WOMEN, WATER AND PEACE

March 18-19, 2016
Istanbul, Turkey

Co-hosted by
Strategic Foresight Group
&
MEF University

In co-operation with
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency

Venue:

18 March 2016, Mövenpick Hotel, Büyükdere Cad. No. 4, Levent, Istanbul
19 March 2016, MEF University Maslak Campus, Ayazaga Cad. No. 4, Sariyer, Istanbul

PROGRAMME

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<th>18 March 2016 (Friday)</th>
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<td>17:45</td>
<td>Assemble in the Mövenpick Hotel lobby for working dinner</td>
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<td>Welcome remarks by Mustafa Kibaroglu, MEF University</td>
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<td>Welcome remarks by Yasar Yakis, Turkey on behalf of the Blue Peace Community</td>
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<td>18:20 – 18:30</td>
<td>Address by Ulrika Holmstrom, Sweden on the new Swedish feminist foreign policy and its implications for achieving peace</td>
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<td>18:30 – 19:30</td>
<td>Opening Plenary on links between Women, Water and Peace Chaired by Aysegül Kibaroglu, MEF University Address by Handan Toprak Benli, Turkey Panelists</td>
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<td>• Hayat Arsalan, Lebanon</td>
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<td>19:30 – 22:30</td>
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<td>08:30</td>
<td>Assemble in the hotel lobby to proceed to MEF University</td>
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<td>09:00 – 09:30</td>
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<td>09:30 – 09:40</td>
<td>Welcome by Muhammed Sahin, MEF University</td>
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<td>09:40 - 10:00</td>
<td>Keynote Address by HE Fatma Gündemet Sari, Turkey (invited)</td>
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<td>10:00 – 11:30</td>
<td>Panel on Women, Water and Peace: Perspectives from the Region</td>
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<td>• Ghada Alamily, Iraq</td>
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<td>• Maria Saldarriaga, Iraq</td>
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<td>• Mey Sayegh, Lebanon</td>
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<td>• Sara Matar, Lebanon</td>
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<td>Most panelists are co-authors of the SFG report “Women, water and Peace”. The panel will discuss the report and its findings</td>
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<td>11:45 – 13:15</td>
<td>Lessons from the Nile Basin</td>
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<td>Presentation by John Rao Nyaoro, Kenya</td>
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<td>• Raad Ali, Iraq</td>
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<td>• Ibrahim Shahahdeh, Jordan</td>
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<td>• Charlotte Isaksson, NATO</td>
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<td>• Selmin Burak, Turkey</td>
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<td>• Burcu Calli, Turkey</td>
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<td>The Panel will discuss water co-operation mechanisms in the Nile River Basin, as presented by Mr Nyaoro, to understand how it can inspire cooperative institutions in the Middle-East</td>
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<td>• Hajim Al Hassani, Iraq</td>
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<td>• Jamil Nimri, Jordan</td>
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<td>• Sadeq Jawad, Iraq</td>
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<td>The Panel will evaluate progress made by Governments in the Middle-East in water co-operation and will discuss how to advance institutional cooperation with the current political</td>
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16:00 – 16:30  
**Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18:00  
Session on Media, Women and Water  
Chaired by **Hala Zureiqat**, Jordan  
Panelists:  
- **Marwa Osman**, Lebanon  
- **Michael Young**, Lebanon  
- **Afsin Yurdakul**, Turkey  
- **Hana Namrouqa**, Jordan  
- **Ugur Kocbas**, Turkey  
*The Panel will discuss how media in the Middle-East can mainstream water issues and what role can the media play in changing perspectives on “women’s role in water management”*

18:00 – 18:20  
Concluding remarks  
- **Aysegül Kibaroglu**, MEF University  
- **Ipshita Chaturvedi**, Strategic Foresight Group  
*Free evening*

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**Guest of Honour**  
- HE Fatma Güldemet Sarı, Minister of the Environment and Urbanization, Turkey  
  *(invited)*

**Special Invitee**  
- Dr. H. Handan Toprak Benli, Mayor, Avcilar, Istanbul

**Iraq**  
- Dr Hajim Al Hassani, Member of Parliament, former Minister of Industry, and former Speaker of the Parliament  
- Ms. Bohar Isa, Member of Parliament (Women’s Committee)  
- Dr Nada Ibrahim, former Member of Parliament  
- Mr Safa Alsheikh, Deputy of National Security Advisor to the Iraqi Government  
- Dr Sadeq Jawad, Adviser to the PM on Water Issues  
- Mr Raad Ali, Director General, Ministry of Water Resources  
- Dr Maha Alziydi, Technical Expert, Ministry of Water Resources  
- Ms. Ghada Alamily, General Director, Almada Group for Media, Culture & Arts  
- Asst. Prof. Maria Saldarriaga, American University of Iraq

**Jordan**  
- Mr Ibrahim Shahahdeh, Member of Parliament (Chairman of the Water and Agriculture Committee)  
- Mr Jamil Nimri, Member of Parliament  
- Mr Salim Batayneh, Member of Parliament  
- Dr Hakam M. Al Alami, Advisor to HRH Prince El-Hassan bin Talal on Water and Sanitation  
- Dr Maysoon Zoubi, Former Secretary-General, Ministry of Water and Irrigation
Dr Muhammad Saidam, Chief Science Officer, Royal Scientific Society
Ms Hala Zureiqat, Former Director of Jordan Television, Advisor to the Head of Roya TV
Ms Mayyada Abu-Jaber, Founder, World of Letters
Ms Seta Tutundjian, Director of Partnerships and Knowledge Management, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
Ms Jumana Mustafa, Director, Armaram
Ms Iman Alfares, Editor, Al Ghad Newspaper
Mr Feras Nusir, Director General, Channel 3
Ms Reem Alrawashdeh, Senior Columnist, Al Rai Newspaper
Ms Hana Namrouqa, Journalist, The Jordan Times

Lebanon
Dr Bassem Shabb, Member of Parliament
Princess Hayat Arsalan, President, Society of Lebanon the Giver
Ms Zeina Majdalani, Economic Expert, Office of the Prime Minister
Mr Michael Young, Opinion Editor, Daily Star Newspaper
Ms Mey Al Sayegh, International News Editor, Al-Joumhouriya
Ms Marwa Osman, Political Show Host, El Etejah English News Channel
Ms Sara Mattar, Senior Columnist, Future Newspaper
Ms Zeinab Othman, Journalist, Al Akhbar Newspaper

Turkey
Dr Yasar Yakis, former Foreign Minister of Turkey
Ms Gulsun Bilgehan, Member of Parliament (Deputy Leader of CHP)
Mr. Egeman Bagis, former Minister of EU Affairs, Turkey
Mr Saban Disli, Member of Parliament
Ms. Simla Ozkaya, Senior Expert, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Dr Selmin Burak, Environmental Engineer, Istanbul University
Ms Burcu Calli, Turkish Water Institute (SUEN)
Mr Ugur Kocbas, Managing Editor, Vatan Newspaper
Ms. Afsin Yurdakul, International News Anchor, Habertürk TV
Ms Gizem Acar, Foreign News Editor, Milliyet
Ms Sylvia Tiryaki, Founder, Global Political Trends Center
Mr Dursun Yildiz, Director, Hydropolitic Academy
Ms Nilay Vardar, Editor - Politics of Environment, Bianet
Mr Mehmet Celik, Journalist, The Daily Sabah
Ms Begum Zorlu, Independent journalist specialising in peace and conflict
Mr Ceyhun Efe Oc, Independent news documentary-maker

International Experts
Mr. John Rao Nyaoro, Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative, Kenya
Ms Charlotte Isaksson, NATO, Gender Advisor to Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) and Allied Command Operations (ACO), Belgium

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Ms Ulrika Holmstrom, Senior Gender Advisor, Department for Asia, North Africa and Humanitarian Assistance
Ms Yosra Albakkar, Regional Program Manager, MENA Unit

MEF University
- Prof. Dr. Muhammed Sahin, Rector
- Prof Dr Mustafa Kibaroglu, Chair, Dept. of Political Science and International Relations
- Prof Dr Aysegul Kibaroglu, Dept. of Political Science and International Relations

Strategic Foresight Group
- Dr Sundeep Waslekar, President
- Ms Ilmas Futehally, Vice-President and Executive Director
- Ms Ipshita Chaturvedi, Research Analyst and Project Co-ordinator
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION FROM/TO THE AIRPORT

Participants will make their own arrangements to reach the hotel. Istanbul Atatürk International Airport via the Trans-European Motorway (TEM) is roughly 28 kms from the hotel.

- From the airport by taxi, it takes approximately 30-40 minutes to reach the hotel.
- The Havataş shuttle is available at Atatürk International Airport and departs for Taksim every 30 minutes from 4.00 am to 1.00 am. From Taksim, the Hotel is 8 kms away.

For more information, please see http://www.movenpick.com/en/europe/turkey/istanbul/hotel-istanbul/location/

HOTEL AND MEETING DETAILS

You will be staying at:
The Movenpick Hotel Istanbul
Büyükdere Caddesi, 4. Levent
34330, Istanbul
Turkey
Phone: +90 212 319 29 29

The dinner meeting on the 18th March, 2016 will be in Ballroom I and II at the Movenpick Hotel.

Conference on the 19th March, 2016 will be at MEF University. Transport will be provided for outstation participants from the hotel.

EXPENSES

Strategic Foresight Group (SFG) will cover the cost for hotel accommodation for a single room for up to 2 nights (18-19 March, 2016) and all meals during the meeting. All other costs incurred during your stay at the hotel as well as additional nights are at the expense of the participants (mini bar, phone calls, laundry etc).

We are unable to cover costs for accompanying persons. It is the responsibility of each participant to have adequate travel and health insurance for the whole duration of this trip.

If you encounter any problems before or during the Istanbul conference, you may reach the staff of SFG:
Ipshita Chaturvedi - Mobile: + 91 7738481289       Email:- ipshitac@strategicforesight.com

We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul soon!