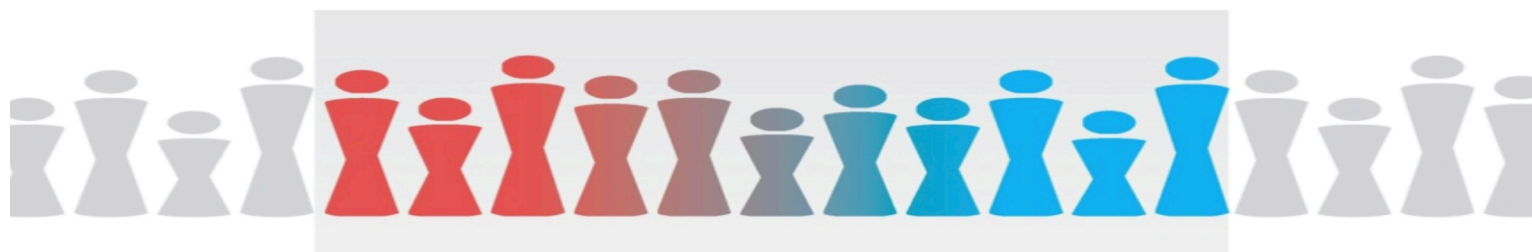


# WOMEN, WATER AND PEACE



**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

<b>18 March 2016 (Friday)</b>	<b>Day 1</b>
17:45	Assemble in the Mövenpick Hotel lobby for working dinner
18:00 – 18:10	Welcome remarks by <b>Mustafa Kibaroglu</b> , MEF University
18:10 – 18:20	Welcome remarks by <b>Yasar Yakis</b> , Turkey on behalf of the Blue Peace Community
18:20 – 18:30	Address by <b>Ulrika Holmstrom</b> , Sweden on the new Swedish feminist foreign policy and its implications for achieving peace
18:30 – 19:30	Opening Plenary on links between Women, Water and Peace Chaired by <b>Aysegül Kibaroglu</b> , MEF University Address by <b>Handan Toprak Benli</b> , Turkey Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Hayat Arsalan</b>, Lebanon</li><li>• <b>Bohar Isa</b>, Iraq</li><li>• <b>Maysoon Zoubi</b>, Jordan</li></ul>
19:30 – 22:30	<i>Dinner</i>

19 March 2016 (Saturday)		Day 2	
08:30	Assemble in the hotel lobby to proceed to MEF University		
09:00 – 09:30	Registration		
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome by <b>Muhammed Sahin</b> , MEF University		
09:40 - 10:00	Keynote Address by HE <b>Fatma Güldemet Sarı</b> , Turkey ( <i>invited</i> )		
10:00 – 10:15	Address by Ambassador <b>Jens Odlander</b> , Sweden		
10:15 – 11:45	<p>Panel on Women, Water and Peace: Perspectives from the Region            Chaired by <b>Saban Disli</b>, Turkey            Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ghada Alamily</b>, Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Maria Saldarriaga</b>, Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Mey Sayegh</b>, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Sara Matar</b>, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Reem Alrawashdeh</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Iman Alfares</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Simla Ozkaya</b>, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Gizem Acar</b>, Turkey</li> </ul> <p><i>Most panelists are co-authors of the SFG report “Women, water and Peace”. The panel will discuss the report and its findings</i></p>		
11:45 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Lessons from the Nile Basin            Chaired by <b>Hajim Al Hassani</b>, Iraq            Presentation by <b>John Rao Nyaoro</b>, Kenya            Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raad Ali</b>, Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Ibrahim Shahahdeh</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Charlotte Isaksson</b>, NATO</li> <li>• <b>Selmin Burak</b>, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Burcu Calli</b>, Turkey</li> </ul> <p><i>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</i></p>		
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
14:30 – 16:00	<p>From Ideas to Action            Chaired by <b>Basem Shabb</b>, Lebanon            Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egeman Bagis</b>, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Jamil Nimri</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Safa Alsheikh</b>, Iraq</li> <li>• <b>Salim Batayneh</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Sadeq Jawad</b>, Iraq</li> </ul> <p><i>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 realities</i></p>		

16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30 – 18:00	<p>Session on Media, Women and Water  Chaired by <b>Hala Zureiqat</b>, Jordan  Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marwa Osman</b>, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Michael Young</b>, Lebanon</li> <li>• <b>Afsin Yurdakul</b>, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Hana Namrouqa</b>, Jordan</li> <li>• <b>Ugur Kocbas</b>, Turkey</li> </ul> <p><i>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”</i></p>
18:00 – 18:20	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aysegül Kibaroglu</b>, MEF University</li> <li>• <b>Ipshita Chaturvedi</b>, Strategic Foresight Group</li> </ul>
<i>Free evening</i>	

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### Guest of Honours

- ◆ HE Fatma Güldemet Sarı, Minister of the Environment and Urbanization, Turkey  
(*invited*)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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-Joumhouria
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 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, Hydropolitics Academy
- ◆ Mr Ediz Ekinci, Deputy Director of Hydropolitics Academy
- ◆ Sanem Güner, Assistant Director, Hollings Center for International Dialogue
- ◆ Ms Nilay Vardar, Editor - Politics of Environment, Bianet
- ◆ Ms Christina Bache Fidan, Research Fellow, Center for International and European Studies, Kadir Has University
- ◆ Cansın Yalcin, NATO Rapid Deployable Corps
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Tugba Evrim Maden: Water expert,
- ◆ Sezin Iba Gursoy, Dept. of International Relations, Kirklareli University

### **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

### **Sweden**

- ◆ Ms Ulrika Holmstrom, Senior Gender Advisor, Department for Asia, North Africa and Humanitarian Assistance, Sida
- ◆ Ms Andrea Karlsson, Head of Section Turkish Swedish Development Cooperation, Consulate General of Sweden in Istanbul
- ◆ Ms Yosra Albakkar, Regional Program Manager, MENA Unit, Sida

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 will be in Ballroom I and II at the Movenpick Hotel.**

**Conference on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

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*We look forward to seeing you in Istanbul soon!*