health Organization Gaza sub-Office.
4. Abdulhamid Azad, Lead Water Resource Management Specialist, World Bank
5. Dave Harden, West Bank and Gaza Mission Director, USAID.

11:30 - 12:00 - Coffee/lunch Break

12:00-12:15 - Ministerial Address: (TBC)

12:15 -13:30 Second Panel (with KAS Ramallah)
"**A Water Energy Nexus as a Roadmap for Sustainable Regional Cooperation"**
This panel will present the idea and initial results of a new EcoPeace / KAS

prefeasibility study concerning the creation of a water and renewable energy community between Israel and its neighbors, and how such a nexus could contribute to regional stability.

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1. **Presenting:**
   - Gidon Bromberg, Israeli Director, EcoPeace Middle East
   - Noam Segal, Israel Energy Forum

2. **Panel Members:**

- Hezi Lifshitz, Deputy General Director, Ministry of Water and Energy:
- Adi Ashkenzi, Head of Economics and R&D Division, Ministry of Regional Cooperation
- Adv. Moshe Shachal – Former Minister of Energy and Water.
- Munqeth Mehyar, Jordanian Director, EcoPeace Middle East